

# BEACON FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Dear members of the Board of Selectmen,

Attached you will find the library's August service report and financial report.

## **Areas of note from the August Service report:**

- The library offered 8 adult programs, 3 teen programs, 17 child programs, and 1 family program in August. Program attendance has increased by 66% from this time last year
- Website visits are up by 59%
- Notary services continue to be frequently used. Thirty-three individuals have utilized this service over the past two months
- Overall circulation of library materials is up by 25% to date from last year
- Thirty-five new or renewed library cards were issued to patrons
- There were seventeen child programs in August. These included Lego's in the Library, the babysitters club, movies and munchies, crafts, reader's theater, performers, and a jamboree to celebrate the end of summer reading
- Teens participated in a craft and the YMCA came to the library to teach a babysitting class
- Adult programs included the true crime book club, a Titanic Escape Room, a presentation by Fred Simpson, a DIY tote bag, cooking for one program, and a back-to-school parents' breakfast
- A bus trip to the Bronx Zoo also took place in August

## **Areas of note regarding the August FY (Fiscal Year) 22\_23 Financial Report:**

15 percent of the overall library budget has been expended. The expenditure for the computer and programming lines is typical for this time of year.

There was a great increase in participation for summer reading this year. Children ages 0-5 years saw a 61% increase, ages 6-11 saw a 22% increase, ages 12-18 a 42% increase, and adult participation saw a 300% increase. The program librarian also increased the number of programs offered this summer. The number of reading time logged this summer for ages 0-11 was 562 hours.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Setaro-Posick*

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Library Director