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Library Board of Trustees



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Hudson Library Board of Trustees

Approved Public Meeting Minutes For

March 18, 2026

Present:

Trustee, Mary Guessferd, Chair
Trustee, Lisa Weber, Vice Chair
Trustee, Margaret St. Onge, Treasurer
Trustee, Ali Rafieymehr
Trustee, Susan Jones
Linda Pilla, Library Director

Excused: Bob Guessferd, Selectman

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

Election of Officers:

Motion by Trustee St. Onge to nominate Trustee Guessferd as Chair. Seconded by Trustee Rafieymehr. All in favor. Motion passed.

Trustee Guessferd accepted.

Motion by Trustee St. Onge to nominate Trustee Weber as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Trustee Rafieymehr. All in favor. Motion passed.

Trustee Weber accepted.

Motion by Trustee Rafieymehr to nominate Trustee St. Onge as Treasurer. Seconded by Trustee Jones. All in favor. Motion passed.

Trustee St. Onge accepted.

Public Input: None

Motion by Trustee Rafieymehr to approve the Public Minutes of February 18, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Weber. All in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Trustee St. Onge reported all the bills have been paid. Utility costs are going up. Pest Control is up from last year. Paper costs are going up. We are going to be okay with printing costs for the Summer Reading Program. The CD has been rolled over.

Trustee St. Onge is requesting a withdrawal of funds from the Zylonis Trust in the amount of \$4,500. This amount represents the appreciation earned on this account.

Motion by Trustee St. Onge to withdraw \$4,500 from the Zylonis Trust for the purchase of books. Seconded by Trustee Weber. All in favor. Motion passed.

Donations: None

Legislative Tracking: None

Liaison's Report: None

Director's Report: See attached.

Director Pilla requested \$14,128.49 plus \$1,438.06 for freight charges to purchase shelving for the Children's Room. This amount represents a MHEC discount of 54%. Director Pilla is requesting the Trustees pay for this shelving up front and be reimbursed with remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year if possible.

Motion by Trustee Weber to approve \$15,566.55 for shelving for the Children's Room to be paid from Citizen's account ending xxx0350. Seconded by Trustee St. Onge. All in favor. Motion passed.

Friends' Report: Trustee St. Onge and Director Pilla attended the Friends' meeting. They did the seed packets and talked about fundraising. They will be making baked goods for the staff and tweens. They will be sponsoring a Humanities program. The Friends are being encouraged to continue to meet monthly. It was a great meeting.

Department Heads Meeting: The Department Heads meeting has been scheduled for March 26 at 3:30 p.m. and all staff meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month.

Old Business:

Hills Building Update: Director Pilla and Dana Benner went to the Hills Building to see what needs to be done to clean up books. Director is looking into calling second hand book stores to see if they would like to take a look at what remains of the books to see if they want any. Director Pilla will reach out to the Historical Society with some books that were gifted by the Hills family.

Strategic Plan Update: Not many responses for volunteers have been received to create a committee. Anyone interested can reach out to Director at the library.

New Business:

By-laws: By-laws were thoroughly reviewed by all Trustees. There were no changes. By-laws were accepted by all Trustees.

Trustee Comments:

Trustee Guessferd: Susan, we didn't welcome you at the beginning of the meeting. Thank you very much for stepping up and thank you to the voters for electing you and me. That is really awesome. Thank you for being here and we are really excited to be working with you.

Trustee St. Onge: I have a couple of comments. First of all, I used a museum pass and brought my grandsons to the See Science Museum in Manchester. Once a school crowd of 6th graders left, we had the whole museum to ourselves. What a wonderful day and memory they will have. Also, I bumped into an acquaintance of mine. She was all excited because she was able to use the Gardner Museum pass. The Friends have agreed to do another pass this year. A big shout out to all the staff. Dana gave me a tour of downstairs and showed me all the work he has done to help organize it. It was a lot of work.

Trustee Weber: Ditto what Margaret said. I haven't been to the library for a while, but I will be there next week with my taxes. Thank you to all the tax volunteers. They did a lot of work. I want to welcome Susan to the group. I'm excited to work with you also. I appreciate having Mimi back as our Chair.

Trustee Rafieymehr: I am so excited the officers have been selected. I know Susan. I saw her here last month and also at Panera Bread. Welcome Susan.

Trustee Jones: I look forward to working with all of you and the wonderful tour of the library that I got yesterday was great. I went back to the library today and got to meet more of the staff members. They are lovely.

