



March 6, 2023
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Director's Report- L. Grills

General Information:

- **Building and Maintenance:** There is a new Town Buildings & Maintenance employee who works M-W and can take care of tasks inside and outside the library building. So far he has replaced stained ceiling tiles and numerous light bulbs. He will take on repairing the stone wall this spring!
- **The Friends of MPL:** The Friends will be sending out their Annual Appeal Letter in the late spring. They will have their Flower Sale in the spring with a pickup date in early May. Their next meeting is March 7 at 6:30 pm.
- **Donation & Letter:** We received a donation of \$25 and a nice note praising clerk Barb Altonberg and the library for helping when someone suddenly needed a place to conduct a virtual meeting.
- **Book Drop:** The Friends purchased a depressible bin for the Book Drop. It doesn't fit quite as hoped, though we are using it as is for the time being. We may need to think about repairing or rebuilding the wooden structure around the interior of the book drop.
- **Refuse Company Change:** Our refuse collection company, Shanks, was bought by Casella Waste Systems and our service agreement was transferred to this company.
- **Security System:** Our Security System Company Casco came out to do a training and review with Lyla and Kelly.
- **Trustee Handbook Book Club:** The next session is April 18 at 5:30 pm and the topic is: The Board-Director Relationship.

L. Grills Meetings:

- Directors Council, March 1
- BOT Long Range Planning, February 28
- Friends of MPL, February 7

Statistics:

LIBRARY VISITS					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<i>Jan</i>	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444
<i>Feb</i>	3090	3292	2006	1011	3258
<i>March</i>	3852	1982	2776	2046	
<i>April</i>	4286	0	2490	1905	
<i>May</i>	3902	0	2203	1487	
<i>June</i>	3748	0	2984	1696	
<i>July</i>	5134	4503?	3319	1759	
<i>Aug</i>	4399	1982	3062	3610	
<i>Sept</i>	3965	3462	2587	1902	
<i>Oct</i>	3996	2633	2351	2000	
<i>Nov</i>	3328	2507	2247	3050	
<i>Dec</i>	2512	2108	1663	2794	
<i>Total</i>	45500	21515	29451	24321	6702

HARD COPY CIRCULATIONS					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<i>Jan</i>	6481	6158	4690	5009	6246
<i>Feb</i>	5957	5502	5352	4881	5759
<i>Mar</i>	6393	4727	5749	6420	
<i>April</i>	6638	345	5400	5528	
<i>May</i>	5787	389	4891	5144	
<i>June</i>	5886	2287	6890	6784	
<i>July</i>	8555	4225	7412	7212	
<i>Aug</i>	8012	4878	6395	7279	
<i>Sept</i>	5820	5497	5182	5512	
<i>Oct</i>	6386	5631	5194	5404	
<i>Nov</i>	5865	5683	5607	5360	
<i>Dec</i>	5063	5523	4917	5158	
<i>Total</i>	76843	50845	67679	69691	12005

**ELECTRONIC
CIRCULATIONS**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	1089	1209	1461	1498	1761
Feb	1046	1311	1187	1431	1529
Mar	1197	1412	1516	1522	
Apr	1114	1687	1343	1467	
May	1288	1864	1487	1449	
June	1152	1872	1604	1367	
July	1247	1813	1589	1615	
Aug	1163	1688	1628	1573	
Sept	1192	1472	1424	1418	
Oct	1199	1463	1406	1527	
Nov	1121	1371	1435	1552	
Dec	1146	1488	1387	1529	
Total	13954	18650	17467	17948	3290

**COMBINED
CIRCULATIONS**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	7570	7367	6151	6507	8007
Feb	7003	6813	6539	6312	*7288
March	7590	6139	7265	7942	0
April	7752	2032	6743	6995	0
May	7075	2253	6378	6593	0
June	7038	4159	8494	8151	0
July	9802	6038	9001	8827	0
Aug	9175	6566	8023	8852	0
Sept	7012	6969	6606	6930	0
Oct	7585	7094	6600	6931	0
Nov	6986	7054	7042	6912	0
Dec	6209	7011	6304	6687	0
Total	90797	69495	85146	87639	15295

***COMBINED CIRCULATIONS FEB 22 – FEB 23 – INCREASE OF 15%**

Programming Highlights for March 2023 (K. Paganelli Reporting)

Kids: February was a busy month for kids at the library. We had events that drew in some of our regulars and some visitors from other libraries. Firefly Friends was at full capacity in February. World Read Aloud Day did not garner a huge audience, but we did have several volunteers offer to read during the day. Our artists-in-residence, Rachel DeVona, has been attracting both young and adult participants. It's awesome to have her working away in the library on our new "stained glass" windows. The Black Storytelling event drew in a large crowd of local adults and a full contingent of young people from East Rochester. The storytellers were terrific and held everyone's attention for the full hour, even inspiring some singing. Winter break programs, including Rainbow Fish Performance and Imagine Day: Rube Goldberg Creations, had decent audiences. The Giant Jenga on loan from Central also added to a fun month of activities for our young patrons.

We're pleased to report that a local 2nd grader was the winner of the system wide Amerks Reading Program Grand Prize. Word from the community said this little guy had a fantastic time at an Amerks Game, got to drop the puck, and was treated very well by all the players. Our school librarians really push this at their libraries, and it appears our library submits a larger percentage of the "hat trick" reading entries.

In March, we'll continue with Story Time, Firefly Friends, Paws to Relax, There's More to the Story "Stained Glass," and offer a special Saturday event - Grupo Cultural Latinos Carnival Show.

Teen Involvement: Our Teen Trashion Show, which Nipa and her daughter assisted with, was set to run, but will be reworked and possibly offered again in the summer or fall. We'll continue to encourage teens to join us at the artist-in-residence program, Saturday Carnival event, and Meditation Mondays.

Adults: February attendance for adult programs was robust. We had 12 adults at the Overdose Prevention Program, a few logons for the "In This Moment" event, a few at each of our artist-in-residence events, and full contingents for the Meditation Monday event, Houseplant Care Talk, and Women in Engineering Local Author event, with a few at an especially stormy evening Travel Talk.

In March, we're looking forward to offering all the popular "regular" events (Tech Time, Knit Nook, Medicare Advisement), along with Latin Carnival event (3/11), Meditation Monday (3/13), book talk with Suzanne Schnittman, author of "Provocative Mothers and Their Precocious Daughters: 19th Century Women's Rights Leaders (3/14)," Alzheimer Program "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body" (3/16), Movies @ MPL (3/17, 3/31), Adult Book Club (3/20), Tuesday Travel

Talk “Planning A Dream Disney Vacation” (3/21), and “In this Moment: In Conversation with ROC’s Black Leaders” (3/29