

**Newtown Public Library
Library Director's Report
February 20, 2020**

Statistics:

Circulation

January circulation (7,558 items) is a 18% increase over December circulation (6,395 items) which is customary for this time of year. Circulation in January 2020 is better than January 2019 by 2% and is the best January on record.

Wi-Fi Sessions

Our Wi-Fi continues to be popular in our community and January sessions (9,560 sessions) marks the best month yet and is better than December Wi-Fi sessions (7,109 sessions) by 34%.

Library Visits

Library visits in January (5,841 visits) are up by 23% when compared to December (4,758 visits) and is the highest number of visits for January thus far.

Youth Services Update

From Angela Hegadorn, Youth Services Librarian:

"We began regular programming the first week of January, with story times, yoga and music for the preschool crowd, and Code Club for our elementary-aged patrons. A local teacher also provided Chinese Immersion classes for a mixed-age group of big and little kids. This month, we started looking ahead to summer, as we plan lots of fun events for all ages.

Total attendance for January is **650.**"

Upcoming Events :

In addition to our regular toddler and baby storytimes each week, these programs are scheduled in the coming weeks:

- Mommy & Me Yoga, February 24 @ 10 a.m.
- Newtown Public Library Book Club, February 26 @ 2 & 7 p.m. – Discussing "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi
- Techgirlz: Python Programming, February 29 @ 1 p.m.
- Newtown Square Wordsmiths, March 5 @ 6 p.m.
- Dance Me a Story, March 9 @ 10:30 a.m.
- The Enormous Potato with Tyler Arboretum, March 11 @ 4 p.m.
- Calling All Handcrafters, First and Third Mondays @ 1 p.m.
- Coding Capers, Mondays @ 4 p.m.
- Scrabble Club, Mondays @ 4:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Update

The Friends of Newtown Public Library met on February 12.

- The Friends have a planned a glass painting program for March 24 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is completed through Cheddar Up and is \$30.
- The Friends are working on getting new signs for the book sale that is coming up the first weekend in May. They are beginning to recruit volunteers for this event as well. There will be an early entrance fee of \$5 for people who want to enter the book sale early (8-10 a.m.) on Friday.
- The Friends discussed the Silent Auction Social which will be taking place in the spring. There will be a spreadsheet on Google docs in order to coordinate their community fundraising so that businesses are not contacted more than once for these donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Caruso

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