Future Agenda Items:

- Policies
- Banking information for new Trustees

Next meeting has been scheduled for April 15, 2026

Motion by Trustee Rafieymehr to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Weber. All in favor. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote

Trustee Weber – Yes	Trustee Jones – Yes
Trustee St. Onge – Yes	Trustee Rafieymehr – Yes
Trustee Guessferd – Yes	

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Cicia, Recorder
Rodgers Memorial Library

Rodgers Memorial Library Director's Report

Activities for February 2026

Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce Dinner - Tuesday, April 7, 2026 (5:30 PM - 8:30 PM)

NHLTA Conference - Wed, May 27, 2026, Manchester

Friends of the Library - Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Library Board of Trustees - Wednesday, March 18, 2026

GMILCS Board - Thursday, February 19, 2026

Special Events in February:

02/16 Library closed: Washington's Birthday/ Presidents Day

02/19 Candidate's Night

02/23 Library closed due to snow

Regularly scheduled events:

02/03 Met with Krista G. regarding Summer Reading Program brochure
Agenda meeting for BOT

02/05 Quarterly book club

02/06 All Staff Meeting

02/07 School Deliberative Session

02/09 Mystery Lovers Book Club

02/12 Primex virtual workshop

Strategic Planning meeting with KB

02/17 Met with Marge I regarding talk at GFWC March meeting

02/18 Library BOT meeting

02/19 GMILCS Board Meeting - Rodgers Memorial Library

02/26 Department Heads Meeting

RML Staff updates:

Dana Benner has handed in his resignation. His last working day will be April 30, 2026. Dana joined us in November 2022, but it feels as though we have known him forever. His unique sense of humor leaves us helpless with laughter or rolling our eyes. He has been a hands-on kind of person who has thoroughly enjoyed being in the stacks. Dana is currently working on special projects. We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with him, and we will miss him as he moves to his new home in the western part of the state.

RML General Updates:

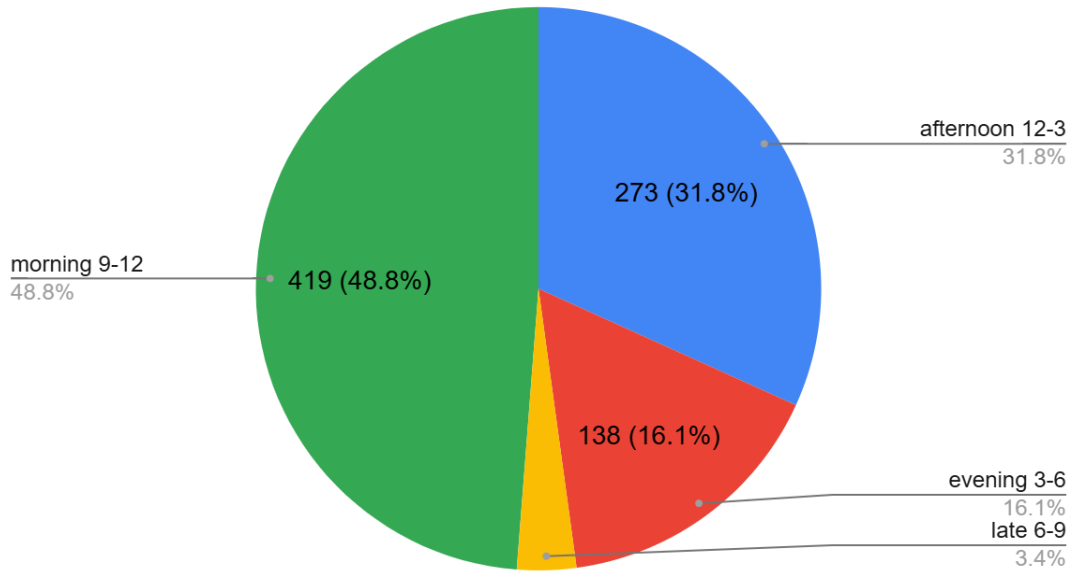
This has been a challenging winter. The weather has reverted to what most of us would identify as an old-fashioned New England winter! We have had numerous closings and early evenings. When you combine that with the services we offer, sometimes we face special challenges. We were closed on Monday, February 23 (the first day of the New Hampshire school vacation) for a monumental snowstorm, but due to the stellar work of Hudson DPW and our own Bob Gagnon, we opened on schedule on Tuesday morning. After several hours of phone calls from the people whose tax appointments or museum passes had been cancelled on Monday, we were able to get back to our normal busy schedule. I think everyone is ready for spring.

Fire Equipment, Inc. (FEI) conducted its normal inspections of the backflow in RML. Our systems fell within the acceptable rates with no additional work needing to be done.

The elevators in RML and HML were both inspected and passed. The owner of New England Lift, who has performed these inspections for many years, notified Bob that he will retire before the end of the year. Bob asked him for a referral service to cover our future needs. The RML elevator is no longer manufactured and will no longer be supported. Recommend that we submit a WO in next year's budget to start to prepare for what is likely to be an expensive replacement.

