

Millinocket Memorial Library Director's Report

April 2022

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LIBRARY UPDATES

Operations

Beginning in May, we expanded our hours of operations at the library and gear library to include Saturdays from 10am to 1:30pm. So far, Saturdays have not been very busy, but we expect that to change as the word gets out and summer takes hold.

Penobscot County is experiencing a high level of community spread of COVID-19, and we are closely following updates from local medical providers to assess the level of local risk. We have updated signage to strongly recommend masks in the library, but we are not requiring them at this time.

Personnel

The hiring process continues for our new part-time clerk position. We hope to make a decision in the next month.

We hired two teen interns through Eastern Maine Development Corporation's Youth Workforce Program, Dylan Evans and Lydia Archibald. They will be working at both the library and the gear library this summer. We hope it will be a positive and meaningful first job opportunity for them.

Facilities

The library was approved to receive \$56,000 from Senator King's 2022 congressional earmarks. The funding can be used to supplement various capital projects, including the installation of solar panels, sitework, or the construction of a canopy outside of our children's room for outdoor programs. Our Building Committee is meeting regularly to prioritize the possible projects and make a recommendation. With the rising cost of heating fuel, we are leaning towards an investment in solar, but we plan to consult the Town and other local stakeholders on this matter.

Gear Library

The gear library opened at its new location at 215 Penobscot Ave on May 2nd. Although gear rentals have been slow to start, the public has been receptive to our new membership structure, and we've seen a lot of new faces in the space. We're anticipating a busy summer season to begin soon.

The Outdoor Sport Institute (OSI) will be bringing back their internship program this summer. The interns will be leading recurring biking, boating, and hiking programs for youth through the gear library. In collaboration with OSI, the gear library, and Age-Friendly Millinocket, we're also developing outdoor programs for adults this summer, which will likely include weekly in-town walks, a womens' trail run, and evening birding outings for all ages. More details to come soon.

Programs	<p>In the past month, we offered over 15 digital literacy classes to community members in collaboration with the National Digital Equity Center, on topics from "iPhone Basics" to "Using Facebook Securely". We've also been able to distribute free devices to several qualifying patrons who've taken five or more classes.</p> <p>We've been working with CareerCenter to offer a four-part workshop in June to help those in need of job readiness skills and assistance. Topics covered will include "Navigating Maine JobLink", "Creating a Resume", and "Preparing for Your Interview".</p> <p>We are busy preparing for our annual Summer Reading Program. Each week, we'll offer a Parent-Child Social Hour, Story Times tailored to different age groups, and STEM enrichment programs for older kids. We will also be a host site for the Summer Lunch Program again this year. Bagged lunches will be available for youth Monday-Friday from June 20th to August 5th.</p>
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LIBRARY STATISTICS

Patrons	March 2022	April 2022	Change	April 2021
Cardholders	2185	2220	35	1910
Adult Cardholders	1743	1770	27	1532
Teen Cardholders	119	121	2	85
Child Cardholders	317	322	5	294
Millinocket Resident Cardholders	1693	1719	26	1452
Circulation	March 2022	April 2022	Change	April 2021
Active Members (last 3 months)	270	200	-70	179
Circulation	1194	1184	-10	792
Gear Circulation	150	0	-150	0
Interlibrary Loan Items Sent	42	39	-3	43
Interlibrary Loan Items Received	140	148	8	69
Active Cloudlibrary Users	42	38	-4	No data
Program Engagement	March 2022	April 2022	Change	April 2021
Library Website Visits	2246	2052	-194	2323
Adult Programs	12	7	-5	0
Adult Program Attendance	180	38	-142	0
Children's Programs	10	12	2	0
Children's Attendance	30	47	17	0
Community Meetings	4	6	2	0
Community Meeting Attendance	36	32	-4	0
Library Visitors	No data	No data	No data	1312
Library Volunteer Hours	126	125	-1	No data
Facilities	March 2022	April 2022	Change	April 2021
Hours Open	154	147	-7	114
Computer Sessions	203	206	3	67
Public Meeting Room Use	113	108	-5	67
Wifi Connections	464	480	16	No data
Mobilize Katahdin	March 2022	April 2022	Change	April 2021
Individuals Served	155	139	-16	1079
Value of Services	\$4,728	\$5,782	\$1,054	\$26,662
Organizations Served	0	0	0	5
Mobilize Volunteer Hours	53	61	8	No data