

Friends of the Library Director's Report

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*Respectfully submitted,
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- 📖 Happy New Year! 2026 brings a new reading challenge thanks to Nicole. Changes made last year brought patrons to read 13, 531 books! This year “Let’s Read” has launched via Beanstack or paper forms found at the library or on the library website:
<https://www.tewksburypl.org/books-more/pages/lets-read-2026-adult-reading-challenge> .
- 📖 Changes continue to be made to the Children’s Department with new shelving locations and more space to display new children’s books! Renee and Laura continue to transform the department in ways that help our patrons find what they are looking for!
- 📖 A new book discussion group is forming. “Into the Past” is a historical fiction book group for adult readers who enjoy reading historical fiction. Meets quarterly on the last Thursday morning of the month at 10:30am in the Meeting Room. Books are available at the Front Desk one month before the discussion. All are welcome! [Click here to see the 2026 schedule of books and meetings.](#) 2026 meetings are scheduled for the following dates: [January 29th](#), [April 30th](#), [July 30th](#), and [October 29th](#).
- 📖 Second Quarter Statistics (October-December):
 - 📖 In Person: 228 programs with 5,059 attendees
 - 📖 Virtual Programs: 101 programs with 13,635 attendees.
(Please note that the virtual attendance figures reflect only the people who were at the program. It does not include those who watched it on our social media channels. That figure is incomplete at this point.)
- 📖 The library will be closed:
 - 📖 January 19, 2026, in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.