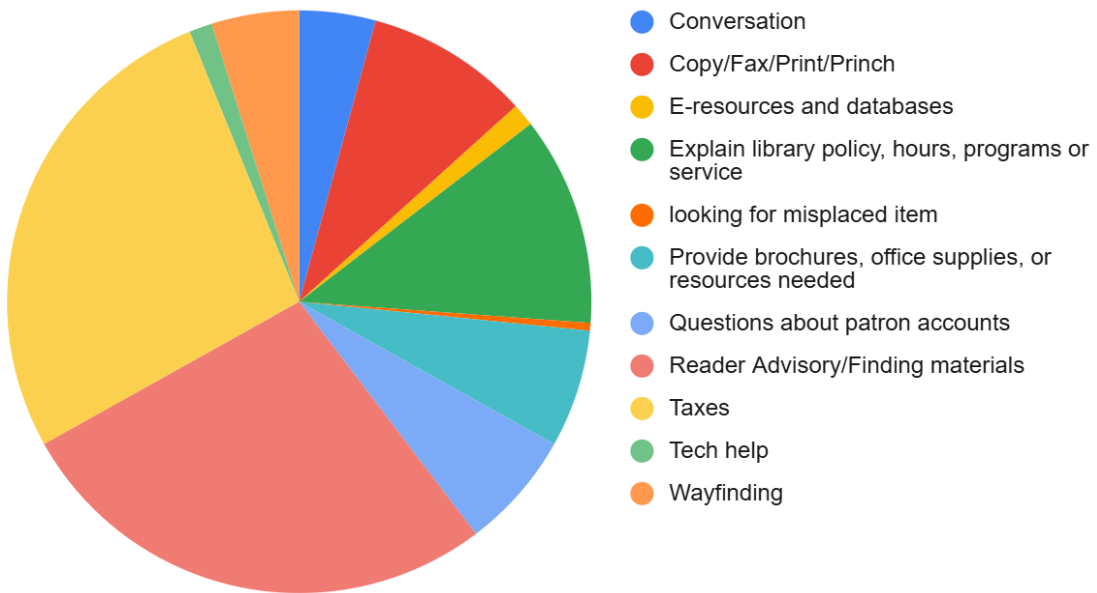
Patron Interview Form

Patron Interactions February 2026: Total Count = 859



474 interactions took between 2-5 minutes. How did we assist patrons in that time?

Count



PROGRAMMING REPORT - Tanya Moesel with Carrie Loring, Marissa Sweeney, and Maggie Hyam

PROGRAMMING REPORT SUMMARY	Events	Participants	Average
Adult Programming Totals	22	316	14
In-person programming	17	174	10
Passive programming	2	128	64
Virtual programming	3	14	5
Outreach	0	0	0
Children's Programming Totals	37	1045	28
In-person programming	29	792	27
Passive programming	8	253	32
Virtual programming	0	0	0
Outreach	0	0	0
Tween/Teen Programming Totals	17	71	4
In-person programming	16	37	3
Passive programming	1	34	34
Virtual programming	0	0	0
Outreach	0	0	0
School Outreach Totals	9	187	21
In-person programming	9	187	21
Passive programming	0	0	0
OVERALL TOTALS	85	1619	19

ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMMING

February was a slightly slower month with a few snow-related cancellations. Despite this, we were still able to host engaging and informative presentations for our patrons. Our follow-up discussion on *The Anxious Generation* was especially meaningful. Participants reflected on key takeaways from the book and explored practical ways to continue applying what we learned. The conversation focused on reducing screen time, strengthening personal connections, and intentionally fostering more face-to-face interactions with friends and family. It was encouraging to see everyone supporting one another in making positive changes. We were also pleased to welcome Chelsea Hanrahan, who presented on the DNA Doe Project and the important work they do to identify human remains and help bring closure to long-standing unsolved cases. The presentation was both fascinating and informative, offering insight into the impact of forensic genealogy in solving mysteries and supporting families seeking answers. As a passive program, Carrie and Tina created a Best Books of 2025 display combined with RML's Top 10 Fiction Checkouts, where patrons can rate the books they've read. Carrie is looking forward to spring, warmer weather, Summer Reading Kickoff, and NNO 2026!



Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
In-Person Programs		17 events, 174 total	
Investigative Genetic Genealogy and the DNA Doe Project (2/25)	Adults	8 people	Learn about the DNA Doe Project with volunteer genetic genealogist Chelsea Hanrahan. In 2021, Chelsea began using her research skills and lifelong interests in genealogical research and crime in a new area: investigative genetic genealogy. She has been a volunteer investigative genealogist with the DNA Doe Project since 2022 and has been able to use her skills to help solve cases of unidentified John and Jane Does for law enforcement. This presentation will go into some of the basics of investigative genetic genealogy, what genealogists do, and will review some of the cases that have been solved by the DNA Doe Project with this incredible new tool.
The Anxious Generation: Book Discussion and Workshop Follow-Up (2/12)	Adults	7 people	Are you concerned about anxiety in yourself or your loved ones? Join us for an engaging and enlightening workshop that addresses the pressing issues surrounding anxiety in today's world. Leave with an individualized action plan to improve attachment with your children of any age - or with anyone you care about.
Zentangle Class: Forest Colors Zendala 2 events	Adults	15 people (average 8)	We'll use the Zentangle Method and add some color and shine to finish it off, using pastel chalk pencils and a white gellyroll pen. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2/2: 12 people ● 2/4: 3 people
Stitchers Group 4 events	Adults	63 people (average 13)	People come in to share their ideas, chat, and work on their current projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2/6: 14 participants ● 2/13: 15 participants ● 2/20: 14 participants ● 2/27: 20 participants

