



Montgomery Town Library

Librarian's Report for April, 2022

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The month of ***April*** resulted in 321 patron visits.

Total of 505 Circulation Transactions took place, 24 DVDs, 165 Adult Books, 145 Children's Books, 60 YA and Juvenile books. 23 E-books and 52 Audiobooks were checked out through OverDrive. There were 15 movies streamed through Kanopy.

Donations Y-D is \$

Books, DVDS & Subscription Y-D is

Programming Y-D is \$

During the month of ***April*** the library hosted 3 ***Building Bright Futures*** meetups. We had a total of 74 participants.

News and Activities:

Revamped Library Hours:

The revamped hours has been a success so far. **65** people took advantage of the evening hours over the last month. We have printed off more than 100 magnets that contain our schedule printed upon them.

New Hours:

Mon/Tues/Wed: 10:00 AM -3:00 PM; 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM.

Thu: 10: AM – 3:00 PM

Fri: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sat: 10:00 AM -2:00 PM

Sun: 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Large Print Book Reallocation:

Beth Crane will pick up the deaccessioned large print books. The books have been removed from our catalog and placed into boxes that are alphabetized by author. Every author and book title has been recorded in a master list. All books are organized and ready for distribution.

On-boarding New Volunteer:

In May, we will welcome Dale Martin to our spectacular volunteer group. Dale will be taking on an evening shift and will be available to cover open shifts as needed during the day starting May 23rd. She's been included on our MTL Volunteer page on Facebook. We are very excited to welcome her onboard.

Facebook Page for Volunteers:

We now have a Facebook page dedicated to announcements and volunteer requests for shift coverage's. Since creating the page we have had phenomenal success filling last minute and future needs for shift coverage's. It has proven to be a great way to communicate with volunteers, and volunteers to communicate with others. We found coverage for a total 9 shifts in the month of April.

Happy Earth Day – Birthday! Month with the Conservation Committee:

The library and the Conservation Committee collaborated together to prepare for the kickoff of our Earth Day celebration on April 22nd. The theme of our hallway bulletin board and special themed table in the library is "Happy Earth Day- Birthday!" We feature books and DVDs about conservation for children and adults from our special collections Conservation section. Included upon our themed table are peat plant pots for starting germination of seeds. Each pot contains a large seed embedded larkspur paper heart, it will blossom into a garden of flowers if planted and cared for. Embedded in the paper is a blend of seeds which include: Spurred Snapdragon, Tussock, Bellflower, Creeping Thyme, Lilac Godetia, Foxglove, Catchfly, Monkeyflower, English Daisy, Red Corn Poppy and Showy Evening Primrose, a combination of perennials and annuals. On the front of each pot is a colourful piece of paper printed with directions on how to grow your heart shaped seed tag. We started out with 50 planters on the table on April 22nd, on May 8th, we had 9 left. We ordered an additional 50 planters and seed tags to accommodate the demand. The last day of our celebration will be May 22nd. The kickoff to our *Earth Day - Birth Day* month has been a splendid success.

Summer Programming Line-up:

We have two presenters scheduled to entertain and educate our patrons, children and parents alike! Our first presenter will be *The Traveling Storyteller*, they will present their show at The Grange, July 5th at 1:30 PM. The Rec Summer Camp will be in attendance. The mission of The Storyteller is to expose children to literature, this must be an experience that involves the whole child, drawing in all their senses. The child must 'see' what the characters see, they must 'hear' the characters' voice, feel the joy or sadness the characters feel and 'taste' and 'smell' that which the characters taste and smell. Through 'animated literacy' the children become an active participant of literature with the careful guidance of the storyteller. During the show, the children and their families will be involved in the stories, games and projects that promote a true literacy experience. This is a program that is fun and taps into the imagination of children of all ages.

Our second presenter on July 26th we will welcome back *Jerry Schneider*, inventor of the award-winning Butterfly Game, has presented nature programs in schools and libraries for the past thirteen years throughout the eastern US. His programs help inspire youth and adults alike to pay more attention to our friends the butterflies, bees, bats, and other pollinators. Audiences learn how to create and maintain pollinator habitat.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten:

On July 4th, we will officially kick off our summer program for 0 -5 yearolds. This program will run throughout the summer and into the year.

The objective of ***1000 Books Before Kindergarten*** is to:

- to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers
- to encourage parent and child bonding through reading

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Each patron will be able create a record of what they are reading to their child in a spiral notebook we provide, they may also use an online app, or by whatever method they prefer. We will be handing out the spiral journals as well as a book of badges as each participant hits certain milestones. The journal itself will make a great keepsake item for your precious child. If you are able to, make sure to keep a record of “any” book that is being read to your child. This includes teachers and siblings.

Numerous studies estimate that as many as one in five children have difficulties learning to read. Reading has been associated as an early indicator of academic success. Public formal education does not typically start until ages 5-6. Before then, parents and caregivers are the first education providers during the 0-5 early critical years. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a simple (read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten) and very manageable endeavor.

New Library Shelving:

We have secured 60% of the funding needed to purchase two sets of Demco Steel Cantilever Flat Library Shelving – Double-faced units. The Friends Of The Montgomery Town Library generously donated \$1,500 towards the purchase of much needed additional bookshelves. The total price for the two new units is \$2,560.39, including a reduced delivery fee. The shelving units will replace the units that currently house *Classics* and the *Science Fiction* sections. Adding shelving will allow us to not only expand the SF and Classics section, we’d also be able to house our entire Conservation section in one area. We are short on shelving area so we often find ourselves in the unfortunate position of having to cull books we might have liked to have kept but cannot due to a shortage of shelf space and closet space to store books until they can rejoin the collection. The delivery of the two new shelving units is expected by mid-August.

Respectfully submitted,
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