



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Library Board of Trustees



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### Hudson Library Board of Trustees

### Approved Public Meeting Minutes For

### August 20, 2025

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#### **Present:**

Trustee, Karen Bohrer, Chair  
Trustee, Lisa Weber, Vice Chair  
Trustee, Margaret St. Onge, Treasurer  
Trustee, Mary Guessferd  
Trustee, Ali Rafieymehr  
Linda Pilla, Library Director  
Bob Guessferd, Selectman

**Call to Order:** Trustee Bohrer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Input:** Sue Gould and Jan Walsh from The Friends of Hudson Library spoke at the Trustees' meeting thanking them for all the years of support and the use of the Hudson Memorial Library Building. They also requested the possibility of one more book sale in October, 2025 that would coincide with the open house at the Hudson Fire Station.

#### **Reports:**

***Motion by Trustee Guessferd to accept the Public Minutes of June 18, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Rafieymehr. All in favor. Motion passed.***

***Motion by Trustee St. Onge to accept the Sealed Non-Public Minutes of June 18, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Weber. All in favor. Motion passed.***

***Motion by Trustee Bohrer to unseal the Non-Public Minutes of June 18, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Guessferd. All in favor. Motion passed.***

**Correspondence:** The Trustees received a thank you note from staff in appreciation of merit awards given to staff.

**Treasurer's Report:** We received our appropriation check which has been deposited. Checks have been written and all finances are in order. Fiscal year 24/25 was closed and all outstanding bills have been paid. There were no issues with closing out the fiscal year.

#### **Acceptance of Donations:**

***Motion by Trustee St. Onge to accept \$1150.00 in donations. Seconded by Trustee Guessferd. All in favor. Motion passed.***

**Selectman Liaison's Report:** On behalf of the Board of Selectman, you did a great job at National Night Out. What a great time. It means a lot to the community.

**Director's Report:** See attached.

Director Pilla informed the Board that she would like to offer Angie the position in IT. She is going back to library school and would make a great addition to the staff. September 9, 2025 is the proposed start date.

***Motion by Trustee Bohrer to offer the IT position to Angie. Seconded by Trustee Weber. All in favor. Motion passed.***

**Friends Report:** See Public Input. The next meeting has been scheduled for September 16. These meetings will be held in person excluding January and February. These meetings will be held via Zoom.

**Department Heads' Meetings:** Current staff meeting was cancelled due to staff shortages. There is an all staff meeting scheduled for September 5 at 8:00 a.m. and an all-day staff meeting scheduled for September 12 at 9:00 a.m. September 18 will be the next Department Heads staff meeting.

### **Old Business:**

**Strategic Plan:** Trustee Weber reported there were 3 great sessions. Everyone had great ideas. David was a great source of information and would highly recommend him. Some of the topics were initiatives, goals and actions, South Hudson and timelines to name a few. The draft Strategic Plan will be available by the end of next week and will go on the RML website. There will be a feedback form which will go to David where sensible comments will be chosen.

Trustee St. Onge thanked all who participated for their hard work.

### **Grievance Policy:**

***Motion by Trustee Guessferd to accept the Grievance Policy as presented. Seconded by Trustee Rafiymehr. All in favor. Motion passed.***

### **Other Unpaid Leaves Policy:**

***Motion by Trustee Guessferd to accept the Other Unpaid Leaves Policy with edits. Seconded by Trustee St. Onge. All in favor. Motion passed.***

### **By-laws:**

***Motion by Trustee Weber to accept the By-laws as amended. Seconded by Trustee St. Onge. All in favor. Motion passed.***

### **Hills Building:**

Trustee Bohrer presented two resolutions regarding the Hills Memorial Library Building. The Trustees have been put on the Board of Selectmen's agenda for August 26, 2025.

1. Resolved, that the Hudson Library Board of Trustees will discontinue all library operations at the Hills Memorial Library Building, effective September 1, 2025.
2. Resolved, that the Hudson Library Board of Trustees will facilitate the transfer of oversight of the Hills Memorial Library Building to another town body as directed.

***Motion by Trustee Bohrer to adopt Resolution 1. Seconded by Trustee Guessferd. All in favor. Motion passed.***

***Motion by Trustee Bohrer to adopt Resolution 2. Seconded by Trustee St. Onge. All in favor. Motion passed.***

**New Business:**

**ILL Policy:**

***Motion by Trustee Guessferd to accept the ILL Policy as presented. Seconded by Trustee Rafieymehr. All in favor. Motion passed.***

**Trustee Comments**

**Trustee Rafieymehr:** Thank you to Linda, Trustees and the staff for a great job.

**Trustee Guessferd:** Major kudos to all staff on the Summer Reading program and National Night Out. So much work goes into each of them. Thank you to the staff for taking it all on and making it a wonderful experience for everybody. I appreciate that so much! Thank you to the Friends for all the time and energy they put into the book sales over the years and all their support.

**Trustee St. Onge:** Thank you to the Friends for their support of Museum passes and the Take and Make kits they did for adults. I personally used a pass that would not have been possible without the support of the Friends. I went to the NH Trustees' Orientation and learned quite a bit. This Board taught me so well that there were quite a few things I already knew. I appreciate all your help. I want to give a shout out to Chris Sweeney for the great shirts she made for the Trustees for National Night Out.

**Director Pilla:** I would like to thank Chris Sweeney and Carrie Loring for a wonderful job on National Night Out. They have stepped up and have really taken over the running of this program.

**Trustee Weber:** Bravo to the team for SRP. Bravo Marissa and Maggie. They were hit with the Tween/Teen programming and they had quite a few kids. I thought that was wonderful. Also, I would encourage patrons to look at their receipts when checking out a book and see how much money is being saved. I saved almost \$100.

**Trustee Bohrer:** I'm going to add my kudos to my colleagues here and the staff for Summer Reading program and National Night Out. They were highly successful and on top of that, staff have been involved in contributing to the draft of the Strategic Plan on top of everything else they did this summer. Programs for adults continues to be great and I know it will continue in the future. I attended a program on coffee. The presenter was good and it was well attended. Carrie indicated that she would like to get more local businesses involved with programming.