A Good Yarn 4 events	Adults	35 people (average 9)	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"> • 2/3: 9 people • 2/10: 7 people • 2/17: 11 people • 2/24: 8 people
Rodgers Readers (2/5)	Adults	7 people	John Adams Under Fire by Dan Abrams
Mystery Lovers Book Club (2/9)	Adults	16 people	A Daughter of Fair Verona by Christina Dodd
Nonfiction Book Group (2/11)	Adults	6 people	The Dawn's Early Light by Walter Lord
Afternoon Book Group (2/17)	Adults	15 people	Spitfires by Becky Aikman
Crime & Cookies (2/18)	Adults	2 people	Dark Down East
Passive Programs		2 events, 128 total	
Monthly Book Raffle	Adults	78 entries	Dear Debbie by Frieda McFadden
RML's Top 10 Adult Fiction 2025	Adults	50 participants	Did you read any of our top10 check outs from 2025? Rate them - great, so-so, did not like
Virtual Programs		3 events, 14 total	
Genealogy Club: Finding Your Femme Fatales (2/13)	Adults	8 people	Male ancestors weren't the only ones who had secrets, or got caught behaving badly. Whether we like it or not, the black sheep of our family may have been the women, and they leave fabulous records! Through sample case studies, this session will cover how to use key records and social history to explore law breakers, vigilantes, and other scandalous female ancestors. Presented by Lisa Alzo
The Art Spy -- The Extraordinary Untold Tale of WWII Resistance Hero Rose Valland (2/11)	Adults	4 people	Author Michelle Young will discuss her new book, The Art Spy: The Extraordinary Untold Tale of WWII Resistance Hero Rose Valland. A riveting and stylish saga set in Paris during World War II, The Art Spy uncovers the true story of how an unlikely heroine infiltrated the Nazi leadership to save the world's most treasured masterpieces.
Author Talk: (how to avoid) "Death in Glacier National Park" with Author Randi Minetor (2/23)	Adults	2 people	Randi, author of eight books (working on the 9th!) in the non-fiction "Death in the National Parks" series, explores the fatal mistakes people make when they venture into unfamiliar wilderness. Collected here are some of the most gripping accounts in park history and new stories about people losing the battle with natural forces or perishing from their own folly.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Our morning storytimes continue to fill up every week. The Friday afternoon storytime has developed a loyal following over the last two months, with an average close to full. February vacation saw an increase in traffic in the children's room with lots of school-age children visiting the library during the day. We were able to offer some extra programming that week. Our LEGO glasses event brought in 50 people, many of whom do not regularly attend programs. We also collaborated with the police department to have Animal Control Officer O'Brien visit to discuss animal safety with children and their families. Officer Downey brought Haven by so the children could practice safely meeting a new dog. Animal Control Officer O'Brien will come again this summer to hopefully reach even more kids with her safety message.

The youth services staff is working hard on programming for April vacation and summer reading. We have Cody from C3Brix presenting a LEGO program during April vacation. Marissa is putting together a Lorax interactive movie near Earth Day, which will be repeated this summer to go with our "Plant a Seed: Read" theme. Maggie has planned a Tween Chocolate Olympics, which will include sweet, chocolatey games and snacks. We will also hold all our regular programming during April vacation week. Youth Services has an outline of summer programming that should be completed by the middle of April.

The youth services team is working on weeding and updating our children's nonfiction collection. We need to expand the space for our very popular graphic novel collection. In order to do that, we will probably need to order some new shelves. We have used all the slatted style shelving in the building.

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
In-Person Programs		29 Events, 792 total	
Adventurers Storytime Tuesdays, 10am (4 Events)	Ages 3-5	184 people <i>46 Average</i>	Join us for a storytime adventure! We'll have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/3 42 • 2/10 42 • 2/17 52 • 2/24 48
Movers and Shakers Wednesdays, 10am & 10:30am (8 Events)	Ages 1-3	280 people <i>35 Average</i>	Join your friends for a storytime full of music, movement, and bubbles for ages 1-3 and their caregivers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/4 36, 40 • 2/11 52, 45 • 2/18 32, 32 • 2/25 29, 14 (snow)
Baby Lapsit & Playtime Thursdays, 10am (4 Events)	Ages 0-1	53 people <i>13 average</i>	Join us for interactive stories and songs for babies ages 0-24 months and their caregivers followed by playtime. On the first of the month, a postpartum doula will join us to answer questions about parenting and child development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/5 12 (w/ PP support) • 2/12 15 • 2/19 17 • 2/26 9
Explorers Storytime Fridays, 1:30pm (4 Events)	Ages 3-5	106 people <i>27 Average</i>	Join us for a storytime adventure! We'll have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/6 30 • 2/13 34

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/20 14 • 2/27 28
Beyblades Ultimate Showdown Thursday, 2/5 5pm	Ages 7+	21 people	Bring your own Beyblade to battle in our tournament.
Spray Bottle Painting Saturday, 2/7 10am	Families	13 people	Families are invited to create a painting using watercolor paint, spray bottles, and stencils!
Cozy Yoga Storytime Tuesday, 2/10 7pm	Families	3 people	Join us for a storytime adventure with songs, stories, and yoga! Feel free to dress cozy in your pajamas.
Fibonacci Valentine Wednesday, 2/11 5:30pm	Grades K-5	10 people	Use simple math to create art! Children in K-5 will learn about the Fibonacci sequence, then create a valentine.
Homeschool Valentines Party! Thursday, 2/12 1pm	Ages 5-12	14 people	Homeschool families with children ages 5-12 are invited to a Valentine's party! Join us for a game and a craft!
Curious Kids: Valentines Friday, 2/13 10am	Ages 2-6	22 people	Explore Valentine themed learning centers with your preschooler.
Curious Kids: Valentines Saturday, 2/14 10am	Ages 2-6	16 people	Explore Valentine themed learning centers with your preschooler.
LEGO Glasses Wednesday, 2/26 5:30pm	Ages 4+	50 people	Design your own pair of LEGO glasses to take home!
Paws4Safety for Kids Friday, 2/27 10am	Grades K-5	20 people	Children in grades K-5 are invited to join Hudson Animal Control for a fun, hands-on learning experience where kids will discover how to stay safe around their own pets, other people's animals, and local wildlife.
OUTREACH		0 event, people	
Passive Programs		8 programs, 253 Total	
Take & Make Crafts	Preschool & early elementary	253 People	Bagged craft to do at home. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 penny spinners • 60 fish • 59 ducks

