



Cumberland Public Library

Annual Report 2017

In the last year
town support for
the Library was
1,238,231 with
state support of
\$287,647.

Cumberland
patrons received
services and
materials valued at
\$6,488,128

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

By the Numbers...

187,549 people walked
through our doors.

The Library has 14,792
library card holders

We answered 18,097
questions last year

Our computers were
used by library
patrons 22,252 times

19,389 people logged
into our free WiFi

391 groups used our
meeting rooms.

24,303 people 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!



By the numbers...

Last year Cumberland Library card holders checked out 149,957 books; 109,657 movies, 8,752 CDs; 12,127 audiobooks; 25,119 digital downloads; 13,033 video games and toys; and 959 museum passes.

Total circulation was 319,604!!!



Membership in Ocean State Libraries allows patrons to use their library card to choose from over 5 million items statewide. Besides borrowing from their home library, last year our patrons received 35,703 items from around the state. We aren't selfish though, we shared 39,483 items with those same libraries. Our excellent delivery system, paid with state funding, brings materials every weekday.



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
- **Newsbank** - Provides access to newspapers across the country, including the Providence Journal back to the 1980's
- **RI eZone** - Nothing to read? Download ebooks and audiobooks to your personal device. Borrow music or stream a movie! 25,119 circulations last year!
- **NextReads**—Sign up for newsletters for your favorite genre, upcoming bestsellers and previews of Library programs.
- **Universal Class** - Free with your library card! Choose from over 540 classes on topics ranging from computers to flower arranging.

Try out new things!

Thanks to the Friends of the Cumberland Library patrons can borrow a **Telescope** to watch the stars and a **Roku** to stream movies.

Why not try before you buy?!

Inside the Library

The Library is over 55,200 square feet of information and entertainment opportunities. We call ourselves the “best bargain in town” and it is so true!



- Borrow movies, TV shows, books, video games, toys.
- Read our over 140 magazines and newspapers; use our computers with Internet and MS Office; 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.
- Library-wide programs celebrate popular culture and involve the whole family. Last year was *Harry Potter Day*, *Chopped at the Library* and *Free Comic Book Day*
- Enjoy the art work and photographs of local artists in the *Hayden Art Gallery* on the second floor. Each month we highlight a different local artist or photographer.

All together **24,303** 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, coding club and more for adults; clubs and crafts for teens; and other events for families are held throughout the year.

The annual Summer Reading Program drew over 1,393 participants last year as we worked with the schools for their summer literacy programs. This year kids could choose to use their reading points to donate to help children in Syria instead of taking a toy. \$357.00 was donated to children in need!

Our Summer Concert Series is in its third year. Over 500 music lovers enjoyed the free concerts this year.



Financials



 \$80,362 on print materials, books, magazines and newspapers.

\$26,160 on movies, TV shows, audio-books and music CDs



\$34,175 on video games, museum passes, educational toys, databases and digital books



\$10,571 on library programs for all ages.



\$145,229 on utilities, maintenance and service contracts



\$1,334,916 on the rest including salaries, printing, supplies, computers and licenses

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 **\$178,162** in revenue in the ten years that they have been open. And their most expensive book is only \$1.00!

In FY17 the Friends purchased items for the Library totaling \$30,074.00.



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 17 we thankfully received the following:

- Champlin Foundations—\$54,080 to renovate public restrooms
- RI Legislative Grant—\$2,000 from Senator Ryan Pearson for a Pre-school computer
- Friends of the Library—\$7,668 in additional programming funds

That's a total of \$63,748 in grants we used to make our library better without impacting the town.



Family Fun Days...

From Harry Potter Day to Free Comic Book Day, the Library invites families to enjoy a unique experience together.



Looking Ahead



- The Library is expanding their collections with a streaming media service.
- We will be expanding our building wide programs to a Library ComicCon in the Fall of 2018.

• The Library Board of Trustees hope to continue expanding our Teen Department. We offer a safe place for teens to meet and opportunities to volunteer for the Community. We will seek grants so that our Teen programs can remain free so that all may take part.

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