**Future Agenda Items:** CD maturing 9/22/25, Budget and job descriptions.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

***Motion by Trustee Guessferd to enter into non-public session at 7:37 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has***

*a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

***Roll Call Vote***

***Trustee Bohrer – Yes***

***Trustee Guessferd – Yes***

***Trustee Rafieymehr - Yes***

***Trustee Weber - Yes***

***Trustee St. Onge – Yes***

***Returned to Public session at 7:55 p.m.***

***Motion by Trustee Bohrer to adjourn at 7:58. Seconded by Trustee Guessferd. All in favor. Motion passed.***

***Roll call***

***Trustee St. Onge: Yes***

***Trustee Bohrer: Yes***

***Trustee Rafieymehr - Yes***

***Trustee Weber: Yes***

***Trustee Guessferd: Yes***

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Cicia

Recorder

Rodgers Memorial Library

# Rodgers Memorial Library Director's Report - statistics only

Activities for June 2025

## Special Events in June:

6/4	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
6/14	Summer Reading Kickoff Party
6/16	Candidate Interview for IT/TS position
6/14	Summer Reading Program Kick Off Party
6/17	PRIMEX HR Workshop
6/19	Library Closed - Juneteenth
6/20-21	Linda on vacation

## Regularly scheduled events:

6/1, 6/11	Strategic Plan phone updates with David Wagner
6/6	All Staff Meeting
6/9	Mystery Lovers Book Club
6/10	NHLA Exec - Zoom
6/12	GMILCS - Windham
6/12, 6/26	RML Department Heads meeting
6/17	Quarterly Book Club
6/18	BOT Meeting

## Staff Update:

Our Youth Services Library Page, Ron Votour, is scheduled to head off to college at the end of August. Ron has been an outstanding Page - we will be sorry to see him go. I have created a job listing. We have currently received 6 applications. Tanya and I will meet during the week of July 14 to discuss interviews with qualified applicants.

## GMILCS/Library Updates:

GMILCS has scheduled a system update (7.8) for July 24. Among other improvements and fixes, this update will allow us to more efficiently integrate the new texting software we need following the changes to our current texting services. Polaris LEAP will likely be down for most of the day on July 24 as the update is installed and then tested. Patrons will need to have their library card with them in order to check out books.

The HVAC unit that cools the Children's Room has been repaired. It first broke down about three weeks ago. We contacted United Services, and a technician arrived before 8 AM the following morning. The technician noted that there was no error code in the system. He reset the system and made a slight adjustment to the programming. Unfortunately, without an error code, they couldn't determine the exact cause of the problem. During this time, the unit has functioned for most of the duration, and we managed by resetting it when necessary and using fans to assist with cooling.

On July 8, the original technician returned, diagnosed the issue, drove to Manchester, NH, to collect a new part to replace the original, which was still under partial warranty, installed the new part, and tested the unit. We are still going strong.

# PROGRAMMING REPORT - Tanya Moesel

with Carrie Loring, Marissa Sweeney, and Maggie Chesna

PROGRAMMING REPORT SUMMARY	Events	Participants	Average
<b>Adult Programming Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>15</b>
In-person programming	25	317	13
Passive programming	2	105	53
Virtual programming	3	13	4
Outreach	0	0	0
<b>Children's Programming Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1301</b>	<b>52</b>
In-person programming	14	581	41
Passive programming	6	487	81
Virtual programming	0	0	0
Outreach	5	233	46
<b>Tween/Teen Programming Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>
In-person programming	4	38	10
Passive programming	0	0	0
Virtual programming	0	0	0
Outreach	0	0	0
<b>School Outreach Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>20</b>
In-person programming	36	704	20
Passive programming			
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2478</b>	<b>26</b>

## ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMMING

Summer Reading has begun! We had a number of fabulous events this month. We partnered with American Family Care, an urgent care facility here in Hudson, to have a free blood screening event. Two medical professionals came to measure blood pressure and blood sugar for anyone who wanted to stop in. Their director is very excited to be involved with the Hudson community, and Carrie plans to partner with them again soon. Our two musical events were very well attended. SNHUG taught a crowd of over 40 people to play the ukulele. Since many attendees brought their own ukuleles, Keith, the instructor, broached the possibility of starting a monthly ukulele group here at RML. Carrie will connect with him this fall regarding this opportunity. And then the following Saturday, mix[tape] a cappella group entertained an audience of about 50 at this after hours' concert. Both groups were a delight to work with, and we look forward to seeing SNHUG again at NNO 2025.

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
<b>In-Person Programs</b>		<b>25 events, 317 total</b>	
Summer Concert: [mix] tape acappella (6/28)	All ages	50 people	Get ready to experience the smooth sounds of [mix]tape, the dynamic a cappella group that will have you clapping and tapping! Join us for a FREE, fun-filled, family-friendly afternoon of incredible harmonies and unforgettable melodies.
Pressed Flower Candle Jar (6/24)	Adults	11 people	Our Summer Reading Program theme this year is Color Our World. Join us as we create this beautiful candle holder that will add a touch of light and color to your little corner of the world.
Ukulele Workshop with SNHUG (6/21)	All ages	44 people	The Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group joins us for a beginner's workshop. They will bring a library of 40 ukuleles (or you can bring your own), and in just an hour, participants will be playing along! The workshop wraps up with a mini-performance to keep the energy high and participants smiling!
Stained Glass Zentangle 2 events	Adults	12 people (average 6)	Please join Diane for a two-hour class where we'll create a piece of art that is inspired by Zentangle and stained glass. We'll paint our background with watercolor, then use the Zentangle Method to add our tangles. All materials needed to create this project will be included, along with a handout with detailed step-outs of all our tangles. I'll demonstrate this project, step-by-step. This class is appropriate for beginners and advanced tangers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/4 afternoon: 9 people</li> <li>• 6/5 evening: 3 people</li> </ul>
Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening (6/18)	Adults	13 people	Medical professionals from American Family Care in Hudson will be joining us to provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Stop by any time between 10am and noon. No registration is necessary.
Couponing with Carrie (6/10)	Adults	5 people	Join us for a money-saving tutorial with Carrie where you'll learn couponing strategies to maximize your savings. We will focus primarily on shopping at CVS, but will also touch on deals and discounts available at Rite Aid and Walgreens, as well. Don't miss out on these valuable tips!
Stitchers Group 4 events	Adults	39 people (average 10)	People come in to share their ideas, chat, and work on their current projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/6: 10 participants</li> <li>• 6/13: 10 participants</li> <li>• 6/20: 11 participants</li> <li>• 6/27: 8 participants</li> </ul>
Dungeons & Donuts 2 events	All ages	19 people (average 10)	Patrons of all ages come to the library to play Dungeons & Dragons and eat delicious donuts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/7: 8 participants</li> <li>• 6/21: 11 participants</li> </ul>

