

**Newtown Public Library  
Library Director's Report  
March 19, 2019**

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**Statistics:**

*Circulation*

February circulation (7,146 items) was down by 3% from the month before (7,393 items). Like last month, circulation was the best we'd seen in February since 2012! We expect that in 2019 circulation will be better than both 2017 and 2018.

*Public Computer Usage*

February public computer usage (261 sessions) was down over the month before by 18%. This marks the lowest amount of sessions since at least 2008.

*Wi-Fi Sessions*

February Wi-Fi sessions (5,025 sessions) was down by 19% when compared to January (6,238 sessions). It was still the third highest amount of sessions since the new Wi-Fi system was installed.

*Library Visits*

Our library visits in February (5,578 visits) were best since we started using the current people counter device. No visits were recorded last month so it is not possible to compare the months.

**Youth Services Update**

*From Angela Hegadorn, Youth Services Librarian:*

"March has been a busy month so far. Our story time attendance has been very high, averaging about 30 kids for baby and toddler times. We had a very fun, fancy tea party that was so popular, we are doing a second one. Our Youth Services Library Assistant Ava Cardonick did a fantastic job preparing decorations and crafts for this program.

This month I attended the premier of Longwood Garden's Community Read StoryWalk at Rose Tree Park. Several libraries helped with different STEM activities for attendants. Local media covered the event. We will host an in-house program around the Community Read initiative in April.

Total attendance for March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup> is **430**.

**Upcoming Events:**

In addition to regular toddler, baby and preschool story times scheduled on most Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week, the following programs are scheduled in the coming weeks:

- Coding Capers, Mondays, 4:15 p.m.
- March Hare Tea Party, March 21 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Let's Go Play Inc's Lego Missions, March 24 @ 1 p.m.
- Music with Miss Chrystine, March 25 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Fourth Wednesday Book Club (Discussing "The Triumph of Seeds" by Thor Hanson – Longwood Gardens Community Read selection), March 27 @ 7 p.m.

- Newtown Square Wordsmiths, April 4 @ 6 p.m.
- Spring Friends of the Library Book Sale, April 5-7
- Dance Me a Story, April 15 @ 10:30 a.m.
- SCORE: That Video Voodoo, April 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Miscellaneous**

Stanley Swierczek, who worked at the library through a Maturity Works grant from September 2017-May 2018, has been rehired by the library to fill in for Library Assistants who are on vacation or when volunteers are not available. Stan is an excellent worker who was very instrumental in assisting with weeding the collection.

Last week, Arlene did a tour of the library and spoke about library services to members of the Newtown Square Business Association. Arlene made sure to mention that the library is currently looking for one more trustee to the members.

In the past couple weeks, Arlene gathered together reports and materials for the new auditors at Maillie LLC so they may begin the library's financial review for 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arlene Caruso*

Director, Newtown Public Library