

Survey focused on Digital Offerings

1. How much have you missed the Belmont Public Library?
  - a. Wait a minute... was the library closed?
  - b. A little
  - c. A lot
  - d. I'm outside of the building right now holding a stereo over my head!
  
2. What have you missed the most about the Library?
  - a. Browsing physical materials
  - b. Coming to programs
  - c. Seeing the staff
  - d. Using the computers etc.
  - e. Getting some quiet work done
  
3. What digital resources have you used while the Library has been closed, check all that apply.
  - a. Virtual Programming
  - b. Overdrive - Ebooks
  - c. Libby -Ebooks
  - d. Audiobooks
  - e. Hoopla -Ebooks, Movies, Music
  - f. Kanopy – Movies and Great Courses
  - g. Acorn TV – British Television
  - h. Current Newspapers / Magazines
  - i. Historic Newspapers / Documents
  - j. Recommendations for Library Staff
  - k. Other Databases available through our website
    - i. If so, which ones. (Text Box)
  
4. What resources have you been using THE MOST from a distance (please rank the top 3)
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  - b. Overdrive - Ebooks
  - c. Libby -Ebooks
  - d. Audiobooks
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  - f. Kanopy – Movies and Great Courses
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5. If the Library could increase offerings in a specific area, what would be your top choice?
  - a. Ebooks

- b. Audiobooks
  - c. Streaming TV / Movies
  - d. Digital Magazines
  - e. Items in the Library of Things
  - f. Additional Newspapers and Periodicals
  - g. Some of the other items in Questions 3 and 4? Which One? Text Box
6. Something else (Text Box) Do you know what the Library of things is? (Or could ask Have you ever borrowed anything from the library of things and make choices Yes, No and What is the Library of Things??)
- a. Yes
  - b. No
7. Where there any services that we offered during the closure that you think we should offer permanently?
- a. Virtual programming
  - b. More digital offerings (More or "Expanded")
  - c. Curbside pickup of materials
  - d. More Homebound Delivery
8. Demographics Questions – my age is:
- a. Under 18
  - b. Between 18-35
  - c. Between 36-45
  - d. Between 46-55
  - e. Between 56-65
  - f. 65+
9. Demographics Question: Check all that apply – In my home we have (include yourself):
- a. Children age 0-5
  - b. Children age 6-10
  - c. Children age 11-13
  - d. Teenagers age 14-19
  - e. Children/Adults in their 20s
  - f. Adults in 30s-40s
  - g. Adults 50-65
  - h. Adults 65+
10. What services do you see at the Library now that you'd like to see more of in the next five years?  
Text Box

What services would you be interested in seeing at the Library in the next 5 years that you don't see now? Text Box



Title	IGTV Views	FB Views	Total Views	Total Videos	All Videos, Total Views
Bubble, Bubble, Pop!	265		265	37	5839
Two Little Monkeys	190				
Tea Break	198				
Where is Bunny?	171	180	351		
Let's Make a Sandwich	175				
Hippos Go Berserk	157	180	337		
Little Mouse, Little Mouse	171				
Silly Hat	133	129	262		
Good Morning!	92	128	220		
Bee-Bim-Bop!	81	122	203		
5 Little Hot Dogs	107	78	185		
What's the Weather Like?	139	92	231		
Hippo on the City Bus	80	87	167		
Dear Zoo	86	123	209		
Toast in the Toaster	68	93	161		
Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!	60	68	128		
Boo Hoo Baby	60	77	137		
Night Pirates	34	77	111		
Grumpy Bird	49	73	122		
I Love Tacos	68	113	181		
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom	69	69	138		
Mother, Father, and Uncle John	74	45	119		
Little Red Wagon	45	64	109		
Here is a Bag Part 1	62	79	141		
Here is a Bag Part 2	40	66	106		
Little Mousie Brown	53	83	136		
Red Light, Green Light	63	90	153		
Mama's Sleeping	65	84	149		
Charlie Chick	95	55	150		
Quack Hello	54	107	161		
Dance your Fingers	69	97	166		
Sam Who Never Forgets	56	86	142		
Here is a Beehive	72	79	151		
Bag of Bugs	128	109	237		
5 Plump Peas	135	89	224		
If you Plant a Seed	50	68	118		
Our Hands Say Thank You	92	77	169		
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Views are current as of...  
June 23, 2020

## Framework for Library Budget Considerations and Discussion

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners outlines several criteria for operation and certification. If a library does not meet these requirements, then they face losing certification.

To be certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the library must:

1. Meet the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (Our current FY21 is within 80K of failing to meet the MAR)
2. Meet the minimum standards of free public library service
3. Remain open a minimum number of hours per week
4. Allow non-resident borrowing
5. Expend a percentage (based on population) of the municipal appropriation on materials
6. Have a Director with a Master's Degree in Library Science

By meeting these State requirements, the Town of Belmont receives the following benefits:

1. The Library is allowed continued membership to the Minuteman Library Network which in turn allows interlibrary loans, reciprocal borrowing privileges and free use of other libraries for Belmont patrons.
2. The Library is allowed access to grants and ensures yearly state funding. Belmont Library usually receives in the range of \$25,000 - \$35,000 per year.

If a library or community does not meet these requirements, participation in the state program and in a consortium will be denied. This includes access to many state databases, curriculum, advocacy, the state aid funding, and most importantly our interlibrary loan program and connection with the Minuteman Library Network, of which Peter is a member of the Executive Board. It would be a challenging path to gain back certification. Requires 5 years of demonstrated progress and attainment of requirements.

In instances of extreme hardship, towns may apply for a waiver to retain access to these programs and services.

- Waivers require significant documentation from the community outlining the specific issue (in this case the budget in the COVID19 era). Attestations must be provided by senior municipal employee as well as from the library Director and Trustees
- Only 10 waivers per current guidelines will be granted statewide per year
- Waivers are for a specific issue and duration. Materials that must be submitted include detailed budgets for the year in question as well as budget details for forthcoming years to demonstrate that there is an agreed to and committed plan to remedy the issue

Focusing specifically on #1 above (The Municipal Appropriations Requirement) The MAR requires that the budget continues to grow year over year by 2.5%. If the FY21 budget was set to meet the MAR only, a lack of a 2.5% increase in FY22 would require we go through the waiver process.