



Cumberland Public Library

Annual Report 2014

In the last year
town support for
the Library was
\$1,205,823 with
state support of
\$270,331.

Cumberland
patrons received
services and
materials valued at
\$5,000,516!

That's why we are
the best bargain in
town!

By the Numbers...

201,104 people
walked through our
doors last year.

The Library
has 19,280 library
card holders

We answered 21,070
questions last year

Our computers were
used by library
patrons 30,556 times

This Is Your Library!



The Cumberland Public Library is located in a former Cistercian Monastery situated on over 500 acres of property. The 55,000 square foot library incorporates the old monastery cloister, retaining vaulted ceilings and arched windows, and the newer tech savvy addition with computers and free wifi. Together the library building and walking trails provide a community center for both study and recreation for the people of Cumberland.

The Library is committed to serving the changing needs of our community by

providing a gateway to free sources of knowledge, information and entertainment both within and beyond our walls.

The Library promotes literacy and a love of reading, but adapts and innovates to stay relevant to patrons' changing needs and interests. We are a learning organization and invest in our staff, technology, and infrastructure to improve service.

The Library enriches lives by fostering lifelong learning and by ensuring that every member of the community has access to a vast array of ideas and information.



Who We Are

The Cumberland Public Library was established by the Town Council in 1971 and moved to its present location on the Monastery Grounds in 1976.

The Library is governed by a seven member Board of

Trustees, appointed by the Cumberland Town Council.

The Library is a member of the Ocean State Libraries statewide network. Your Ocean State Libraries card gives you access to the

holdings of public libraries in 39 cities and towns, over 5 million items!



By the numbers...

Last year Cumberland Library card holders...

Checked out 178,658 books

102,338 movies, CDs and audiobooks

9,133 video games

895 museum passes

390 toys and puzzles

Total circulation was 354,294!!!



Cumberland
patrons

downloaded
25,553 books
from RI eZone!

Where do those materials come from?

Cumberland Library belongs to the Ocean State Libraries network of public libraries in the state of Rhode Island. Together we hold over 5 million items!

Your OSL library card can be used in any of the public libraries in Rhode Island, but if you don't like to drive around the state we would be happy to have it sent here!

Last year our patrons received 40,410 items from libraries around the state. We aren't selfish though, we shared 40,971 items with those same libraries.

Your Library is always open!

Your library card is also good when we are closed. Use it to access our online resources:

- **Mango Languages** - Choose from over 60 foreign languages and learn at your own pace
- **EBSCO Magazine Index** - Access to hundreds of full text magazines
- **Tutor.com** - Need homework help? Login from 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. for expert assistance
- **RI eZone** - Nothing to read? Download ebooks and audiobooks to your smartphone, iPad, Kindle, Nook and more! Borrow music or stream a movie!
- **Freegal** - Download and keep up to 5 MP3's per week.

Library Card Holders have
access to 44 different
online resources @
[www.cumberlandlibrary.org](http://www.cumberlandlibrary.org/all-databases)
/all-databases



Inside the Library

The Library is over 55,000 square feet of information and entertainment opportunities. We call ourselves the “best bargain in town” and it is so true!

- Where else can you borrow movies, TV shows, books, video games, toys and puzzles for free?
- You can also read our over 136 magazines and newspapers and use our computers with Internet and Microsoft Office. Or bring your own device and use our free wifi.
- We have study rooms for quiet study or small groups and seven larger rooms for community groups and organizations to use for their meetings.
- Why not check out the Library Café? Hot coffee, cold drinks and snacks can be purchased and enjoyed in our soft seating area.
- Enjoy the art work and photographs of local artists in the Hayden Center Art Gallery.

All together 17,947 people
attended our programs last year!

Entertainment

The Library holds programs and events for all ages and interests. Storytimes, crafts and performers for the children; computer classes, cooking demonstrations, movie matinees and more for adults; clubs and crafts for teens; and other events for families are held throughout the year.

The annual Summer Reading Program draws over 1,000 participants reading and writing reviews of books for all age groups.

The Library circulates books, movies, video games, magazines, toys and music. Use your library card to download ebooks, audiobooks, music and streaming video. Or use our Universal Class to take classes on Microsoft Office, wedding planning, origami, writing resumes and over 500 other topics.



Financials



\$77,578 on print materials, books, magazines and newspapers.



\$39,426 on video games, museum passes, educational toys and puzzles



\$28,885 on movies, TV shows, audiobooks and music CDs



\$7,463 on library programs for all ages.



\$130,794 on phone, electricity heat and air conditioning.



\$1,281,107 on the rest including salaries, printing, supplies and fees.

Friends of the Cumberland Library

The Friends of the Cumberland Library are an amazing group of volunteers dedicated to raising funds to pay for items and programs we might not otherwise be able to afford. The Friends Bookstore, open only a few hours per week, is the envy of all the libraries in the state. They are so organized their store has generated over \$115,000 in revenue in the six years that they have been open. And their most expensive book is only \$1.00!



FRIENDS BOOKSTORE HOURS

THURSDAYS 5:30 - 7:30

SATURDAYS 9:30 - 12:30

Great Stuff the Friends have bought us:

- Over \$3,400 annually for Summer Reading Programs and prizes
- \$6,900 for vending machines in the Library Café
- \$5,200 annually for Museum Passes
 - Over \$800 in LEGOS
 - Carpeting the Teen Den
- Meeting room tables and chairs
 - Book displays
- Video Games and DVDs
- And much, much, more!

During this past year Library Staff worked on a brand for the Library with a new logo, new slogan and website design.



Cumberland
Public Library

Your Window to Information, Entertainment, Community



Looking Ahead

**Our *Geek the Library* campaign last year said it all.
Whatever your interests, hobbies or needs,
whatever you are passionate about,
the Library is here for you!**

We strive to keep up with changing technologies to support our patrons who have the latest gadgets and at the same time have books and magazines for our more traditional patrons.

A library card opens doors to both education and entertainment and bridges the digital divide between those who have the technology and those who do not.

The Library has been called the Best Bargain in Town. The Board of Trustees and Library Staff strive to meet that challenge every day.

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