

Librarian's Report, 1/22/20

As the Board of Trustees did not meet during the month of December, except members—informally—upon library visits, I combine a December and January report.

Numbers: Our numbers continue to be on par with late summer and autumn. Some dips, to be expected, occurred perhaps due to weather, school in session, and winter sequestering (some days 4 people, some days 10 and more). In general, winter visits per every four hour Open session averages close to ten.

Take away: The library, as a community resource, remains open and available to the community. The building, structure and grounds, remains maintained—a town asset.

Events: Thanks to a vital and active Friends of the Library, library events have seen numbers well over 25 per event. In our small space, on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights, by any small library's standards these are good numbers.

The Friends of the Library literary reading was exceedingly successful.

Forthcoming: On 1/29, Wednesday, 6-7, MBL welcomes VT Book Award winner Martin Philip. Windsor On Air will video tape and air this event.

Activities: The librarian is working on the state library survey. Upon signature of the Chair, MBL can submit the survey electronically.

Our annual report to the Town of West Windsor, reviewed by the MBL Chair, has been received.

Partnerships update: Your librarian is now working with the local school to forge a rapport for future planning and visits. **B&P:** Our local store has agreed to help facilitate student "gold cards" (a reward for reading/visits to the library).

New Materials: We're adding new materials at an average of 14 per month. Materials checked out average 40 per month (use of the library's WiFi could well be more than this). New materials include Booker Prize winners, New York Times Best Sellers, and current requests and favorites.

Reference questions, phone calls, emails, inquiries outside the library: We average 50 contacts per month.

Schedule: If Board of Trustees meetings will take place on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with the exception of major holidays), the librarian will be in the habit of scheduling community events on Wednesday nights, primarily. The Friends of the Library will, likely regularly, sponsor events on Sunday afternoons.

We're looking at more readings and concerts (3/18, for example), more gathering of groups (The Writing Group, The Knitting Group), Fourth of July possibilities.