

JEUDEVINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Quarterly Report
January - March 2026

We met our fundraising goal with the annual appeal, and raised even more!
\$35,000 from generous library supporters



Patrons through
the doors:
6,563

Total Circulation:
4,033



Number of
Library Programs:
29

Number of people who
attended programs:
345



Cooking Club



Meeting Rooms
Borrowed:
138 times



Compared to
January - March
of 2025:

Patrons: 1,985

Circulation: 3,425

Programs: 34

Volunteer Hours: 28

Meeting Room: 0

Volunteer
Hours:
123

dollar equivalent
\$1,774

NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES
OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

FREE TAX CLINICS:
STATE AND FEDERAL TAX FORMS E-FILED

You must sign up at the library for a time slot,
and you will be given a list of items
to bring to your appointment!

Saturdays from 10-1:30 PM
March 28 & April 11



**Hardwick Rescue
Storytime**



Highlights

- The USDA came for a walk-through of the building, and they paid the final bill.
- Completed the annual report for the Department of Libraries
- Completed evaluations for both part-time staff
- Started the strategic planning process with consultant Kate McGowan
- Generous patrons have stepped up to help the Galaxy Bookshop survive the construction season and help us grow our collection by donating gift funds to the bookstore
- Dialing in the HVAC system for maximum efficiency is ongoing
- Thanks to the new meeting spaces and a volunteer, we were able to offer four Saturdays of tax clinics for the first time.
- The Alchemist chose us for their Tips for Change program, which selects 16-24 organizations to receive tips from their customers quarterly for one year. (In 2024-2025, they distributed \$200,000 among the groups.)
- Neighbor to Neighbor
 - Library staff answers calls and emails for NtN. In the past three months, NtN helped find someone a place to shower, found rides to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, court in St. J., and food pantries; assisted Hardwick Fire Auxiliary in finding information about shelter options for displaced families, found volunteers to stack wood and shovel snow, and found a volunteer to change out multiple dead car batteries.

Programs Offered January - March:

Adults: Skein & Sketch each month, two Vermont Humanities sponsored events for the Vermont Reads program: a book discussion and a presentation about community building following floods, the Friends of the Jeudevine sponsored a murder mystery film discussion event with Rick Winston and then a series of four murder mystery movies on Friday nights, four free tax clinics, meet the select board candidates panel discussion, and a documentary and discussion about natural burial in Vermont with Vermont Forest Cemetery.

Kids: Jeudevine Players, Homeschool Ukulele, Storytimes, including one with Hardwick Rescue Squad, Kids' Chorus, Baking Club, Teen Minecraft Competition, a robotics build with the robotics club from St. J. Academy, and a teen Magic: The Gathering group meeting once a week.

MEMO: Hardwick Select Board, David Upson & Mike Henry

FROM: Tonia Chase

Date: April 16, 2026

Subject: Liquor, Tobacco & Tobacco Substitute Endorsement License Request

Hello Everyone:

Tonight you have the following permits for consideration.

First Class license for:

Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion Inc.

Second Class Licenses for:

Global Montello Group, Corp. d/b/a Jiffy Mart #457

Third Class Licenses for:

Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion Inc.

Outside Consumption Permit for:

Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion Inc.

Tobacco License:

Global Montello Group, Corp. d/b/a Jiffy Mart #457

Tobacco Substitute Endorsement:

Global Montello Group, Corp. d/b/a Jiffy Mart #457

All applications are renewals and have no violations.

DRAFT Job Description Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee Member

Members of the Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee serve in an advisory role to assist the Select Board with community engagement and development of the Management Plan for the Town Forest.

Expectations:

- Participate in meetings to focus on planning for sustainability and the overall public good by regular attendance at meetings and review materials when possible.
- Ability to engage respectfully through discussion and collaboration.
- Representation of community interests and consider a range of community perspectives.
- Help to ensure information is shared openly and Vermont's Open Meeting Law is followed.
- Develop recommendations while recognizing the Select Board retains decision authority.

Purpose of the Committee:

Town or community forests are municipally owned forests that provide long-term public benefits such as recreation, wildlife habitat protection, sustainable forestry, water quality protection, education opportunities, and community connection to the landscape.

The Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee will assist the Select Board in developing a Management Plan for the Buffalo Mountain Town Forest. The committee will facilitate community engagement, review information about the property, and develop recommendations related to stewardship and long-term management. Recommendations developed by the committee will be forwarded to the Hardwick Select Board for consideration. Final authority regarding management of the forest remains with the Hardwick Select Board, within the parameters of the conservation easement.