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 horse coloring sheets • 54 flowers
Scavenger Hunt	Everyone		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 Emoji hearts - 8 daffodils
Bulletin Board	Everyone		N/A

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMMING

We don't have as many teens visiting the library during the cold, snowy weather. We continue to offer a raffle each month. February was a cozy basket with socks, lotion, lip balm, and a candle. March is a candy rainbow. We had a Girl Power Party for tween girls that received amazing feedback from participants and their parents, including accolades on Facebook.

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
In-Person Programs		16 events, 37 total	
GIRL POWER PJ Party Tuesday, 2/24 5 pm	Grades 2-7	14 People	Wear your pajamas as we watch the Disney film <i>Tangled</i> , make friendship bracelets, paint our nails, and eat some pizza!
Tween Comic Book Flowers Thursday, 2/26 5 pm	Grades 4-8	2 People	Tweens will use/cut up comic books provided by the library, and we will use chopsticks as a stem to create their forever living flower(s).
Teen Hangout M-F 2:30 pm 14 sessions	Ages 13+	21 people <i>7 average/week</i>	Looking for a comfy space to hang out after school? Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy our teen space after school. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/2-2/6 9 (5 events) • 2/9-2/13 9 (5 events) • 2/17-2/20 3 (4 events) No Teen Hangout during Feb. vacation (2/23-2/27).
Outreach		0 event, 0 people	
Passive Programs		1 event, 34 total	
Teen Raffle Basket	Ages 13-18	34 participants	Teens are encouraged to enter the raffle every time they visit the library.

SCHOOL OUTREACH

Tanya arranged with Ms. Denis and the Alvirne English department to have sophomore English classes visit the library. They were starting a research project and still fleshing out topics. They were asked to find a free reading book related to their topic. It could be fiction or nonfiction. It did not have to be used as a source in their research. For example, a student interested in the topic of addiction could read a novel about an individual struggling with addiction or a nonfiction book about research in treating addiction. The goal was to help students understand their topic more deeply as they formulate their research question. Teachers were very pleased by how the visits went. We've seen

several students at the library since their class visits that we never saw before. One student brought their whole family to get library cards.

Program # of events	Target Age	Participants (average)	Description
In-Person Programs		event, total	
Sophomore Class Visits	Grade 10	187 participants <i>21 average</i>	Alvirne English department brought students to learn about the library, register for library cards, and check out books (fiction or nonfiction) related to their research topics.
Passive Programs			

REFERENCE REPORT - Mark Stawecki

Museums

Reservations are still high for Sensory Seekers. We had a school vacation, so there was an uptick in checkouts.

Renewals were submitted for:

- Aviation Museum
- The Butterfly Place
- Nashua Silver Knights
- Davis Farmland
- SEE Science Center

Mark had a discussion with Linda about the number of Zoo New England passes allowed per day, and it was decided to leave it at two. He also reached out to the MFA to see if they could let us know the number of times the code was redeemed each month. They informed us that the code was redeemed three times in February, which matched MuseumKey's number of checkouts below.

Name	Reservation	Checkout
Sensory Seekers	35	30
New England Aquarium	15	10
SEE Science Center	12	10
Museum of Science	11	8
Aviation Museum of New Hampshire	6	6
Children's Museum of New Hampshire	7	6
Boston Children's Museum	8	5
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center	6	5
Seacoast Science Center	5	5
Animal Adventures Family Zoo & Rescue Center	4	4
Discovery Museum	4	4
Museum of Fine Arts Boston	5	3
Currier Museum of Art	1	1

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	1	1
New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill	2	1
New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra	1	1
Strawbery Banke	1	1
Zoo New England	2	1
Salem Witch Museum	1	0

Online Stories - Effective immediately, IT will handle numerical stats for Social media.

A Hudson resident posted in the Residents Facebook group asking for job hiring. Mark saw it as an opportunity to promote library services and commented that we could help with his resume, and also gave a link to NH state jobs.

A Facebook user in the *Southern, NH Moms* group asked for libraries with good kids' areas. A user replied that they love the children's room at RML and tagged us in the reply.

One of the weekly polls for the newsletter asked patrons to select their favorite comedy actor from a list. People overwhelmingly chose Robin Williams with 75 votes (Adam Sandler was second at 31). It'd be interesting to know which comedy role they think is Robin's best, so perhaps that will be a future poll.