A Good Yarn 4 events	Adults	44 people (average 11 )	Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, everyone is welcome to join us for A Good Yarn. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/3: 12 people</li> <li>• 6/10: 10 people</li> <li>• 6/17: 12 people</li> <li>• 6/24: 10 people</li> </ul>
Rodgers Readers (6/5)	Adults	12 people	The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I by Douglas Brunt
Access Wisdom Book Club (6/12)	Adults	6 people	On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old by Parker J. Palmer
Cookbook Club (6/30)	Adults	10 people	AtoZ Food America
Mystery Lovers Book Club (6/9)	Adults	13 people	The Kamogawa Food Detectives by Hisashi Kashiwai
Afternoon Book Group (6/17)	Adults	13 people	Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
Crime & Cookies: True Crime Podcast Club (6/18)	Adults	5 people	About the Pod: In 1971, in a quiet suburban New Jersey town, an accountant named John List killed his wife, his mother, and his three children before disappearing. It took 18 years and a feature on America's Most Wanted to catch the fugitive, but List died in prison in 2008 while serving multiple life sentences. Father Wants Us Dead is a meticulously reported deep-dive podcast by Rebecca Everett and Jessica Remo, who interviewed more than 50 people involved with the case as they tried to make sense of the senseless.
Stitchers' Circle with Oonagh Williams (6/14)	Adults	19 people	Monthly get-together to stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, etc.
Characters & Cocoa (6/17)	Adults	2 people	Characters & Cocoa is a monthly support group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft.
<b>Passive Programs</b>		<b>2 events, 105 total</b>	
Monthly Book Raffle	Adults	86 entries	Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry
Mandala Coloring Pages	Adults	19 taken	Color Our World Take and Make for adults
<b>Virtual Programs</b>		<b>3 events, 13 total</b>	
Genealogy Club (6/13)	Adults	11 people	After months of research, you have run into questions. "What else can I learn about Grandpa?" "How can I solve this family mystery?" "Are there any other family members I can research?" During your research you have reviewed vital records, deeds, and census records, now it's time to add photos. Often seen as enhancements, photographs hold answers to questions you have about your ancestors. The photos have faces on the front and writing on the back that tell stories. Photos provide new leads



			and solve family mysteries. Presented by Allyson Maughan
Treasures of the Library: Databases (6/3)	Adults	1 person	Databases: things with tech-y names that can actually be a lot of fun. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned explorer, this program will introduce you to what databases are and how they can be an incredible tool for discovering new things. We'll explore how the library's databases can be used to search for fun things including maps, craft ideas, shopping reviews, and newspaper articles.
Virtual - Summer Romance Beach Read Recommendations with Lorelei of Lorelei's Lit Lair (6/16)	Adults	1 person	Lorelei will be chatting about the books she's looking forward to reading this summer - the best of romance beach reads! If your TBR pile isn't already groaning, it will be! Grab a cool drink and join us.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

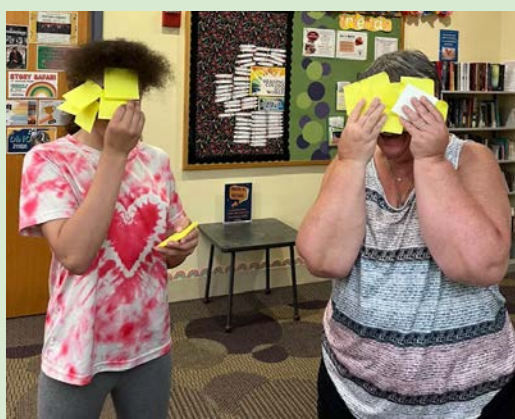
What a great start to the summer! We kicked off the summer with a birthday party for the library. Our storytime at Benson Park continues to be popular. We have lots of people showing up in spite of the rain and heat.

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
<b>In-Person Programs</b>		<b>20 Events, 814 total</b>	
Cupcake Caper & Birthday Party Saturday, 6/14 10am	Families	105 people	Celebrate Rodgers Memorial Library's 16th birthday party. Solve the puzzles in our Cupcake Caper Scavenger Hunt. Eat a cupcake. Learn about the prizes you can earn by participating in our Summer Challenge and about other programs and events happening throughout the summer.
Window Cling: "Color Our World" Tuesday, 6/17 2pm	Families	37 people	Use our special paint to create a colorful painting to decorate the library for the Summer. The summer reading theme is "Color Our World"!

Tie Dye for Everyone! Wednesday, 6/18 2pm	Families	61 people	Bring your own shirt to tie dye! You bring the shirt, we bring the dye.
Artist Study: Hokusai Wave Painting Monday, 6/23 2pm	Grades 1-5	29 people	Children entering grades 1-5 join us to learn about artists from around the world, then complete projects that reflect the artists' styles. Create a wave painting using several painting techniques.
Magician Mike Bent's AbraKIDabra! Wednesday, 6/25 2pm	Families	125 people	AbraKidabra!™ combines amazing magic, big laughs, audience participation and hilarious surprises for a one-of-a-kind, interactive experience.
Break-A-Record: Sticky Notes! Thursday, 6/26 11:30am	Families	24 people	This week, test your speed and see how many sticky notes you can stick to your face in one minute! The record to beat is 60 sticky notes. The person who gets closest to beating the record will receive a prize and be added to our leaderboard.
Music Around the World: Cameroon Thursday, 6/26 6pm	Grades K-5	12 people	Students entering grades K-5 are invited to join us on a cultural adventure to Cameroon. Follow an expert guide from Nashua Community Music School through this hands-on musical experience learning about the songs, movement and instruments of Cameroon.
Artist Study: Alma Thomas Colorful Painting Monday, 6/30 2pm	Grades 1-5	28 people	Children entering grades 1-5 join us to learn about artists from around the world, then complete a project that reflects the artists' style. Create a colorful pattern like Alma Thomas.
<b>OUTREACH</b> Story Safari at Benson Park Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am, 5 sessions	Families	233 people (47 average)	Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles! All ages welcome. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/10 45</li> <li>• 6/12 48</li> <li>• 6/17 37</li> <li>• 6/24 32</li> <li>• 6/26 71</li> </ul>
Preschool Water Play Wednesdays 10am, 3 sessions	Ages 2-5	98 people (33 average)	Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the library lawn. This program is canceled if there is inclement weather. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/4 36</li> <li>• 6/11 35</li> <li>• 6/18 Cancelled due to rain</li> <li>• 6/25 27</li> </ul>
Postpartum support group First Thursdays 6/5 10am	Families	11 people	Gather with other postpartum parents and newborns to talk about how you're healing, what thoughts and feelings you're exploring, and learn together.

