

# Ballston Community Public Library

## Director's Report

October 2024

### Circulation Statistics

#### September 2024

Circulation Statistics	Current Month	2024 to Date	2023 Total
Items Added to Collection	352	3,098	4,093
Number of Physical Items Circulated	8127	71,219	110,749
Overdrive/Libby Circulation	1554	13,889	14,985
Hoopla Circulation	585	5,893	5,871
New Patron Registrations	72	406	519
Patrons in the Building	4578	40,231	48,020

### Programs & Events

#### September 2024

Programs	Number Offered Current Month	Participants Current Month	Number Offered 2024 Total	Participants 2024 Total	Number Offered 2023 Total	Participants 2023 Total
Preschool	12	358	123	2837	167	4,190
Elementary	7	45	62	839	70	1,050
Teen	3	5	30	188	37	176
Adult	7	59	79	605	103	1,162
Family	6	123	55	2609	72	3,608
Outreach	4	139	64	1750	56	1,801
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>8828</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>11,987</b>

#### Youth Services Programming:

During the month of October we did 19 weekly story times, 1 Saturday story time, 5 book clubs, 10 Teen Book Boxes, 1 teen program, 1 tween program, 1 Story Crafters program, 1 kid's craft, 1 STEM Challenge, 1 Grab 'N Go Craft (50 bags), 3 Read to Seamus the Dog events, a family Bingo Night, and a Candy Corn Contest. Seamus the Therapy Dog will be stepping back from his library duties to enjoy some hard-earned rest at home! Alyssa will be looking for a new therapy dog to visit the library for special reading times. Alyssa spoke with the Friends of the Library about getting a new story time rug and they graciously purchased a beautiful rug from Lakeshore that all of the story time kids are enjoying. The High School SED students volunteered at the library 3 times this month and helped retrieve books from the send list.

#### Adult Programming:

The Library held 7 total programs in October: the three book clubs and the Memoir Writing class. We will probably hold off booking any programs until the new Head of Adult Services begins November 18.

## Staff & Volunteers

### Staff:

We are excited to announce that Don LaPlant has accepted the position of Librarian II (Head of Adult Services & Circulation) at the Library. He will start Monday, Nov 18.

Mrs. Baumbach has decided to lower her weekly hours and Alyssa will be taking over all the youth book clubs for grades Kindergarten - 12th.

### Friends of the Library:

The Friends had their October meeting. They have decided to hold a Pop-Up Book Sale on Saturday, Dec 7 to hopefully move more of the books that are in storage.

## Facility Update

Pro Cut has provided us with a new contract for snowplowing for the 24/25 winter season. It is the same price as last year.

We were approached by an artist, Maxim Litvinov, about a grant for a 2025 Community Art Project Mural, possibly in conjunction with the library. One possibility for placement is in the immediate stairwell landings.

Thank you to Trustee Ed Guilder for doing more outside cleanup of the Library grounds.

We are still waiting for Clune Electric to schedule a date to replace the rest of the lighting in the Community Room and closets. They are waiting for all of the parts to arrive. They currently estimate it will only be a one day job.

## Technology

### September 2024

Technology Statistics	Current Month	2024 to Date	2023 Total
Public Computer Sessions	108	915	1,790
WiFi Sessions (unique users)	307	3,150	8,199

## Meetings & Professional Development

Kristi – 10/1 - Special Board Meeting; 10/2 - Friends of the Library; 10/3 - BHBL BPA (hosted here); 10/8 - Ballston Town Meeting; 10/10 - Personnel Committee Meeting; 10/11 - ARSL 2025 Conference Chair Meeting; 10/15 - SALS Directors' Council; 10/18 - Special Board Meeting; 10/25 - Red Cross Meeting; 10/30 - Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting.

Alyssa – 9/25 - Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 10/1 - Friends of the Library Meeting, 10/16 - FEMA: CISA Active Shooter Guidance Webinar, 10/24 - NYLA YSS Planning Committee Meeting

Respectfully,  
Kristi Chadwick  
Library Director