

| Library Usage Stats                       |       |
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| Physical Items Borrowed                   | 5,374 |
| Hoopla Items Borrowed                     | 658   |
| cloudLibrary & Comics Plus Items Borrowed | 329   |
| Website Visits                            | 1,207 |
| Event Attendance                          | 204   |
| Door Count                                | 1,411 |

Yearly Stats are updated on the first of every month and can be found online at:

<https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/about-us/library-statistics/>

- **Summer Reading Program 2022:** Our 2022 Summer Reading Program is winding down. To date, we've hosted 29 events with a total attendance of 529 guests.
- **Partner Towns/Town Meetings:** On July 27, 2022 I attended the Randolph Town Meeting where the Town of Randolph unanimously voted to give every community member in Randolph access to the Gardiner Public Library.
- **Woodbury Pond Park:** The Town of Litchfield graciously donated a Woodbury Pond Park pass to the Library which anyone with a library card can now borrow. Our Museum & Park passes program has been a great hit this summer and next month I'll put together our final statistics to show just how well the program was utilized by the community.
- **StoryWalks:** We've been having a lot of conversations about StoryWalks with various groups in our communities (Healthy Communities of the Capital Area and the Litchfield Community Park), talking about how we can bring these great resources to the community. What is a StoryWalk you may ask? Head on over to <https://letsmoveibraries.org/storywalk/> for more info!
- **Teen Game Night:** One of the best moments we've had all summer was at July's Teen Game Night. Fourteen teens between the ages of 12-16 attended this event, and much fun was had. There was a great vibe in the library that day and has really helped me see that a lot of my focus for grant writing over the next few months should be dedicated to funding that will help us build up our "teen event infrastructure" so that we can pull off these events with greater ease in the future.
- **Meals for Youth:** We've been working with the Boys & Girls Club to deliver a meal to kids every Tuesday after our Storytime events. This program has been very well received and we hope to expand it next summer.
- **Alewives & Crafts:** Many thanks to the Upstream team for pulling together a library program on Alewives for youth in July.
- **Puppet Show:** Many thanks to Aero & Finn Hoenke for writing, directing, and performing the puppet show "The Magic Flower" in June & July at the library.
- **Collections:** You may have seen that some of our collections are on the move at the library...we're trying to make our library a lot easier and more fun to browse. We're carving out a section dedicated to New England History & Biographies in our Hazzard Reading Room, with more changes on the way.
- **Upcoming Fall Events:** We're hard at work Book Release Event for Gay Grant's new book "Around the Kennebec Valley", Public forum for the District 54 candidates running in the upcoming election, performance by Thehe Marti Stevens Interactive Theater Group, Storytimes for youth, after school events for teens, and more!
- **Broadband for Litchfield! RedZone's Community Launch Event:** On Monday July 18th I attended RedZone's Community Launch Event for their Broadband program in Litchfield. In the past I worked with RedZone to

develop an informational brochure on how Litchfield Community members could digitally access the Gardiner Public Library with their library card.

- **All Staff Training Day:** On Friday August 26, 2022 the Library will be closed to the public so that the staff and I can travel to the Bangor Public Library for the day. We will be given a tour of the library and get a chance to talk to their staff about their services, programs, events, and more.

Written and submitted by Justin Hoenke on Monday August , 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hoenke". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a cursive "H".