



Cumberland Public Library

Annual Report 2016

In the last year
town support for
the Library was
\$1,238,231 with
state support of
\$266,665.

Cumberland
patrons received
services and
materials valued at
\$6,524,567

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

By the Numbers...

176,564 people walked
through our doors last
year.

The Library has 15,569
library card holders

We answered 18,266
questions last year

Our computers were
used by library
patrons 24,498 times
466 groups used our
meeting rooms.

22,754 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 160,241 books; 127,282 movies, CDs & audiobooks; 22,082 digital downloads; 17,885 video games and toys; and 952 museum passes.

Total circulation was 328,442!!!



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 36,162 items from around the state. We aren't selfish though, we shared 39,929 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.
- **RI eZone** - Nothing to read? Download ebooks and audiobooks to your personal device. Borrow music or stream a movie! 22,082 circulations last year!
- **Freegal** - Download and keep up to 5 MP3's per week.
- **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 and puzzles for free?
- You can also read our over 140 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.
- Our first Book Lovers Festival attracted 35 local authors to talk about their work and sell copies. Over 100 book lovers attended!
- Enjoy the art work and photographs of local artists in the Hayden Art Gallery. Each month we highlight a different artist or photographer.



All together **22,754** 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 1,800 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 the local animal shelter instead of taking a toy. 1,152 cans of pet food were donated!

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



Financials



 \$77,046 on print materials, books, magazines and newspapers.

\$31,691 on movies, TV shows, audio-books and music CDs



\$41,244 on video games, museum passes, educational toys, databases and digital books



\$8,025 on library programs for all ages.



\$143,229 on utilities, maintenance and service contracts



\$1,284,869 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 **\$151,815** in revenue in the nine years that they have been open. And their most expensive book is only \$1.00! In FY16 the Friends purchased items for the Library totaling \$21,937.



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 16 we thankfully received the following:

- Champlin Foundations—\$129,050 to expand the Teen Center on the 2nd floor
- June Rockwell Levy Foundation— \$5,000 for shelving and furniture for the Teen Center
- RI Legislative Grant—\$2,000 from Senator Ryan Pearson to expand our Mobile Lab
- Ocean State Charities Trust —\$5,000 for laptops & flat screen TVs for the Teen Center
- Friends of the Cumberland Public Library also donated \$4,354 towards furnishings

That's a total of \$145,404 in grants we used to make our library better without impacting the town.

Family Fun Days...

From Harry Potter Day to a visit from Ariel the Therapy Pig, the Library invites families to enjoy a unique experience together.



Looking Ahead

A Legislative Grant through Senator Ryan Pearson allowed us to expand our Mobile Computer Lab to 20 laptops. The Lab is used to teach computer classes for Microsoft Office, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and more. We also have two enthusiastic Minecraft Clubs, one for kids and one for teens. Teens and Adults both have a coding club that use the Mobile Lab.

The Library has plans for STEM programming and hopes to secure a grant for children and teens to learn coding, animation, robotics, architecture and other STEM related activities. Our goal is for every student in Cumberland to be able to participate in such programs for free so that there are no barriers and to lessen the digital divide.

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