

The Ayer Library
Director's Report for February 2020

Adult Book Displays:

- Love is in the "Ayer";
- Black History Month
- Remembering Mary Higgins Clark, featuring some of the 51 best-selling novels by the author, who passed away January 31st at the age of 92.

Adult Programs & Activities:

Program/Presenter	Attendance	Date
Golden Globe Movies	16	5, 12, 19, 26
Book Club (Reading <i>On Division</i> by Goldie Goldbloom)	5	2-6-2020
Game Night	3	2-13-2020
Game Night	5	2-27-2020
Finger Crochet Part 2 with Justine Paulson	8	2-29-2020

- **Golden Globe winning Movies**
 - *The Farewell, Judy, Missing Link, and Rocketman* were shown during our Golden Globe winning movie month. The total patrons attending were 16. Per request of movie goers we will now show a monthly movie throughout the year.

Library Director's Activities:

- I was on vacation from February 3-7th.
- I attended the Ayer Department Director's Meeting at Town Hall on February 12th.
- The Library's Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for February 18th was canceled due to lack of business.
- I met with Library Trustee Julie DeWalt on February 27th to discuss ways to move forward on a new strategic plan for the Library.

Library Operations:

- Staff changes: We said farewell to Library Clerk Barbara Breese on February 13th and Circulation Librarian Autumn Dore on February 28th. Children's Room volunteer Eben Goldman will be joining us as a part-time Library Clerk in March once his hiring paperwork is complete.
- Staff performance assessments got underway in February and will be completed in early March.

Library Maintenance:

- Our elevator shut down twice in one week following a downtown power failure on February 10th. Technicians from Keystone Elevator Service were called to restore service.
- Hallmark Copier cleaned and serviced our public copier on February 18th.

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Youth Services Programs & Activities:

- The Youth Services team hosted 307 attendees across 14 programs in the month of February:
 - 2/11 & 27 Hosted Strega Mama, funded by the Friends of the Ayer Library
 - 2/13 Guest Story Time presenter Barbara Cheeks, introducing baby sign with the story *Bear Wants More*.
 - 2/18 Guest reader Eben Goldman for Story Ninja
 - 2/19 Ayer Family Partnership: Music and Movement
 - 2/20 Vacation week, Bruins and Pancakes and PJs!
 - 2/28 Homeschool team classroom project
 - 2/28 Community Pokemon club
- 2/20 – Circulation and Outreach Librarian Christina Zoller – resplendent in a bathrobe and plush pink flamingo slippers - launched the Library's participation in the annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive with a Pancakes & PJs event at the Library. From February 20- March 15th, the library will be collecting new pairs of pajamas to be donated to area kids in need. Our goal is to collect 50 pairs this year.
- 2/26 Head of Youth Services Amy Leonard visited the Ayer Community Partnership and the Ayer Childcare Program to provide songs, stories, library card applications to 37 area children and their parents.
- **Young Adult (YA)/Teen Programs & Activities:**
 - In February, the Makerspace projects were tissue paper hearts and "make your own" bracelets and necklaces. The February crochet project was part two of finger crochet, and eight people came.
 - On February 21st, Circulation Librarian Justine Paulson hosted an earring crafting program for young adults.
 - YA Book of the Month Club: Reading *Crown of Feathers* by Nicki Pau Preto. 5 copies were checked out. 1 reader review returned.

I would like to thank the following Ayer Library staff members for their contributions to this report: Amy Leonard, Barbara Cheeks, Justine Paulson, Thomas Tagliavento, and Christina Zoller.

Respectfully,

Tim Silva
Library Director