



# Cumberland Public Library Annual Report 2022

In the last year,  
town support for  
the Library was  
\$1,433,380 with  
State support of  
\$308,514

Cumberland  
patrons received  
services and  
materials valued at  
\$5,757,752

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

## In FY 22:

112,359 people walked  
through our doors.

The Library has 10,983  
library card holders

We answered 11,378  
questions last year

Library patrons used our  
computers 5,719 times

16,259 people logged  
into our free WiFi

316 groups used our  
meeting rooms.

18,105 people attended  
our programs.

## This Is Your Library!



This fiscal year was a year of recovery. We bounced back from the ransomware attack. Patrons felt safe enough to return for indoor programs and staff got creative with their offerings. We also had some personnel changes in the Children's and Teen departments.

We are still offering programs outside, especially for those age groups who are too young to be vaccinated. Grab n Go crafts for all ages are still sell-outs, but we also welcome back patrons for in person crafting programs. Circulation of digital materials is still quite high, but circulation of physical materials is increasing.

While we call the library addition of 2000 "new", it is now 22 years old. Our fire panel failed and needed to be replaced in order for us to safely remain open. Then the AC unit in our server room died, causing temps to soar into the mid-80s. Authorization by the Mayor and the Town Council enabled us to get it replaced before we lost any equipment or data.

The creation of the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund will help us enormously when dealing with these kinds of capital expenses. Almost all of our HVAC units have been rebuilt as they are also 22 years old.

We received several large grants this year. Our computer inventory got a boost with \$15,000 in ARPA grants. We are expanding our shelving in the Children's Room with a \$10,832 grant. The Simon W. Wardwell Foundation has awarded us \$28,000 to replace and repair some of our HVAC units. And our Friends of the Cumberland Library group gave us over \$23,000 for programs and furnishings in FY22.

## 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 177,152 books; 42,722 movies and CDs; and 52,968 digital downloads. Usage of the RIeZone collection continues to grow.



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 37,752 items from around the state. We aren't selfish though, we shared 40,410 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:

- **Hoopla** - Borrow ebooks, eAudio, digital movies and TV shows. There are no wait times with Hoopla!
- **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! 43,396 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!

Our video game collection lets you try out a game without buying. We have games for the PS4, XboxOne and the Nintendo Switch.

## 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, literacy kits and more.
- Read 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.
- 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.
- Our Rhode Island Room has local history books, RI General Laws, Cumberland High School yearbooks and a genealogy collection. The library also subscribes to Ancestry.com, an online genealogy tool containing hundreds of databases and thousands of records.

All together people **16,105** attended our programs in person  
and virtually last year!

## Entertainment

The Library holds programs and events for all ages and interests. Storytimes, crafts and performers for the children; book discussions, cooking demonstrations, art groups and more for adults; clubs, volunteer work and crafts for teens; and other events for families are held throughout the year.

The annual Summer Reading Program is designed to help children maintain their reading levels during summer break. Kids earn points for reading and can use their points for small rewards or donate to a charity. Thanks to donations from Navigant and Pawtucket Credit Union and the Cumberland Lions Club, they were able to donate \$650 of supplies to Save the Bay!

We were able to bring back our Music at the Monastery Concert series this year. Over 200 music lovers enjoyed the free concerts in July and August.

## Financials



 \$77,574 on print materials, books, magazines and newspapers.

\$26,323 on movies, TV shows, audiobooks and music CDs



\$52,614 on video games, museum passes, educational toys, databases and digital books



\$23,837 on library programs for all ages.



\$155,613 on utilities, maintenance and service contracts



\$1,453,362 on the rest including salaries, printing, supplies, computers and licenses

## Friends of the Cumberland Library

The Friends of the Cumberland Public 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 seven and a half hours per week, is the envy of all the libraries in the state. They are so organized their store has generated over **\$284,604** in revenue in the fifteen years that they have been open. And their most expensive book is only **\$1.00!**

In FY22 the Friends funded programs and purchased items for the Library totaling **\$23,247.**



### FRIENDS BOOKSTORE HOURS

WEDNESDAYS 10:00—2:00

SATURDAYS 9:00—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 22 we thankfully received the following:

- RI Legislative Grant—\$2,000 from Senator Ryan Pearson for water fountains with water bottle filling stations
- Friends of the Library—\$4,038 to renovate the Children's Room. \$19,209 in additional programming funds
- Champlin Foundation—\$10,385 to expand the shelving in the Children's Room.
- Simon W. Wardwell Foundation—\$28,000 to replace/repair HVAC Units
- ARPA grants—\$15,000 to upgrade computers

*All grants are used to make our library better without impacting the town.*

## Family Fun Days...

We hope to bring back our Library Wide programs this year as long as it is safe to do so.



## Looking Ahead



- The Library is re-organizing the Teen Section to make staff more visible
- We will be moving our children's collections around to make room to expand.
- We will be continuing to upgrade HVAC units, paint, and maintain the building.

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