Appointment Process:

In making appointments, the Select Board will consider a variety of factors including:

- representation from relevant town committees
- interest in forestry, conservation, recreation, or education
- ability to work collaboratively in a committee setting
- representation of a range of community perspectives
- availability to participate in meetings and planning activities

The Select Board may also appoint liaisons or representatives from relevant Town committees such as the Planning Commission or Conservation Commission.

Appointments will be made during a publicly warned Select Board meeting in accordance with Vermont Open Meeting Law.

The Select Board retains authority to adjust committee membership over time as needed to support the work of the committee.

To apply to be appointed as a Steering Committee Member please submit a letter (or email) including the following information to the Town Managers' Office

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you a Hardwick resident?

Why are you interested in serving on the Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee?

Relevant experience or interests (examples: forestry, trails, wildlife habitat, recreation, education, conservation, community engagement):

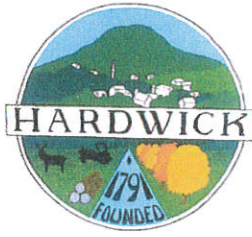
Are you able to attend periodic evening meetings?

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Additional comments:

DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

SOUTH MAIN STREET • SPRING/SUMMER 2026



Downtown
Hardwick is
Under Construction



...and Open
for Business!



| Start | Expected Duration | Finish Goal | What are they working on now? | What's Happening Downtown? |
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| April 8 | 5days | April 14 | Excavate & Install Shoring for retaining wall & bridge abutments | HDP posting Hardwick "Open for Business" signage |
| April 15 | 1day | April 15 | Install Micropile steel/cement supports for retaining wall | Information & Discussions about State Tax Credit Opportunities for property owners in Designated Downtown |
| April 15 | 5days | April 21 | Excavate & Install Shoring | April 17 Downtown "Do Day" w/students to clean up downtown |
| April 21 | 1day | April 22 | Install Final Micropyle - Prep, Form & Pour Concrete Footings | April 17-19 Civic Standard - Hardwick State 2026 |
| April 22 | 10days | May 5 | Excavate & Install Shoring | May 4th - Cork & Fork hosting Downtown Business Mixer |
| May 6 | 12days | May 21 | Install Micropile steel/cement supports abutment | May 12 Galaxy Bookshop Author Event • Jane English - <i>White Pines</i> at the Jeudevine Memorial Library, Parker Ladd Community Room |
| May 6 | 3days | May 8 | Excavate | Students complete Flowers for "Flower Power" Public Art Project |
| May 6 | 2days | May 25 | Install Micropile steel/cement supports | May 22nd - Opening Day at the Hardwick Farmer's Market |
| May 26 | 5 days | Jun 1 | Prep for Footings | May 22nd/23rd Hardwick Annual SpringFest Celebration! |
| Jun 2 | 8days | Jun 11 | Form & Pour Footings | Jun 10 - Youth Market - Atkins Field |
| Jun 12 | 5days | Jun 18 | Backfill Footings/Prep for Walls & Abutments | June 16 Galaxy Bookshop Book Launch Event • Garret Keizer • <i>Starting from Paterson</i> at The Galaxy Bookshop |
| Jun 19 | 21days | July 17 | Form & Pour Concrete Walls & Abutments | Jun 19th Pollinator Fest - Atkins Field June 30 Galaxy Bookshop Book Launch Event • Brett Stanciu • <i>Call it Madness</i> at Jeudevine Memorial Library, Parker Ladd Community Room July 14 Galaxy Bookshop Event • Rowan Jacobson • <i>In Defense of Sunlight</i> at The Galaxy Bookshop |
| July 19 | 5days | Jul 24 | Backfill Walls & Abutments | July 16 - Aug 20th Craftsbury Chamber Players Summer Concerts on Thursday Evenings at the Hardwick Town House |
| Jul 24 | 10days | Jul 31 | Install Stone Fill | July 27 - August 7 Civic Standard Civic Theater Camp & Performances |
| Aug 3 | 4days | Aug 6 | Prep & Assemble Bridge | EXPLORE • DINE • SHOP to support Downtown Hardwick! |
| Aug 7 | 1day | Aug 7 | Install Pedestrian Bridge | Aug 7 Community Farm & Food Celebration - Atkins Field |
| Aug 10 | 10-30days | Sept 19 | Finish Remaining Backfilling & Stone Fill Install Electrical & Complete Landscaping | Sept 25 Harvest Festival - Atkins Field |
| Sept 21 | 17days | Oct 14 | Closeout Retaining Wall & Pedestrian Bridge Projects! | AWARE Fall Festival Craft Fair & Bridge Opening Celebration! |

Hardwick Downtown Partnership
www.hardwickdowntown.org