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Dear members of the Board of Selectmen,

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

Areas of note from the July Service report:

- The library offered 6 adult programs, 5 teen programs, 24 child programs, and 1 family program in July. Program attendance has increased by 78% from this time last year
- Website visits are up by 60%
- Notary services continue to be frequently used. The director and program librarian are both notaries
- Overall circulation of library materials is up by 29% to date from last year
- Interlibrary loans have been going well allowing our patrons to borrow items from other libraries. Items are delivered to Beacon Falls
- There were 47 new adult library cards and 15 juvenile cards issued in July
- Many child programs were held in July. These included Legos in the Library and the Babysitter's club on Mondays, Movies & Munchies on Tuesdays, crafts on Wednesdays, Preschool Storytime on Fridays, and visits from the students at United Day School. Special programs included a dietician from Shop Rite who spoke to the kids about eating healthy. The library also had a hula hoop performance by Hoopla, a kid's sing-along with Lynn Lewis, an interactive story-based program by Talewise
- Teens participated in a murder mystery activity, a string art craft, clay impressions, and wood-burned coasters
- Adult programs included painted porch signs, a presentation on women in finance, and the true crime book club

Areas of note regarding the July FY 22_23 Financial Report:

4.7 percent of the overall library budget has been expended. The expenditures for the computer and programming lines are typical for the beginning of the fiscal year.

Summer reading ends on August 11, 2022. There will be a jamboree celebration taking place at the church green.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Setaro-Posick

Library Director