



**Board of Trustees Meeting - May 1, 2023
Director's Report (Lyla Grills)**

Statistics:

Statistics	Mar-23	Mar-22	% Change
Total Circulation	7984 (Overdrive is 1694)	7942	1.0
Programs	30	24	25.0
Program Attendance	338	362	-6.6
Library Visits	3892	2046	90.2
Study Room Bookings	76	65	16.9

Meetings Attended: Friends of MPL 4/4, MCLS Directors Council 4/5, Policy Committee 4/7, Mural Project 4/12, NYLA President Tour of MPL 4/20

Library Happenings:

- The library and Friends together created and published a 2023 Friends Wish List (brochure format and on our website). The Friends' Flower Sale Pickup Date is May 6. They should be sending out their Annual Appeal letter very soon. Their next meeting is May 9 at 6:30 pm.
- We are gearing up for some Outreach activities: The June 3 Fireman's Parade, Aug 19 Festival at the Falls, September 30 Fall Weekend Parade. We purchased a 10x10' red tent. We need volunteers to march with us in the parades and staff the booth at Fest at the Falls. We are collecting used children's and teen books to hand out at the parade.
- We will have our half day Staff Training/Meeting Day on May 18. The HF Fire Dept is scheduled to present on Hazardous Materials Communication & Bloodborne Pathogens. We'll have a staff meeting about the Summer Reading program.
- National Library Week: The kickoff party with the Faux Stained Glass exhibit was a success. We posted news about NLW all week on social media, and with

in-house displays. Thank you Cindy Carroll and the rest of the Town Board for the NLW Resolution!

- MCLS: The April Directors Council meeting took place at MPL. Automatic Renewal has re-emerged as a topic of discussion. Directors are discussing the benefits to patrons as well as to circulation numbers, as well as the downside which could be loss of revenue. The System Office polled member library directors about new services if money is available from the state: mifi units managed by MCLS and additional content added to Overdrive are two possibilities.
- Kevin has done an excellent job with a few things here, including fixing our book drop and painting our sign.
- We hit 1000 followers on Instagram. Follow @mendonpubliclibrary!
- Lisa R brought in a Butterfly Growing Kit! Patrons and staff of all ages are enjoying learning about this process and checking up on the progress.
- Assemblymember Jen Lunsford is scheduled to come for a tour at MPL on May 11 at 10:00 am.
- **Reminder of upcoming meeting dates: June 5, June 26, July 31, August 28, October 2, November 6, December 4 (several are not on the first Monday, due to holidays)**

Programming Highlights for May 2023 (Kelly Paganelli reporting)

Kids: April was full of fun at the Mendon Public Library. Over break week, we had an awesome HUGE chess set out for folks to play with. Our patrons really enjoyed learning to play and teaching others to play. It was wonderful to see older kids step up to teach younger library patrons the game. In addition, we had an awesome bike safety program and wonderful eclipse 2024 presentation. We welcomed back our younger cohort for the final “There’s more to the Story” art program.

Another fantastic library event was the two visits we received from Creekside Nursery School. We welcomed their morning and afternoon classes to the library for a story time and tour. We’ve had several of the students bring their parents back to get a card!

In May, we’ll continue to offer our regular weekly happenings while at the same time gearing up for the Summer Reading Program (June 22- August 11) and marching in

the Mendon Fire Department Carnival with the Monroe County Book Bike on June 3, 2023. We are collecting gently used children and young adult books to hand out during the day on Saturday at the Carnival and during the Parade on Saturday night. We already have 300 towards our 1000 book goal.

Teen Involvement: April saw several teens spending time at the library enjoying our spaces and working with their friends. On April 27, two of our library volunteers will be honored by the Monroe County Legislature and County Legislator Rick Milne as “Youth Citizens of the Year.” We’re very proud that Sophie and Ethan are being recognized for their dedication to the library.

Adults: April was a terrific month for adult programs at the library. The Cello/Harp Concert and the Shipwrecks of Lake Ontario Talk were huge crowd pleasers! The library was full with wonderful sound, interesting discussion and much appreciation. The Friday Movies, Monday Meditation and Tech Sessions were also appreciated.

The Start of National Library Week found us celebrating with the unveiling of our “There’s More to the Story Art Installation.” The artist, Rachel DeVona, and several of the community members that assisted with the project were on hand with their families to view and appreciate the top six panels of our front windows. Everyone in attendance enjoyed learning about the project, listening to the jazzy tunes performed by Mason Tyrrel and Drew Moore, and devouring the “Celebrating Libraries” cake.

Our community meeting to discuss a mural in the Village drew in several interested parties. We have much to figure out but have a nice committee to continue discussions.



Teen Volunteers and YOUTH CITIZENS OF THE YEAR Sophie and Ethan