

## ***Montgomery Town Library***

*Librarian's Report for January 2021*

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- The month of ***January*** resulted in 26 patron visits.
- Total of 270 Circulation Transactions took place, 2 DVDs, 44 Adult Books, 62 Children's Books, 16 YA and Juvenile books. 24 E-books and 108 Audiobooks were checked out through OverDrive. There were 14 movies streamed through Kanopy.
- During the month of January the library did not host any programs or meetings.

### ***News and Activities***

#### ***Collaboration With The Jay Cloud Cyclery, and The Montgomery Recreation Department:***

For the winter season of 2021, the library's snowshoes will be checked out through the The Jay Cloud Cyclery shop, located at 91 Main Street. The Montgomery Recreation Department, and The Jay Cloud Cyclery shop, recently teamed up to groom the trails behind the Recreation Center. The Recreation Department and The Jay Cloud Cyclery wanted to be able to offer additional snowshoes and multiple easy access points in town for the public to grab shoes and go. Our Curbside open hours are limited to evening hours during the week. Offering curbside pick up/drop off for snowshoes would mean that snowshoes would most likely be left unattended, outside the entrance door and vulnerable to theft. Patrons can now check out snowshoes at an easy access point in The Center, with doors being open for 42 hours a week. The store doors are open from 9:00am – 5:00 pm, Sunday, Monday, Thursday, and 9:00 am - 6:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. The circulation stats of the snowshoes will be tracked monthly.

#### ***Mango Languages Learning App now available:***

The Montgomery Town Library will now be offering a new and exciting language learning app to our patrons. Mango for libraries offers over 70 world language courses expertly designed to adapt to a diverse range of learning needs, styles, and backgrounds. We are giving our community the benefits of lifelong learning and the confidence needed to communicate in a new language. Their award winning language-learning program is built to support library patrons as they gain the global perspective that comes with knowing a second – or fifth – language. Mango combines the latest in online learning technology with proven language acquisition methodology to give learners of every age and background the skills they need to communicate with confidence.

#### ***Curbside Pickup:***

Curbside pickup continues to be a popular and well used service. Here is how curbside pickup works.

Once a patron has chosen an item they would like to borrow, they contact us. Patrons often use voicemail, email, and messenger apps to request items, those requests are most often answered outside our Open hours. Once we receive the request, we check the item out, place it in a brown paper bag, then inside a two gallon sealable plastic bag to weatherproof the package. Once the bag is ready to go, it is placed on the book cart, outside the building door, right next to the book drop box. Patrons can locate items in our catalog by visiting <https://montgomery.kohavt.org/>. Patrons can search for items by title, author, subject, or keyword. We are open Monday through Friday, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

***Library Re-opening:***

We have had some inquiries in the last month as to when we will reopen to the public. I reached out to the Vermont Department of Libraries to ask about their latest survey on building statuses. I have included the link to their study on their website down below. The Montgomery Town Library is open only to staff, the majority of libraries across the state who self reported their status are also only open for staff.

The re-opening date for *By Appointment Only*, will need to be extended through February 15th. The Governor will decide if the State of Emergency needs to be extended again until March 15th, 2021. A re-opening date will be announced once the building is cleared to reopen to the public.

Here are the most recent stats on library buildings. This chart shows library status since the end of June, particularly the changes since before Thanksgiving - [https://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/Misc/Covid/Charts/OpenStatus\\_012721.png](https://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/Misc/Covid/Charts/OpenStatus_012721.png)

The survey noted above is a survey collected by the State Library Department. The info from their questionnaire goes out weekly on the lib.staff and vtlibraries listservs, as well as on this web page. [https://libraries.vermont.gov/covid19/status\\_survey](https://libraries.vermont.gov/covid19/status_survey)

Here are the summary of results (1/27/21)

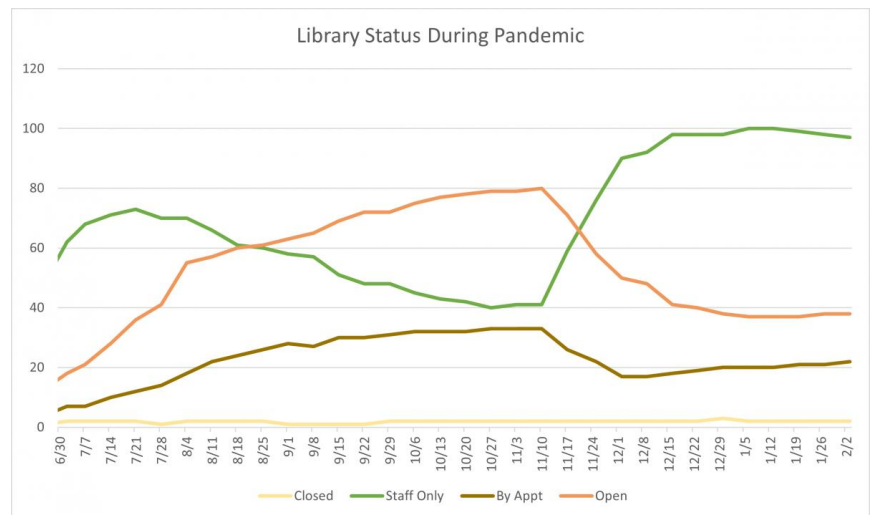
*Current status of the library building*

Closed = 2 (1%)

Staff only = 98 (62%)

By Appointment = 21 (13%)

Open = 38 (24%)



Respectfully submitted,  
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