Rodger That!

Google Analytics shows 82 active users for an average engagement time of 1m 20 seconds. Two new reviews were added:

- "Frames" by Loren D. Estleman
- "How to Win Friends and Influence People in the Digital Age" by Dale Carnegie & Associates

Genealogy

For February, we held a virtual presentation called "Finding Your Femme Fatales" by Lisa Alzo. 8 attended out of 10 registrations. Mark was hoping the topic, which he thought was rather interesting, would draw a larger crowd. There was one genealogy request.

Non-Library Programs

GROUP	DATE	ATTENDANCE
GFWC	Feb 4	19
Rotary Club	Feb 26	26
Hudson Democrats	Feb 26	13

Total attendance = 58 (not counting VITA)

Study Rooms	39 instances, 83 attendees
Study Carrels	11 instances
Patron PCs	191 and 85 Guest Users

VITA

VITA began holding appointments on Mondays and Saturdays. For the most part, these proceeded normally. They did have to cancel a whole day's appointments because of inclement weather. This led to library staff being very busy the next day to accommodate people calling in to reschedule.

IT/Tech Services Report - Angie Hurshman

Debra Carp gave very positive feedback about using the RML phone for photos at Stitchers events. In the past, she was given an actual camera to use and said transferring them to a computer and emailing them took so long, and now she can just take the photos and save them to our Google Drive, and she's done! Our content-creating staff is now regularly using the phone as well. Our Head of Youth Services has also given positive feedback that it's been easier and far less tedious to create & schedule content.

Routine Tasks:

3-Month Fic and NonFic circ stats to date: DecJanFeb26

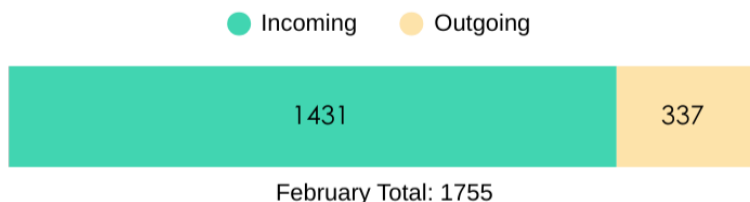
- This report tracks NEW NonFiction and Fiction book checkouts over a 3-month period
- The books below were available for checkout **Dec 1, 2025 - Feb 31, 2026**
- Nonfiction titles are sorted from most to least checkouts and include the name of the librarian who ordered the item(s)
- [Feb 3-month Non-Fiction](#)
- [Feb 3-month Fiction](#)

Website

- There were **52 changes** to the website in February 2026.

This number is higher than normal due to snow days, changes to pages regarding new loan periods, updates to staff members/positions, and prepping the navigational menu for accessibility updates; all of which occurred during February.

Telephone calls



Technology Tickets

- We responded to **23 requests for IT help** from staff

Library H3lp (chat program)

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

Princh (wireless printing)

- **320 print jobs**

We recently added Niche Academy as helpful digital learning tutorials that may introduce new users to our databases. Their resource tutorials start with an overview of the resource and basic navigation, and contain brief modules for specific features and how-tos. Views are the number of those who watched the overview, and Enrollments record the number of those who have gone deeper into the tutorial modules. I included preliminary stats for February, I plan to provide these stats quarterly moving forward.

Niche Academy

- **41 Views**
 - **5 Enrollments**
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Digital Engagement Overview:

Constant Contact (CC) Core Plan

- Current projected end of prepaid-subscription is **January 31, 2027**

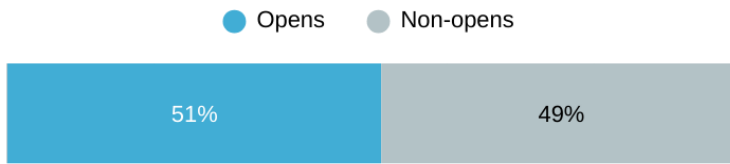
*Prepayment is made for 12 months at the current rate to maintain prepaid plan pricing, but costs can increase at arbitrary times and affect the monthly payments drawn from the prepaid balance, which can in turn, change the service/subscription end date before the next 12-month prepaid renewal. Payments are drawn on the 1st of each month. Our current prepaid balance is **\$690**, and monthly payments are **\$68.25**.*

Social Media Tickets, Feb 2026

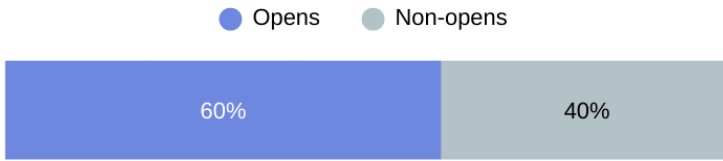
Be aware that there is a delay between when posts from tickets are added to the schedule and when the content is actually posted; there is a delay in recording the resulting engagement for those posts. This is why the Social Media Engagement graph below records an average of the engagement numbers for the last 3 months for a more accurate representation of our level of digital engagement. Posts about closures and delays are not included in "Total posts."

