

LIBRARY, RECREATION AND SCHOOLS

TRUSTEES OF THE LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY 2017

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Jacquelin Apsler, Chair	Selectmen's Appointee	2020
Ron Chester	Self-Perpetuating	
Martin Dermady	School Committees' Appointee	2019
Jen James	Elected	2019
Kathleen P. Nichols	Self-Perpetuating	
Peter Sugar	Self-Perpetuating	

Statistics

Use of the library is expanding overall. The number of items checked out and the number of patron visits decreased slightly. The number of programs offered, attendance at those programs increased. There were significant increases in remote use of the library by patrons including website visits, and downloading eBooks, eAudios, and eVideos.

	FY2016	FY2017	% Increase
Total Circulation	162,768	157,220	-3.41%
Digital Circulation	8,468	12,694	+49.91%
HAFB Circulation	4,169	3,375	-19.05%
Reference Questions	11,175	11,218	+0.38%
Programs	476*	651	+36.76%
Program Attendance	8,193*	12,170	+48.54%
Patron Visits	88,071	87,894	-0.20%
Website Visits	65,144	134,562**	+106.56%
* Some data was lost during a conversion			
** New website launched in December 2016			

Programming Highlights

The library opened for the first time for half a day on Saturdays in July. To encourage people to visit the library the Children's Department gave storytimes and refreshments on Saturday mornings.

We have three book groups for adults and three book groups for kids. There are also programs for people with diverse artistic talents (Photoshare, Traditional Jazz Jams, Lincoln Open Mike Acoustic, and The Write Stuff). A new knitting group and the Lincoln Film Society meet every week.

Lincoln residents, Jason and Jessica Packineau discussed the protest at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota and South Dakota. This program was part of a statewide read to celebrate the Bicentennial of Henry

David Thoreau's birth. Jeffrey Cramer, Curator from the Walden Woods Project, read a passage from Thoreau's work, Civil Disobedience, and participated in the discussion. A new and popular outing was a bus trip to the Peabody Essex Museum to see their exhibit about the history of shoes from the reign of Queen Victoria through the 20th century. The Friends of the Library paid for the bus. Prior to the trip, RISD fashion historian, Karen Antonowicz, gave a lecture about the history of shoes. Ellen Mecray, NOAA Regional Administrator, presented data showing how the climate is changing. During the summer we had two outdoor concerts. Lauren Passarelli, master guitarist, songwriter and Berklee College of Music's Beatles Professor, sang Beatles songs. The Pan Loco Steel Band gave a steel drum concert. Lincoln resident, Gwyn Loud, gave an informal talk on the basics of bird identification on the terrace off of the Link.

The Children's Department offers three weekly preschool storytimes. Monthly events included: Sing-Along with Ed Morgan, Kids Lego Club, and Wednesday Afternoon Matinee. STEAM programs were offered for the first time including, Mad Science Brixology, Lego Robotic Demonstration, What Makes Planes Fly, Building a Bubble-Rocket, and Coding with Minecraft.

For an afternoon during April vacation the second floor of the library was transformed into a mini golf course. The course had hills, jumps, bumps, twists, and loops. 454 kids took part in our 2017 Summer Reading Program. 35 of these kids who were entering grades four through seven and completed the Summer Reading Challenge attended the Great Summer Sleepover.

New Materials

We added digital magazines (through RB Digital) and Transparent Language to the library's eSources. Transparent Language has extensive courses for over 100 languages. WiFi hotspots, an external floppy disk drive, and a machine that converts audio cassettes to MP3 files were added to our Library of Things.

Grants

The Trustees of the Ogden Codman Trust approved the library's request for \$8,100 which will pay half of the cost to install a hearing loop in the Tarbell Room. State Aid funds will pay the other half of the project cost. Hearing loops work with hearing aids equipped with telecoils. When the telecoils are turned on, sound is transmitted directly from the hearing loop to hearing aids and background noise is eliminated.

An anonymous donor made a \$250,000 gift to The Boston Foundation to establish the Lincoln MA Public Library Large Print Endowment Fund. The yearly distributions from this fund will allow the library to purchase more materials for people with low vision than we purchase now.

Building and Grounds

A handicapped accessible ramp was installed next to the steepest section of the sidewalk along Library Lane.