

Montgomery Town Library

Librarian's Report for October, 2023

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- The month of **October** resulted in 330 patron visits..
- Total of **836** Circulation Transactions took place, 85 DVDs, 230 Adult Books, 137 Children's Books, 200 YA and Juvenile books, and 14 Special Collections books. 46 E-books and 122 Audiobooks were checked out through OverDrive. 16 movies streamed through Kanopy.
- Donations Y-D is \$
- Books, DVDS & Subscription Y-D is \$
- Programming Y-D is \$
- During the month of **October** the library hosted **3** *Which-Craft* meetups and 5 Building Bright Futures programs. We had a total of **59** participants.
- *October of 2022 the total of all items circulated was 780.*

News and Activities:

Childrens Circulation Stats:

In the month of October, the Children's; Juvenile; and Young Adult section circulated **107!!!** more books than the Adult section. This is the first time in my tenure as the Library Director since 2016, that Adult books have been surpassed on checkout statistics. This is a HUGE win for our library and community! Families are using the library in greater numbers than in many years past. We continue to grow and expand our circulation and this effort has paid off big time!

Free Covid Test Location:

The library took advantage of Vermont Health Department offer of free covid tests to be distributed through towns, libraries, food shelves, and community organizations. We are offering our patrons and community members free at-home tests. We distributed **230** tests in the month of October. I made a request for another shipment to be dispensed to us again and

expect that shipment to arrive momentarily. We plan to continue to request tests for as long as the program is running and hope to be able to provide free tests through the winter.

Kanopy:

Kanopy has changed their system from points per movie to how many tickets movie or show is worth. The new **ticket** system is now live for our Kanopy service. Tickets replace the previous play credit system.

When users visit our library's Kanopy collection on the web or in the app, they will see a pop-up tutorial that explains the new ticket system with a link to learn more on Kanopy Help. Every title on your library's Kanopy platform is clearly labeled with a ticket value and viewing window, so your patrons will know how many tickets a film or TV season will use prior to pressing play. While the ticket amount correlates to the cost to your library, the user experience does not mention pricing.

- Updates to content pricing: As part of this change, all shorts (single titles with a running time of 30 minutes or less) have been reduced to \$1 (1 ticket). Additionally, the cost and viewing periods for all episodic content (i.e., titles in a series) have been standardized based on the total running time per season.

Respectfully submitted,
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