- We responded to **14 tickets to schedule social media posts** from staff
- Total posts: **29**

Email Engagement (3653 total contacts), Feb

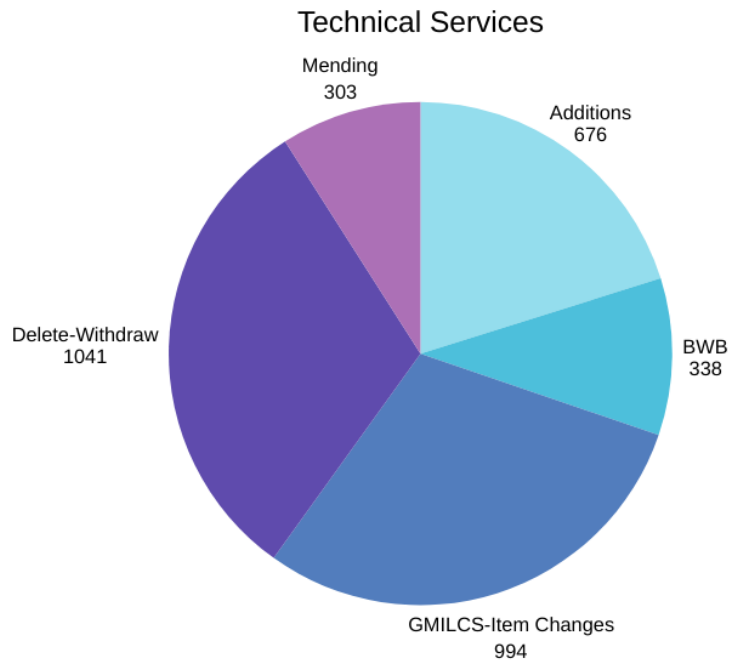
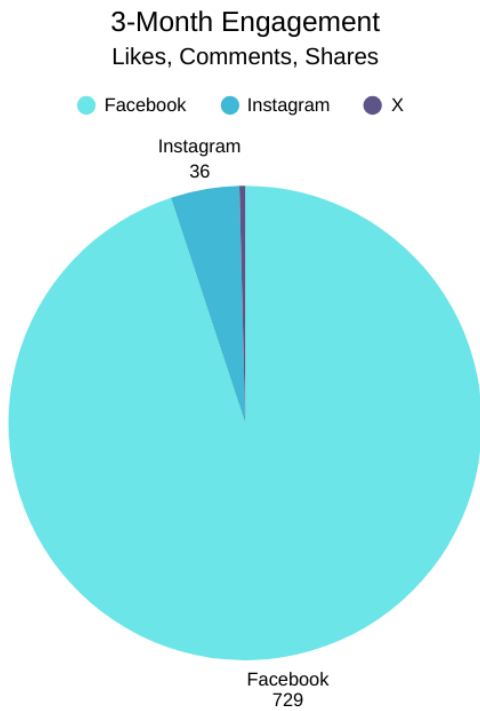


February: Newsletter



February: Genealogy Email List

Social Media Engagement, (likes, comments, shares), Dec-Feb



Technical Services, Dec-Feb

- Additions (physical items): **676**
- Better World Books: **338**
- Changes to GMILCS items: **994**
- Deletions/Withdrawals: **1041**
- Mending: **303**

We have a volunteer who regularly covers books for us. He has expressed that he finds Brodart materials to be of higher quality than Demco, and Brodart has just recently started free shipping on orders over \$50.

Social Media Posting Activity, Quarterly Report (Feb-Jan)

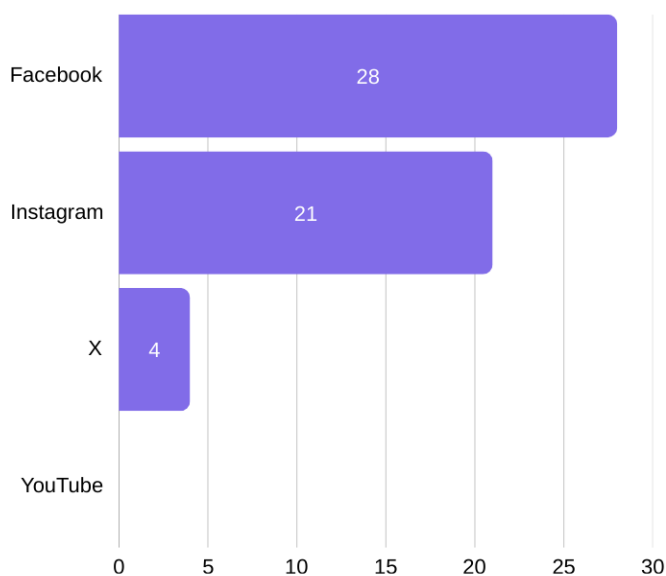
The following section contains the first of a Quarterly (every three months) report on our posting activity, to better understand who is posting, where we are posting, our average engagement in relation to that, with a snapshot of our 5 most engagement posts during the previous Quarter.

Please be aware that this Quarter's report looks back on our piloting of a new social media process that allows us to collect this information about our posting activity, in addition to simplifying the collection of engagement statistics. December was not included in this quarter's numbers because the pilot started mid-December and only Adult Services Programming was in the pilot until mid-January. I also expect that the number of posts during January - February may have been lower than normal due to Holidays, Snow Days, and lower posting activity during learning and fine-tuning of the pilot.

