

Report of the Lane Memorial Library 2014

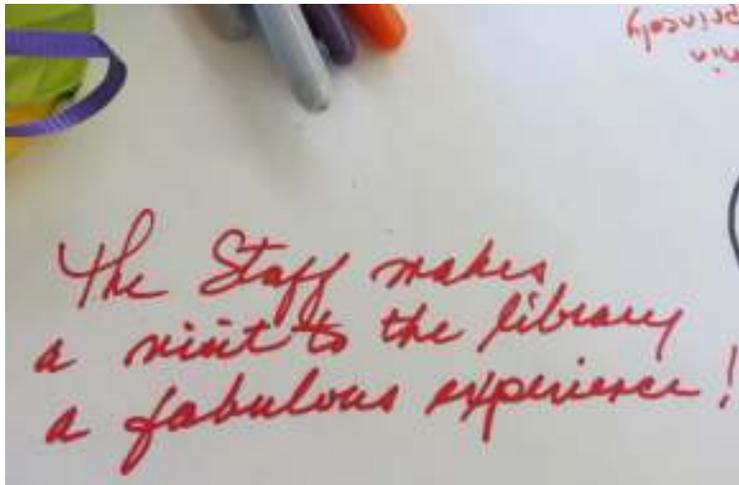
By the numbers

The full collection of the library at the end of 2014 totaled 71,414 titles. Over the course of the year 7,204 titles were added and 4,939 titles were removed. We had 11,162 registered patrons in 2014.

Circulated materials	186,725	(193,356 in 2013)
Visits	132,405	(131,388 in 2013)
Computer uses	16,557	(19,298 in 2013)
Reference questions	3,234	(5,199 in 2013)
Programs	374	(320 in 2013)
Program attendees	8,598	(7,000 in 2013)

General

Annual reports are a time to reflect and every year I have taken the time to mention how exceptional the Lane Memorial Library is in one way or another. In 2014 we, as a work place and a public institution, experienced something that I am certain has never happened before in our long history and I hope never happens again. Two of our Public Services Assistants, the front desk ladies to the public, were grievously injured on June 12th during their personal time. Our friends and our coworkers, Karen Weinhold and Lisa Beaudry, were hurt and we had to continue operating a library without news for many days and weeks, and without them for many months. I don't think that I can describe what that experience was like for us. But the exceptional part, the thing that sets the Lane Memorial Library apart, are the staff who carried on and the people who stepped forward to fill Karen's and Lisa's shoes. Chris Singleton, Sharon Svirsky, and Donna Jardin have been truly extraordinary long term substitutes. Deb Covert, Claudia Cyrus, and Rose Hanley bore up under incredible strain and performed wonderfully. Kathleen Hall, the Public Services Assistant Librarian for just one year at the time of the accident, coordinated and motivated the entire front desk crew with calm surety. And finally, Lisa and Karen themselves made it clear that they intended to return to this great work place as soon as they were physically able and they have. This year I will make no numerical statement about an area of success, this year I will shine the bright light of achievement on the extraordinary staff of the Lane Memorial Library. Well done!



Kind words from a patron during Nat'l Lib Week 2014

Staff & Trustees

After thirteen years of kind, diligent service Public Services Library Assistant Elli Cyr found it necessary to leave the library in April. While she is sorely missed her position is now held by Rose Hanley, a cheerful addition to the Public Services desk. We also welcomed Dick Desrosiers to the Library Board of Trustees this year after a seat became vacant.

Building & Equipment

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Lane Memorial Library Stacy Mazur, Teen Services Librarian, developed and installed a gaming center on the main floor of the library in 2014. The center is located in the newly refurbished Teen Section, also funded by the Friends. Each afternoon we host drop-in gaming and during holidays and school breaks we host special events as well.

In 2013, during the repainting of the ceiling on the main floor it became apparent that the ceiling had several leaks. It was too far into cold and wet weather conditions to repair it at that time. In 2014 the center portion of the library roof, the parapet, was completely resurfaced and sealed. This has eliminated the leaks on the main floor. The library was able to make better use of rain water from the roof in 2014 as well. The Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Hampton Garden Club installed an educational rain garden on the library's Winnacunnet Road lawn.

At the tail end of 2014 the library had two new photocopiers installed and is anticipating a new multipurpose printer in the coming weeks. These devices all employ cloud printing solutions making it possible for any member of the public to print from library workstations as well as phones, tablets, or other device as long as they have internet connections. All of the new equipment is owned by the library and all money for their use directly benefits the library and contributes to keeping the equipment in service. We anticipate better management of supply resources and funds with this new equipment.

Programs

The library hosted an exciting variety of events in 2014 that drew more attendance than ever. We also began using an online museum pass reservation program making it possible for patrons to book a museum pass from home without needing to call the library. Patrons may make use of the service by visiting <http://lanememoriallibrary.schedulething.com>.

New and notable events in 2014:

- American Girl dance party with crafts, movie, photo-op cutout, and live dance performance
- Barbara London Jazz Trio concert
- Comic book workshop with local artist Rich Woodall
- Dr. Suess birthday party
- Lego robotics instruction and creation
- Big City, Small Town a photo exchange program between our library and the Turabibaba Library



Kids dancing at the Summer Reading Program finale

in Istanbul, Turkey

-Summer Reading programs for all ages

-Book groups and writing workshops

Volunteers

In 2014 volunteers donated 2,081 hours of their time, for which the library cannot thank them enough. In shelving and processing books, in indexing the *Hampton Union* for our database, and in various special projects these volunteers have given \$22,891 worth of labor.

It is my pleasure to serve the Hampton community and to work with the staff and Board of Trustees the Lane Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted,
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Director