

## Library Director's Report August 2018

### Collections

- The reference collection has been significantly reduced. Most items are no longer in print and cannot be updated.
- An Adult Graphic Novel collection is to be added.
- Three new databased have been added to the collection. Digital Sanborn Maps, Fold3 (military records), and Newspapers.com.
- **Circulations: July**
  - **Adult:** Audio – 266, Books – 1335, DVD – 843, Magazines – 69, Misc. 27
  - **Children's:** Audio – 95, Books – 3458, DVD – 568, Magazines – 12, Misc. - 3
  - **YA:** Audio – 12, Books, - 584, DVD – 12, Video Games – 67
    - **Total: 7,351**

### Programs

- The Ayer Community Garden committee has been using the library as a meeting space. Each meeting has 5 -15 attendees.
- Two music performance this summer The Water's Edge and the Marceau Project, both night had 30 people attend. Food and drinks were donated by Union Coffee Roasters and Capri Bakery. We may expand this for next summer.
- Upcoming events: AyerCrafts on Sept. 8, hosted by the Friends of the Ayer Library and the Cultural Council. Crochet will start up in September. School year children's programs will resume, including Story Time, Ninja Story, Anime/Manga Club, and the Teen Advisory Board.
- Children's Summer Reading ended on August 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Total Programs: 29
  - Total Attendees: 986
  - Average Attendance: 34
  - Total Signed-up: 230
    - 26 YA (10+)
    - 204 Kids
- A full write-up will be available at the conclusion of the Adult Summer Reading Program.

### Buildings and Grounds

- There has been an increase in false alarms. This often occurs during times of high humidity or extreme temperature changes. The alarm company will be out to check the system on August 21.
- Citron has been hired to care for our feminine hygiene and diaper disposal. Patrons seem to appreciate being able to dispose of such items.
- Town Building Manager Chuck Shultz Jr. has looked over the building and has offered to make small repairs when they arise, and to install our new changing table.

- The electrician came on August 1<sup>st</sup> to replace a number of lights within the building. We may have to consider changing our lights it is getting increasingly difficult to find the appropriate bulbs.

### **Other News**

- The ARIS (Annual Report Information Survey) has been completed and submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The ARIS report is a requirement for all libraries that wish to participate in statewide resource sharing (interlibrary loan) and receive annual State Aid to Public Libraries payments. Recent statistical and financial information for libraries across Massachusetts as reported in the ARIS can be found at <https://mblc.state.ma.us/programs-and-support/library-statistics/index.php>