Definition of Engagement: Interactions such as comments, likes, & shares. The number of views can have meaning alongside engagement numbers, but are not by themselves interactions and not engagement.

RML's Social Media Posting Activity, Jan-Feb

Where we are posting.



Who is posting?

Adult Services:	35%
Adult Programming:	30%
Youth Service/Progr.:	30%
ITTS:	5%

Average Engagement

Facebook:	96%	693
Instagram:	3.5%	27
X:	0.5%	4
YouTube:	n/a	n/a

RML's Top-5 Most Engaging Posts

**CraftSwap: 4,260 views, 14 shares
51 likes**



For complete details, click here -

<https://events.rodgerslibrary.org/event/14101322> Drop off days:

Jan. 21-22, 9 am to 9pm.

Swap day with Ticket: Jan 23, 1 pm to 5pm.

Open Swap Day: Jan. 24, 9:30 am-12:30 pm.
you'd like

ExplorersStoryTimePizza: 1,819 views,



Last Friday, Ms. Maggie and her Explorers crew made a giant pizza during Storytime! Explorers Storytime is a weekly program for ages 3-5 and their caregivers. We sing songs, read stories, dance with bubbles, and do a new craft/activity each week! Join us on Fridays at 1:30 pm if

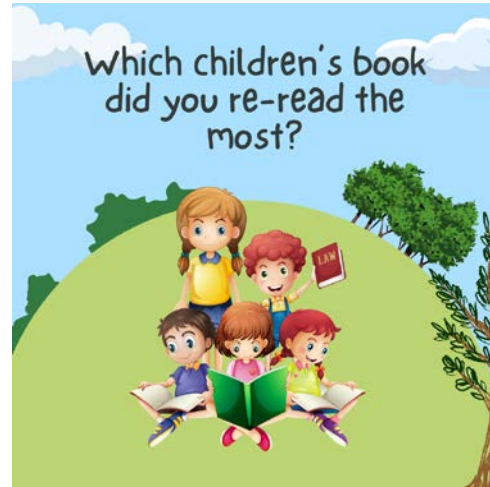
to join. Here's a registration link to our next one:
<https://events.rodgerslibrary.org/event/14446319>
#Childrens #LibraryEvents

ColdImage: 53 likes, 2 comments

ChildrensBook: 12 comments



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Did you have a favorite children's book you used to read a lot?

[#Library](#)
[#Books](#)

RetirementPlanningWorkshop: 4 shares

Retirement planning isn't just for seniors. The earlier you start, the more prepared you'll be. Two dates to choose from: Tuesday, January 27 and Thursday, January 29 at 5:30 pm. [Click here for more information and to register](#) -

CIRCULATION REPORT - Gina Votour

SPECIAL EVENTS/NEWS

Library visitors - 5632 visitors in February (5539 visitors in January).

Hours: The library was **open for 208** hours during February; **closed for 16** hours.

*Monday, February 16th, for President's Day.

*Monday, February 23rd, due to inclement weather.

Due to weather-related closures and the Holiday Season, we see a drop in circulation at this time of the year. The numbers will rebound and, hopefully, increase as we make our way through the spring and summer.

Notary Service(s): 21

We issued **102** new patron cards in January. The total number of active patrons stands at **7615**.

We had 2 patrons utilizing our Books by Mail program.

Message Bee

Message Bee is broken down into 6 categories: First Overdue, Second Overdue, Almost Overdue, Autorenew, Card Expires, and Hold. The total sent through message Bee was 156 for February.

Outgoing faxes: 109

Library of Things (LOT): 20

Circulation

	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Increase/Decrease	Feb 2025	Feb 2026	Increase/Decrease
Adult	2784	2620	-5.9%	2622	2620	<0.1%
YA	248	225	-9.3%	310	225	-27.4%
Children's	3050	3307	+8.4%	3568	3307	-7.3%
Tween	241	238	-1.2%	325	238	-26.8%
TOTAL	6323	6390	+1.1%	6825	6390	-6.4%

Downloadable eAudiobooks, eBooks and ePeriodicals (Overdrive & Cloud Library)

	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Percent Change
eAudiobooks	1566	1375	-12.2%
eBooks	859	785	-8.6%
ePeriodicals	488	451	-7.6%

Kanopy

	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Percent Change/ Notes
Visits	471	243	-48.4%
Pages	668	392	-41.3%
Plays	101	133	+31.7%

Total # users	202	206	+2%	
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Interlibrary Loan

		Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Percent Change
Materials Requested by Hudson patrons	Requested	141	100	-29.1%
	Filled	88	97	+10.2%
	Percent filled	62.4%	97%	
Materials lent by RML to other libraries	Requested	112	81	-27.7%
	Filled	87	78	-10.3%
	Percent filled	77.7%	96.3%	

GMILCS Statistics

Feb 2026 -

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	577	- RML items checked out at other libraries - Does not include RML items circulated from RML - The number is for items circulated.
RML Patron Circulations	6298	Checkouts and Renewals by RML Patrons at all GMILCS libraries
RML as the loaning library (items from other libraries checked out at RML)	936	- Items from other libraries checked out at RML - Does not include RML items circulated from RML - The number is for items circulated.

Respectfully Submitted

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