Dino Tuesdays 4pm, 3 sessions	All Ages	51 people (17 average)	Come visit Dino. He's a giant St. Bernard who loves to be pet. Dino is a licensed therapy dog. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/3 16</li> <li>• 6/10 21</li> <li>• 6/17 Cancelled</li> <li>• 6/24 14</li> </ul>
<b>Passive Programs</b>		<b>6 programs, 487 Total</b>	
Take & Make	Preschool & early elementary	250 participants	Bagged craft to do at home. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67 birthday cakes</li> <li>• 135 camping bears</li> <li>• 48 flamingos</li> </ul>
Scavenger Hunt	Families		12 Red buttons 10 oranges
Battle of the books	Everyone	237 participants	Buffalo Fluffalo came in first place during the fluffy round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 43 Buffalo Fluffalo</li> <li>• 22 Llama Llama Red Pajama</li> <li>• 25 Sleepy Sheepy</li> </ul> <p>Dragons Love Tacos came in first place during the dragon round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 71 Dragons Love Tacos</li> <li>• 41 There's a Dragon in Your Book</li> <li>• 35 100 Might Dragons All Named Broccoli</li> </ul>





## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMMING

Teens and tweens have been more enthusiastic about our programming this summer. We are excited that furniture for our teen space has begun to arrive. Teens used the new bean bags at our movie night.

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
<b>In Person Programs</b>		<b>4 events, 38 total</b>	
Tween Candy Olympics Friday, 6/20 2pm	Grades 5-8	12 people	Tweens entering grades 5-8 are invited to join us for our Candy Olympics! We'll have relay races, an Airhead eating contest, a BeanBoozled Jelly Bean icebreaker activity, and more!
Tween Mario Kart Tournament Tuesday, 6/24 1:30pm	Grades 5-8	16 people	The ultimate Mario Kart challenge for tweens entering grades 5-8. May the best player win. Prizes awarded to top racers. Snacks for everyone.
Teen Inspirational Journal Wednesday, 6/25 6pm	Grades 8-12	7 people	For teens entering grades 8-12, we will provide you a journal that you can keep for whatever



			inspires you. Decorate your own designs with markers, use scrapbooking paper, stickers, or any of the materials we have. Also feel free to bring your own photos or supplies to add your own twist to your journal.
Teen Smash Bros. Tourney Friday, 6/27 2:30pm	Grades 8-12	3 people	Teens are invited to challenge one another in a "Super Smash. Bros Ultimate" tourney! Snacks provided, prizes awarded.



# SCHOOL OUTREACH

We continued our school visits into June. We visited four of the five public schools in Hudson. We visited every elementary classroom, grades K-5.

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
<b>In Person Programs</b>		<b>36 programs, 704 participants</b>	
Early Learning Center	K-1	432 participants	24 classes
Alvirne High	9th-12th	272 participants	Presented library programs and resources to English classes. Set up a table in the school library to promote the public library. Handed out bookmarks. Day 1 5 classes 100 students Library 32 students  Day 2 5 classes 100 students Library 40 students
<b>Passive Programs</b>			

## REFERENCE REPORT - Mark Stawecki

### Museums

This was our first month with Mount Washington Observatory, and it was also their first time offering the program. They instituted a few changes to make the program more flexible, the most significant one being extending the COG railway promotional codes through July.

#### JUNE CHECKOUTS

Name	Reservations	Reservations Placed
Zoo New England	14	13
Nashua Silver Knights Baseball	12	9
New England Aquarium	10	15
Davis Farmland	9	9
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	9	8
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center	8	9

New Hampshire State Parks	8	8
The Butterfly Place	6	12
Mount Washington Observatory	6	7
Museum of Science	7	10
Aviation Museum of New Hampshire	6	6
Discovery Museum	4	4
Seacoast Science Center	6	8
Squam Lakes Natural Science Center	5	6
Boston Children's Museum	7	8
Currier Museum of Art	3	3
SEE Science Center	7	7
Strawbery Banke	3	3
Children's Museum of New Hampshire	2	5
Salem Witch Museum	2	2
York's Wild Kingdom	2	4
Animal Adventures Family Zoo & Rescue Center	1	1
Museum of Fine Arts Boston	2	3
New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill	2	3
Wolf Hollow	2	2

## Social Media

The Children's Department has been posting consistently more on Instagram and Facebook. Mark has also encouraged Carrie to use X (Twitter). This has led to an increase in posts across our big three: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**Rodger That!** Google Analytics shows 145 active users for an average engagement time of 19 seconds. One new review regarding two fitness apps were added by Mark

**YouTube** We have 103 subscribers, same last month. There were 267 total views and five hours of watch time. No new content was uploaded.

**Facebook** 1,899 followers, eight more than last month; 33 posts; The post with the most Interactions at 16 was a promotion for the event Life-Saving Essentials.

**Twitter / X** 565 followers, six more than last month; 20 tweets; The post with the most views at 25 was a humorous meme involving Shakespeare.

**Instagram** 26 posts; 363 followers (five new); 287 interactions (over double last month)



# Genealogy

June topic was "Add a Snapshot to Your Research" by Allyson Maughan and was in partnership with Derry library. It was virtual, and only 11 people attended. It's unknown how many were from Derry vs. Hudson.

Wondering if a new meetup time would increase attendance, Mark sent a survey to the genealogy contact list asking if Tuesday nights would be better.

Results:

- 24.3% - Tuesdays would be better
- 43.2% - Fridays are better
- 32.4% - Either or is fine.

The results show there is no strong reason to switch to Tuesdays. Mark is building an "Intro to Genealogy" class to present in September. Mark helped one patron with their genealogy research.

## Non-Library Programs

GROUP	DATE	ATTENDANCE
Rotary Club	June 12, June 26	14, 15

Total attendance = 29

Study Rooms	49 instances, 86 attendees
Study Carrels	24 instances
Patron PCs	199 and 97 Guest users

## Other

The Library Hop began. 72 people stopped by in June, and two submitted their completed forms for the raffle.

Success story: A patron came into the library specifically to thank Mark for his help the other day in finding and printing out song lyrics. The patron was going through an emotional time and was very pleased with the service. At the end of the month he returned with a case worker who was helping him with housing. The patron said he wanted to bring the worker to a place where people are helpful and mentioned Mark was one of those people.

