

MARCH 2021 NORTH BRANCH MONTHLY REPORT

“Spring is here. I feel in the air. The world is turning green.” Wendy Waldman

The area around North is coming alive with gorgeous cherry, pear and apple trees blossoming, grass turning green, and leaves beginning to bud on the trees.

With the reopening of the branch, we have been very busy with patrons happy to come browse, use computers and see live people! Staff have been very welcoming of our patrons while maintaining the COVID19 protocols. So far, there have been minimal instances of face mask resistance.

With the return of spring, the sports teams have returned. This is a problem for us in several respects. The sports people park everywhere, including behind staff cars making it tricky to back out to leave at the end of the day. The worst part is that Parks and Rec have not opened the public restrooms which means teams of people come in wanting to use our restrooms. In fact, we have had coach busses arrive to let out droves of players.... The regular night time parkers are in abundance.

The new enhanced Wifi Hotspots have been quite popular.

It is nice to see children with their parents picking out books. To welcome families back, we have been giving them the left over “Take Your Child To the Library Day” bags and extra Take and Make crafts. It is a joy to being doing “in person” reference questions again.

We continue to work on our collections—ordering and receiving new books, weeding out old books, and refreshing our shelves through careful shelf reading and shifting. New signs are being made to guide our patrons to the correct spots.

Taxes were filed through the beginning of April through a carefully orchestrated system of dropping off and picking up with minimal contact. Thanks to our tax preparers for a job well done!

Programs continue with Monica’s Mindfulness series and Bina’s Zoomin’ Little Bears and Reading is Grand sessions. Planning for summer continues apace across the system. Meetings were attended. Webinars and zoom meetings continue to keep us growing professionally.

We were sad to say farewell to Martha Northington who retired at the end of the month. To date, we are down one LA3, one LA2, one LA1, one part-time LA1 and one page. The staff has been stretching to make it all work but additional staff will be necessary as we get busier and busier.