Cumberland Public Library
Annual Report 2015

By the Numbers...

189,344 people walked through our doors last year.

The Library has 16,405 library card holders

We answered 18,716 questions last year

Our computers were used by library patrons 24,834 times

502 groups used our meeting rooms.

18,484 attended our programs.

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!

Ocean State LIBRARIES
Connecting Rhode Island

By the numbers...

Last year Cumberland Library card holders...

Checked out   195,010 books

112,978 movies, CDs and audiobooks

8,569 video games

19,023 digital downloads

969 museum passes

329 toys and puzzles

Total circulation was 336,878!!!

Cumberland patrons downloaded 19,023 ebooks and audiobooks 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 35,729 items from libraries around the state. We aren't selfish though, we shared 39,460 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.cumberlandlbirary.org /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 Art Gallery. Each month we highlight a different artist.

> All together 18,484 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

$78,282 on print materials, books, magazines and newspapers.

$37,653 on video games, museum passes, educational toys, databases and digital books

$121,276 on phone, electricity heat and air conditioning.

$31,768 on movies, TV shows, audiobooks and music CDs

$8,536 on library programs for all ages.

Everything Else! $1,228,972 on the rest including salaries, printing, supplies, computers 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 five hours per week, is the envy of all the libraries in the state. They are so organized their store has generated over **$136,000** in revenue in the eight years that they have been open. And their most expensive book is only $1.00! In FY 15 the Friends purchased items for the Library totaling $29,431.

THANK YOU

FRIENDS BOOKSTORE HOURS
THURSDAYS 5:30 - 7:30
SATURDAYS 9:30 - 12:30

A Little Help!

While the bulk of our funding comes with town support we always seek out grants and other resources to help us reach our goals. In FY 15 we thankfully received the following:

- **Champlin Foundations—$39,800 to finish carpeting the second floor**

- **June Rockwell Levy Foundation— $15,000 toward upgrading our data cabling to the fastest standard**

- **RI Legislative Grant—$2,000 from Senator Ryan Pearson to start our Creation Station Makerspace**

- **RI Interlocal Trust—$1,000 to install safety bollards outside the Children's Room**

- **Cumberland Public Works—Beautifully replaced a failing Monastery wall. It not only will help avoid an accident, but looks great too!**

This past summer the Library started an Outdoor Concert Series. Altogether over 300 people attended our two Music at the Monastery concerts on the library's front lawn. It's a relaxing way to spend an evening with good music and food from Mickey's Clam Shack and Kona Ice.
We plan to expand to three concerts next summer!

Looking Ahead

A Legislative Grant through Senator Ryan Pearson and some help from the Friends will allow us to open our new Creation Station. Patrons will be able to use this equipment to convert VHS, cassettes, and LPs to a digital format and transfer to disc or a flashdrive. The new iMac computer will allow for video and music editing too.

We added two new services as well. Thanks to help from Verizon Wireless patrons can ask to borrow charging cords for a variety of cellphones so they can charge their phones while working at the library.

We also have a new disc cleaner that can remove most scratches from DVDs, CDs, BluRay and video game discs. Circulation staff will clean up to 4 discs at a time for just $.25 each!