## IT/Tech Services Report - Linda Pilla

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### Website

- There were **48 changes** to the website in June 2025.

### Telephone calls -

- Incoming:
- Outgoing:
- Total:

### Technology Tickets

- We responded to 11 requests for IT help from staff

### Library H3lp (chat program)

- 1 chats using the website Chat app.

### Princh (wireless printing)

- 262 print jobs

## Technical Services

- Additions (physical items): **306**
- Better World Books: **8**
- Changes to GMILCS items: **534**
- Deletions/Withdrawals: **70**
- Graphic novels: **0**
- Mending: **72**
- OCLC records obtained: **30**

# June CIRCULATION REPORT - Dana Benner

## SPECIAL EVENTS/NEWS

**Library visitors - 6,129** (We had 5,558 visitors in May)

**Notary Service(s): 33**

**Hours:** The library was open 220 hours during June (open 232 hours in May).

We issued 69 new patron cards in June.

We had **3** patrons utilizing our Books by Mail program.

## Circulation

	May 2025	June 2025	% Inc/Dec		June 2024	June 2025	% Inc/Dec
Adult	2,899	2,855	-1.5%		2,946	2,855	-3%
YA	176	257	46%		399	257	-35.5%
Children's	3,186	3,921	23%		4,271	3,921	-8.2%

Tween	275	392	42.5%		466	392	-15.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,536</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>13.6%</b>		<b>8,082</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>

### Downloadable eAudiobooks, eBooks and ePeriodicals

	May 2025	June 2025	Percent Change
eAudiobooks	1,347+90=1,437	1,319+98=1,417	-1.4%
eBooks	663+146=809	660+135=795	-1.7%
ePeriodicals	393	382	-2.8%

<b>cloudLibrary Holdings as of June 30, 2024</b>	
Audio ebook	1659
Ebook	8317

### Kanopy updated

	May 2025	June 2025	Percent Change/ Notes	
Visits	170	247	45.3%	
Pages	215	285	32.5%	
Plays	25	18	-28%	
Total # users	161	167	new users	

## Interlibrary Loan

		May 2025	June 2025	Percent Change
Materials Requested by Hudson patrons	Requested	99	92	-7.1%
	Filled	57	46	-19.3%
	Percent filled	57.6%	50%	
Materials lent by RML to other libraries	Requested	100	78	-22%
	Filled	80	54	-32.5%
	Percent filled	80%	69.2%	

## GMILCS Statistics

June 2025 - RML is currently a net borrower of GMILCS items as our patrons borrow more items that originate from other GMILCS libraries than we send to the other member libraries.

RML as Assigned Library	594	- RML items checked out at other libraries - Does not include RML items circulated from RML - Number is for items circulated.
RML Patron Circulations	7,718	Checkouts and Renewals by RML Patrons at all GMILCS libraries
RML as the loaning library (items from other libraries checked out at RML)	816	-Items from other libraries checked out at RML - Does not include RML items circulated from RML - Number is for items circulated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Pilla  
Library Director

# Rodgers Memorial Library Director's Report

Activities for July 2025

## Special Events in July:

7/4	Library Closed - July 4
7/14	Strategic Planning Committee workshop
7/18	Interviews for Library Page position - meet with Tanya to discuss
7/18	Interview for Head of IT/TS

## Regularly scheduled events:

7/7, 7/21	Strategic Plan phone updates with David Wagner
7/11	All Staff Meeting
7/14	MLBC
7/17	GMILCS Board Meeting - Merrimack PL
7/24	RML DH meeting
7/28	GMILCS Exec Board - Leach PL
7/31	Merri-Hill-Rock

## Staff Update:

We have recently hired two new library pages to replace Ron Votour, who is leaving to go to college. As of the writing of this report (08/15/2025), I am happy to report that, pending the final approval of the Board of Trustees, we have found our new Head of Information Technology Technical Services(IT/TS). Angela "Angie" Hurshman will be scheduled to start on September 9, 2025. Vicky Sandin, our previous Head of IT/TS, has agreed to continue part-time until Angie is fully trained.

## GMILCS/Library Updates:

GMILCS new texting service - Message Bee will go active on Monday, August 18. This service will improve our ability to efficiently communicate with our patrons and staff. Message Bee will allow communication from "the library," not from our personal cell phones.

The HVAC unit that cools the Children's Room has been repaired. It first broke down around June 15. We contacted United Services, and a technician arrived before 8 AM the following morning. The technician noted that there was no error code in the system. He reset the system and made a slight adjustment to the programming. Unfortunately, without an error code, they couldn't determine the exact cause of the problem. During this time, the unit has functioned for most of the duration, and we managed by resetting it when necessary and using fans to assist with cooling.

Following several more instances where the unit refused to work, the original technician returned (July 8), diagnosed the issue, drove to Manchester, NH, to collect a new part to replace the original, which was still under partial warranty, installed the new part, and tested the unit. We are still going strong.

## Hills Memorial Library Update:

August 12, 2025 Almost a year to the day since Hills ML was flooded, a similar event occurred. The major difference this year is that the building no longer has carpet, furniture or plywood flooring in the basement. The water poured down the ramp, forced its way around the basement door and made its way into the basement area. Bob was able to clear the water using a wet-vac and reported no damage. The drying off continued until Friday and no further action need be taken.

# July 2025

## PROGRAMMING REPORT - Tanya Moesel

with Carrie Loring, Marissa Sweeney, and Maggie Chesna

PROGRAMMING REPORT SUMMARY	Events	Participants	Average
Adult Programming Totals	34	329	10
In-person programming	22	269	12
Passive programming	3	129	43
Virtual programming	9	31	3
Outreach	0	0	0
Children's Programming Totals	48	1925	40
In-person programming	28	845	30
Passive programming	12	678	57
Virtual programming	0	0	0
Outreach	8	402	50
Tween/Teen Programming Totals	12	122	10
In-person programming	12	122	10
Passive programming	0	0	0
Virtual programming	0	0	0
Outreach	0	0	0
School Outreach Totals	0	0	0
In-person programming	0	0	0
Passive programming	0	0	0
OVERALL TOTALS	94	2376	60

## ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMMING

July was such a fun month in adult programming with a nice variety of crafts, book groups, concerts, and presentations. Several patrons asked how much they owed for the crafting events, and Carrie was pleased to be able to explain that our budget allows us to offer them for free. One dear lady was moved to tears creating her barn quilt because it made her think of her recently deceased father. She said it was cathartic and brought some closure that she didn't even know she needed. We just never know how we might touch someone's life!

