

Library Usage Stats	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	TOTAL
Physical Items Borrowed	3,772	3,995	4,482	4,252	3,856	4,914	5,374	6,011	4,930	4,735	46,321
Hoopla Items Borrowed	619	600	618	660	690	720	658	914	808	879	7,166
cloudLibrary & Comics Plus	353	345	377	341	400	400	329	354	335	424	3,658
Website Visits	1,309	1,310	1,222	1,529	1,347	1,897	1,207	1,251	1,237	1,218	13,527
Event Attendance	60	83	139	219	117	465	204	338	155	913	2,693
Door Count	1,173	1,208	1,442	1,340	1,081	1,449	1,411	1,546	1,198	1,286	13,134

- **Teen After School Thursdays:** Our collaborative after school program with GAHS and MSAD 11 High School Librarian Debra Butterfield continues! Each week we have a new face or two to join this great program. In October we ran this program twice (we will run this program 2 times in November) and had a total of 36 attendees. The
- **Red Ribbon Week:** The library took part in an event celebrating Red Ribbon Week at GAHS on Thursday October 27th where we shared information, items, and more about the library. One of our teen volunteers named David came with us and ran a program on making origami that attendees could take part in.
- **Covid-19:** We had 3 staff out sick the week of October 17-22, which is 33% of our total library staffing. We made it through and everyone did a great job with pitching in and supporting in all areas of the library to keep things up and running for the community. As the Library Director, I just want to point out how something like this can really affect our staffing and our regularly scheduled slate of programs, events, and services at a moment's notice. We are very lucky to have such a hard working and dedicated library team.
- **Gardiner Middle School StoryWalk:** On Friday November 4 @ 3:30PM the Gardiner Regional Middle School Story Walk will be unveiled to the public. All are welcome! This project is a collaboration between many different Gardiner area organizations and I highly suggest that you check it out. The library will be assisting in selecting and placing new books in the Story Walk on a regular basis. More info can be found here: <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/about-us/storywalks/>
- **Halloween:** We gave out 733 total pieces of candy on Friday October 28th as part of Gardiner's Downtown Halloween Event (of course we counted how many pieces we gave out...we're librarians!). We were all very happy to see this great event come back to our community
- **Gardiner Library Association:** In November 2022 the Gardiner Library Association will finalize their 2023 budget (their budget runs calendar year). Formed in 1881, the Gardiner Library Association (GLA) owns the building and the land, makes capital improvements, buys new equipment, and seeks to improve library services. The association is a non-profit 501c3 organization. Over the last few years the GLA has spent good amount of money to not only improve the library building & grounds but have been the sole funder of our very popular digital library service known as Hoopla.
- **Spooky Local Authors Roundtable:** The library hosted a roundtable discussion event with 3 Gardiner area horror fiction writers that was attended by 10 community members. The chats were so lively and fun that we will start looking at replicating this event in February with local Romance Book Authors.
- **Holiday Events:** And finally...stay tuned for a full list of holiday themed events & programs we'll be offering at the library after Thanksgiving. Thank you for your kindness & your ongoing support.

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