

Director's Report

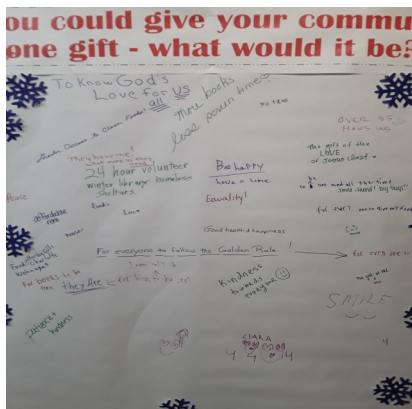
January 9, 2023

Departments

- Negotiations are still underway between the Town & BLSA
- Library staff has welcomed Jean Kennedy as the Technical Services Librarian. Jean worked with Kerri Donnelly in the Technical Services Department while she pursued her MLS degree. Jean went to the Plymouth Public Library in January 2022 as Head of Technical Services. Jean return to TPL on December 19, 2023.
- The two open JLA positions and page position have been filled.
- Minimum wage increase for Schedule G employees to \$15,00 hr.

Programs and Community engagement

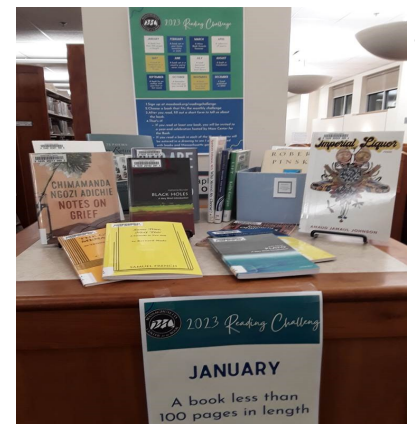
- Reference Librarian Priscilla Crane developed two interactive boards for the public during Thanksgiving and Christmas . We had many library patrons who participated.



- Christina Castle is promoting a reading Challenge in collaboration with the Mass Center for the Book and promoted the event on Instagram.. The library had an increase of engagement through this post and hope it's an indication of participation.
- Library offered Young Adult and Children's programs over the Holiday School Break with cookie decorating being the most popular.
- Children's Department partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (QCAP) to offer Music time for babies through 12months and their caregivers.

Circulation

- Circulation is steady with a slight decrease in borrowing for the month of December . Historically Thanksgiving to New Years the library is slower.
- Movie attendance is remaining steady. 500 Reference questions answered and the library offered a total of 33 programs.
- Digital Database had a slight decrease except Consumer Reports which had slight increase in usage.
- Most popular titles for December :
 - Ugly Truth by Jeff Kinney—Children's
 - The Crossover by Kwame Alexander –Young Adult
 - Dream Town by David Baldacci—Adult
 - Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson —Young Adult
 - What Happened to the Bennetts by Lisa Scottoline—Adults



Technology

- Fax24 kiosk in the Reference Department is up and running for the public.
- Investigating the use of Chromebooks . I had a conference call with David Slater (OCLN) , and Jim Boyle (BELD) to discuss implementation.

Schedule of Library Bills Payable

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| Warrant | 11/23/22 | \$10,0788.77 |
| Warrant | 12/07/22 | \$10,246.81 |
| Warrant | 12/21/22 | \$12,074.26 |
| Warrant | 01/04/24 | \$10,845.16 |

Library Services Information –Annual Statistics from July 2021-June 2022

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mission Statement

Braintree's Thayer Public Library strives to provide free access to materials, technology, knowledge, and ideas to inform and enrich the lives of all community members and library patrons in a welcoming, dynamic environment.

100,000 estimated people annually walk through our library yearly.

3,3018 total hours open this year; library is open 6 days a week including evenings

350,804 total circulation of all library items were check out; 237,144 are physical material (books, magazines and DVD's), 113,660 is electronic content use by library card holders

9 internet computers with a total of 7,280 use per year; Library provides free wireless internet for patrons to use personal devices

1,450 total programs offered with a combination of in-person onsite, off-site, virtual or hybrid.

10,176 library patrons participated.

47,302 items went through the OCLN delivery system

2,080 hours dedicated to shelving library items.

3,640 hours dedicated to handling 8,417 reference transactions by two Reference Librarians.

11,471 registered borrowers, 11,327 are Braintree residents

25 staff members, 8 with master's degrees in library science

Library Express program for homebound residents (partnered with Department of Elder Affairs)

323 individuals used the private study room in the Reference Department

138 uses of logan auditorium. By outside organizations

54 online databases; 18 databases the library purchases independently and most can be accessed from home

210 Circulations per hour; Services desks handle an average of 2,000 items daily

average of 7 circulations per card holder, value of library services calculates a savings of over \$100 per card holder each library visit.

7 items are the average checkout per card holder

U.S. libraries circulate about the same number of items as FedEx ships per day.

\$41.37 total operating per capita

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·Best Chapter Books of 2022·



Maisy Chen's Last Chance
by Yee, Lisa
Maisy spends the Summer in a town called Last Chance and learns about her Chinese heritage from her grandfather.



Falling Short
by Cisneros, Ernesto
Marco and Isaac have always been best friends. Now in Middle School, Isaac is teaching Marco some basketball skills, and Isaac is helping him improve his math work.



Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?
by Connor, Leslie
Aurora's good friend is Frenchie, a boy with autism. The community comes together to help find him when he goes missing.



Chester Keene Cracks the Code
by Magoon, Kekla
Chester follows clues with the help of a new friend from school.



Those Kids from Fawn Creek
by Kelly, Erin Entrada
A new student, Orchid, moves to the small town of Fawn Creek, Louisiana. Her positive attitude helps change how some kids view others.



Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl
by Kagawa, Julie
In this fast-paced fantasy/adventure, Shinji finds his life is intertwined with a Coatl - a mythical, powerful serpent.



Dream Annie Dream
by Brown, Waka T.
In Middle School, Annie pursues her interests in theater and basketball, while also dealing with friends who aren't always nice.



The Secret Battle of Evan Pao
by Shang, Wendy Wan-Long
Evan is disappointed to be the only Chinese-American in his new school in Virginia. When his class works on a Civil War project, most are surprised to learn that there were soldiers of Chinese background.



The Turtle of Michigan
by Nye, Naomi Shihab
Aref discovers cool things about the U.S., but misses his homeland of Oman and especially his grandfather.



The Pear Affair
by Eagle, Judith
Smart, determined Nell searches for her nanny in Paris through underground tunnels, with the help of new friends. They find another mystery in the tunnels, in this fast-paced mystery/adventure.



Charles C. Kokoros
Mayor