Our July art display in the Community Room featured framed rugs created by Bryant Morgan aka Juice. His work received such positive feedback from many patrons and was even featured in the Hudson Times. As the summer winds down, Carrie is looking forward to fall and holiday programs.

## ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMMING

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
In-Person Programs		22 events, 269 total	
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Summer Concert: Joe Leary (7/10)	All ages	28 people	With Joe Leary's unique blend of acoustic classics, modern country stylings, and original music, you're in for a real treat. Drawing inspirations from the legends of music like James Taylor, Eagles, Kenny Chesney, Jimmy Buffet,

			Zach Brown, Gordon Lightfoot etc. Joe Leary has developed a sound that's all his own. From soulful ballads to sing-along tunes, there's something for everyone from Joe's bag of songs.
Extreme Survival: Lessons From Those Who Have Triumphed Against All Odds (7/22)	Adults	24 people	In this presentation, New York Times bestselling author Michael J. Tougias captivates the audience by chronicling harrowing survival stories and discusses the lessons learned. Tougias has interviewed over 100 people who survived against all odds, and researched many historical figures who have achieved the near impossible. He supplements their stories with a handful of first person accounts from some of the toughest survivors in history. This program was sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities.
Crafting with Chris: Barn Quilts (7/26)	Adults	17 people	Quilting like you've never done it before! Be prepared to get a little messy and have loads of fun with this painting project!
Pressed Flower Candle Jar (7/2)	Adults	15 people	Our Summer Reading Program theme this year is Color Our World. Join us as we create this beautiful candle holder that will add a touch of light and color to your little corner of the world.
Tissue Paper Flowers (7/9)	All ages	11 people	Add a splash of color to your life with a beautiful bouquet of handcrafted paper flowers! Join us for a fun and creative afternoon as we craft delicate and vibrant paper blooms. Use them to brighten up a vase, embellish gift wrapping, or create unique napkin rings and party decorations.
Red, White, and Blue Zentangle 2 events	Adults	10 people (average 5)	Please join Diane for a 2-hour class where we'll create some beautiful patterns and bring them to life with watercolors. I'll demonstrate the project step-by-step, and you will leave with a festive tile you'll be proud to display. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/9: 4 people</li> <li>• 7/15: 6 people</li> </ul>
Life-Saving Essentials: Bleeding, CPR, Shock, and Stroke Care (7/12)	Adults	16 people	The average citizen should take a class like this because it equips them with essential life-saving skills that can make a critical difference in emergencies. Taught by John Watkins
Modern Calligraphy (7/15)	Adults	18 in-person 8 online	Come learn the popular and playful Modern Calligraphy! Taught by calligrapher, Debby Reelitz. You will learn where this style comes from, strategies on how to create this lettering style and projects to use the skills you have learned. This will be a hybrid program. You can attend from home or bring your friends and join us here in the Community Room.
Stitchers Group 2 events	Adults	24 people (average 12)	People come in to share their ideas, chat, and work on their current projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/18: 12 participants</li> <li>• 7/25: 12 participants</li> </ul>
Dungeons & Donuts (7/19)	All ages	10 people	Patrons of all ages come to the library to play Dungeons & Dragons and eat delicious donuts.



A Good Yarn 5 events	Adults	50 people (average 10)	Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, everyone is welcome to join us for A Good Yarn. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/1: 10 people</li> <li>• 7/8: 11 people</li> <li>• 7/15: 8 people</li> <li>• 7/22: 13 people</li> <li>• 7/29: 8 people</li> </ul>
Rodgers Readers (7/3)	Adults	13 people	How to Read a Book by Monica Wood
Access Wisdom Book Club (7/10)	Adults	3 people	Why Won't You Apologize by Harriet Lerner, PH.D
Cookbook Club (7/28)	Adults	6 people	Brilliant Bites: 75 Amazing Small Bites for Any Occasion by Maegan Brown (aka The BakerMama)
Mystery Lovers Book Club (7/14)	Adults	12 people	The Sunset Years of Agnes Sharp by Leonie Swann
Read 'Em & Eat (7/28)	Adults	4 people	All Fours by Miranda July
<b>Passive Programs</b>		<b>3 events, 129 total</b>	
Monthly Book Raffle	Adults	85	Murder Takes a Vacation by Laura Lippman
Mandala Coloring Pages	Adults	25	Color Our World Take and Make for adults
Take & Make Sand Art Jar	Adults	19	Paper bag containing 1 small jar, baggie of salt, six pieces of chalk, and instructions
<b>Virtual Programs</b>		<b>9 events, 31 total</b>	
Genealogy Club (7/11)	Adults	11 people	You don't have to be a professional to work like one. Discover how organization, questions, and knowledge of records can help you become a better genealogist and researcher. Presented by Seema Kenney. <a href="https://seema-able.com/">https://seema-able.com/</a>
JOB SEARCH HELP -- Using LinkedIn As A Search Engine For Job Seekers (7/2)	Adults	1 person	Learn how to search LinkedIn not only for jobs, but to find relevant job specs, events and even similar profiles. Also discover how to search within companies on LinkedIn to find resources there. Led by Kenneth Lang, the co-founder of My Networking Central, a searchable database for networking events and speakers. He regularly facilitates job search and networking events where we discuss LinkedIn best practices. Kenneth also serves as a brand specialist for Lee Hecht Harrison, an outplacement service.
The Murder of Dorothy Milliken -- A Cold Case in	Adults	3 people	Author Sharon Kitchens will discuss her new book, The Murder of Dorothy Milliken: Cold Case

Maine (7/2)			in Maine.
"Captain Kidd: A True Story of Treasure and Betrayal" with Author Samuel Marquis (7/14)	Adult	3 people	Behind the legend is a real man woven into the tapestry of early America, rendering him a unique colonial hero and scapegoat whose life story was fascinating, exciting, bizarre, and heartrending.
JOB SEARCH HELP -- Using Emotional Intelligence To Reset Your Career (7/16)	Adults	1 person	Discover how mastering your emotions can transform your professional journey. Learn practical techniques to communicate effectively, express yourself confidently, and maintain optimism even in tough situations. Walk away with actionable strategies to boost your career growth and success Led by Edythe Richards, an executive coach and emotional intelligence practitioner and trainer.
"Artificial Stupelligence: The Hilarious Truth About AI" with Author Lynn Raepsamen (7/18)	Adult	4 people	We are so excited to chat with author Lynn Raepsamen, a finance expert and tech enthusiast, who shines a light on the Artificial Intelligence that just knocks the fear out of us.
"The Wisdom of Morrie" with Author (and son of Morrie), Rob Schwartz (7/21)	Adult	1 person	For 30 years, Morrie Schwartz's wisdom has resonated with people around the world largely due to the beloved, best-selling memoir, Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom. Now we have the opportunity to speak with Morrie's son, Rob Schwartz, about the book The Wisdom of Morrie. Written by Morrie himself and edited by Rob, The Wisdom of Morrie: Living and Aging Creatively and Joyfully is a profound and beautiful book by Morrie from a previously unpublished manuscript.
"V is for Venom: Agatha Christie's Chemicals of Death" with Author Dr. Kathryn Harkup (7/10)	Adults	6 people	Dr. Kathryn Harkup, writer, science communicator and vampirologist, will be with us discussing her book "V is for Venom: Agatha Christie's Chemicals of Death".
History of New England Sweets: Doughnuts, Bonbons & Whoopie Pies (7/30)	Adults	1 person	Author and photographer Susan Mara Bregman will discuss her new book, New England Sweets: Doughnuts, Bonbons & Whoopie Pies.

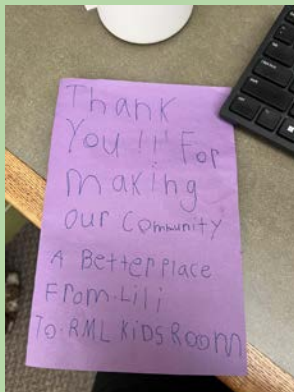
## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

July was a busy and exciting month of programming! With 1,247 participants in active programming, we had a lot of wins to celebrate; most notably our Story Safari attendance. Tanya, Marissa, and Maggie did their storytimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Benson Park and attracted very enthusiastic crowds. One of our Storytimes had 101 participants! We also introduced a new weekly program called "Break-A-Record" in which patrons were challenged to complete record-breaking activities and earn prizes if they made it on the leaderboard. From eating Jell-O with chopsticks to bottle flipping, our patrons were competitive and excited to test their skills every week with a new challenge. Tanya continued her Artist Study programs on Mondays, which proved to be educational and fun for all who attended. On the topic of art, we welcomed Nashua Community Music School to the library this month to

showcase some incredible songs and movements of Native American Tribes. Furthermore, we welcomed Mr. Aaron back who provided our library with a fantastic musical adventure! Wildlife Encounters made their first visit of the summer (they will be visiting again in August) and brought several animals for patrons to learn about and admire. Our Teddy Bear Picnic was very successful with 80 participants who stopped by for stories, games, and snacks with their stuffed friends. We continued toddler/preschool water play throughout this month for our friends to cool down during the toasty July days. Marissa and Maggie put up new weekly scavenger hunts in ROYGIV order. Over 250 patrons voted for their favorite picture books during our Battle of the Books voting, in which two books battled out against one another for two weeks before moving on to the next round of books.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
In-Person Programs		36 Events, 1,247 total	
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Marble Run Wednesday, 7/2 5pm	Families	16 people	Come play with our marble run!
Artist Study: Wassily Kandinsky Cut Paper Circles Monday, 7/7 2pm	Grades 1-5	21 people	Study color by recreating Kandinsky's Squares with Concentric Circles as a cut paper collage.
Wildlife Encounters Wednesday, 7/9 6pm	Families	191 people	Enjoy learning about seven live animals at this Junior Zookeeper Encounter.
Teddy Bear Picnic Friday, 7/11 10am	Families	80 people	Bring your favorite stuffed friend for a picnic on the library lawn. Cookies and juice boxes will be served.
Artist Study: Esther Mahlangu Geometric Design Monday, 7/14 2pm	Grades 1-5	14 people	Learn about this South African artist's colorful geometric work and create your own piece inspired by hers.
Music Around the World: Native American Music Wednesday, 7/16 2pm	Grades 1-5	23 people	Children entering grades 1-5 are invited on a Native American cultural adventure. Follow an expert guide from Nashua Community Music school to learn about the songs, movement and instruments of Native Americans.
LEGO Race Cars Wednesday, 7/16 5:30pm	Families	32 people	Build a vehicle from LEGO bricks and race it down a track.
Wings of Fire Fan Club Friday, 7/18 2pm	Grades 2-6	10 people	A book discussion and games for fans of Wings of Fire.
Artist Study: Frida Kahlo Flower Crowns Monday, 7/21 2pm	Grades 1-5	16 people	Create a flower crown like the one in Kahlo's famous self-portrait.

Mr. Aaron's Musical Adventure Wednesday, 7/23 2pm	Families	140 people	A thrilling musical adventure with award winning musician Mr. Aaron!
Button Making Friday, 7/25 2pm	Families	22 people	Use our button maker to create your own buttons!
Artist Study: Emily Kame Kngwarreye Batik Tote Bag Monday, 7/28 2pm	Grades 1-5	20 people	Create a tote bag that reflects Kngwarreye's batik style.
<b>OUTREACH</b> Story Safari at Benson Park Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am, 8 sessions	Families	402 people (50 average)	Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles! All ages welcome. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/1 68</li> <li>• 7/3 16</li> <li>• 7/8 50</li> <li>• 7/10 Cancelled due to rain</li> <li>• 7/15 67</li> <li>• 7/17 30</li> <li>• 7/22 101</li> <li>• 7/24 34</li> <li>• 7/29 36</li> <li>• 7/31 Cancelled due to rain</li> </ul>
Preschool Water Play Wednesdays 10am, 5 sessions	Ages 2-5	103 people (21 average)	Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the library lawn. This program is canceled if there is inclement weather. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/2 22</li> <li>• 7/9 23</li> <li>• 7/16 25</li> <li>• 7/23 25</li> <li>• 7/30 8</li> </ul>
Postpartum support group First Thursdays 7/3 10am	Families	2 people	Gather with other postpartum parents and newborns to talk about how you're healing, what thoughts and feelings you're exploring, and learn together.
Dino Tuesdays 4pm, 5 sessions	All Ages	96 people (19 average)	Come visit Dino. He's a giant St. Bernard who loves to be pet. Dino is a licensed therapy dog. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/1 24</li> <li>• 7/8 28</li> <li>• 7/15 10</li> <li>• 7/22 11</li> <li>• 7/29 23</li> </ul>
Break-A-Record Thursdays 11:30am, 5 sessions	All Ages	59 people (12 average)	Do you have what it takes to beat a world record? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/3 One-Leg Hopping 16</li> <li>• 7/10 Jell-O &amp; Chopsticks 12</li> <li>• 7/17 Balancing CDs 5</li> <li>• 7/24 Bottle Flipping 13</li> <li>• 7/31 Blindfolded Building 13</li> </ul>
<b>Passive Programs</b>		<b>12 programs 678 Total</b>	
Take & Make	Preschool & early elementary	423 participants	Bagged craft to do at home.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 58 stars</li> <li>• 55 paper bracelets</li> <li>• 50 shark headbands</li> <li>• 64 hermit crabs</li> <li>• 11 dragon planes</li> <li>• 102 color wands</li> <li>• 83 watermelons</li> </ul>
Scavenger Hunt	Families		10 Sunflowers 8 Frogs
Battle of the books	Everyone	255 participants	<p>Mother Bruce won first place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67 out of 139 votes</li> </ul> <p>Pete the Cat won against Buffalo Fluffalo during the semi-final round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35 out of 67 votes</li> </ul> <p>Dragons Love Tacos won against Mother Bruce during the semi-final round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 out of 49 votes</li> </ul>

## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMMING

Teen and Tween programming in July was so much fun! Owl Eyes Survival came to our library to show teens how to whittle a wood plank into a spoon by using various carving tools and techniques. We saw the highest tween attendance during Marissa's Tween Melted Crayon Art program, in which 24 tweens attended and created their own beautiful art. Some more notable programming included Tween Soap Carving, in which 18 tweens joined Maggie in making sculptures out of a bar of soap. Some photos below show the talent and creativity expressed by our tweens! We also had so much fun during the Teen Wicked Sing-A-Long. The 4 teens in attendance were singing, dancing, and enjoyed pizza during the movie. One of the teens in this program wrote on their SRP challenge card that the sing-a-long was their favorite activity from the library this summer. The Nashua Community School also came by for a teen event, in which teens and adults were invited to participate in a drumming circle. Lastly, we used our new furniture for some fun programming, including Teen Smash Bros. Tourney and the Teen Pancake Party! We are so excited to have this new furniture available for our teens to use for programming and for Teen Hangout starting late August.



# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMMING

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
In-Person Programs		12 events, 122 total	





Tween Acrylic Bookmarks Tuesday, 7/1 6pm	Grades 5-8	14 people	Grades 5-8 are invited to paint clear acrylic bookmarks to take home
Wood Carving by Owl Eyes Wilderness Survival Wednesday, 7/2 2pm	Grades 6-12	19 people	Using simple tools: a fixed blade knife, hook knife, saw, and sandpaper, you will be instructed on the techniques of selecting wood, safe carving techniques, and how to care for your new eating utensil. You will go home with a wooden spoon or fork and a whole new skillset!
Tween Melted Crayon Art Tuesday, 7/8 1:30pm	Grades 5-8	24 people	Grades 5-8 are invited to make their own melted crayon art on canvas.
Teen Wicked Sing-A-Long & Pizza Tuesday, 7/8 5:30pm	Grades 8-12	4 people	Sing out loud! Students entering grades 8-12 are invited to watch the 2024 film Wicked with Sing-A-Long subtitles! Pizza provided.
Teen Pizza & Painting Thursday, 7/10 6pm	Grades 8-12	4 people	For teens entering grades 8-12, you are welcome to join us for Pizza and Free Paint on canvas, picture frames, or flower pots.
Tween Fruity "Pebbles" Still Life Tuesday, 7/15 6pm	Grades 5-8	11 people	Grades 5-8 are invited to paint on pebbles to replicate fruit! We will arrange them together to make a still life display. Ms. Maggie will provide information and fun facts about the history of still life and other post-impressionism art. Enjoy some



			refreshing fruit to eat as you paint!
Teen T-Shirt Tote Bags Thursday, 7/17 3pm	Grades 8-12	3 people	Teens entering grades 8-12 are invited to make no-sew tote bags with t-shirts!
Tween Anime Club Tuesday, 7/22 1:30pm	Grades 5-8	11 people	Grades 5-8 come visit the library to watch anime, eat pizza, and color.
Teen Eco Prints Thursday, 7/24 6pm	Grades 8-12	2 people	For teens entering grades 8-12, we will use lowers to make Eco Prints on white socks or white t-shirts.
Tween Soap Carving Tuesday, 7/29 6pm	Grades 5-8	18 people	Inspired by Barbara Hepworth's carving technique, Grades 5-8 are invited to make soap carving sculptures! Supplies will be provided.
Drumming Circle Wednesday, 7/30 2pm	All Ages	10 people	Nashua Community Music School will dive deep into the sounds and rhythms from across the globe in this interactive drumming experience. See firsthand how mixing African, Latin, and Caribbean rhythms fuel the music that is heard today. Best of all, there will be authentic instruments for everyone to play.
Teen Nintendo Jeopardy! Friday, 7/31 3pm	Grades 8-12	2 people	Test your knowledge of Nintendo games during Teen Nintendo Jeopardy! Snacks provided. Prizes awarded.

## IT/Tech Services Report - Chris Sweeney

### [7 25 Fiction 3 Months](#)

### [7 25 Non-fic circls](#)

#### Website

- There were **50 changes** to the website in July 2025.

#### Technology Tickets

- We responded to **9 requests** for IT help from staff

#### Library H3lp (chat program)

- **10 chats** using the website Chat app.

#### Princh (wireless printing)

- **274 print jobs**
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## Technical Services

- Additions (physical items): **245**
- Better World Books: **8**
- Changes to GMILCS items: **743**
- Deletions/Withdrawals: **87**
- Graphic novels: **0**
- Mending: **not available at this time**
- OCLC records obtained: - **this data will no longer be collected as the subscription to OCLC has been cancelled by the NHSL**

## July CIRCULATION REPORT - Dana Benner

**Library visitors - 7,203 visitors in July** (We had 6,129 visitors in June)

**Notary Service(s): 25**

**Hours:** The library was open 252 hours during July (open 220 hours in June).

We issued **70** new patron cards in July. The total number of active patrons stands at 7,189

We had **2** patrons utilizing our Books by Mail program.

## Circulation

	June 2025	July 2025	Increase/Decrease		July 2024	July 2025	Increase/Decrease
Adult	2,855	3,374	18%		3,793	3,374	-11%
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Tween	392	449	15%		580	449	-23%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>9,071</b>	<b>22%</b>		<b>10,097</b>	<b>9,071</b>	<b>-10%</b>

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