

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY 2015 TOWN REPORT

LIBRARY SERVICE, PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

Our goal during the last year was to create enthusiasm for our library in the community. We worked to achieve that goal through increased visibility, accessibility, and excellent custom service.

- ✓ **Using our town library.** Henniker residents checked out 35,737 items from the Tucker Free Library, realizing a savings of \$459,855.53. This savings skyrockets to \$523,572.50 if utilization of attraction passes, downloaded eContent, and program attendance is included in the calculation.
- ✓ **eContent.** Henniker residents accessed 4,989 items through the NHDownloadable Content Program. This represents an increase of 1,010 items over last year. This included 1,983 eAudiobooks, 2,713 eBooks, and 293 eMagazines.
- ✓ **Redesigned website.** Recognizing that more of our patrons are accessing our library using smartphones and tablets, we felt it was imperative to offer a site that was responsive to the technology of our community. Researchers are finding that even people without internet access at home now use these devices to search the web, conduct business, and find resources. One of the most powerful tools available to website developers is WordPress. Companies and organizations, large and small, find the flexibility and malleability of this unmatched. We are extremely proud of the "professional look" that we have achieved. We are doubly excited because we took full advantage of the open-source applications that are available, spending less than \$75.00 on apps to achieve this.
- ✓ **Programming.** In addition to our weekly story time, summer reading programs, and afterschool activities, several additional outreach projects have been very successful. These include:
 - TED Talks with White Birch Senior Group.
 - End of School Year Tours offered to elementary school classes at HCS.
 - A full service library, not only do we provide physical and electronic materials, we also assist many individuals struggling with their personal technology, offering one-on-one guidance on an as needed basis.

BUILDING ENHANCEMENTS

At Town Meeting on March 14, 2015 voters approved the expenditure of \$4,583 to repair the final three stained glass windows if the library received a Moose Plate Preservation Grant. The library was awarded a \$4,583 Cultural Conservation Grant for this project. Work on the restoration of all the stained glass windows is now complete.

The roof of the library is fast approaching the end of its lifespan. Several companies have assessed the condition of the roof and provided quotes. During that assessment it was determined that a small flat section of the roof on the back of the building requires immediate replacement. As soon as weather permits, a roofing company will complete that project. To address the funding of the remaining larger portion of the roof, the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library are asking voters to support the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund and appropriate \$20,000 toward the replacement of the roof.

CONCERN	FUTURE PROJECTS	ESTIMATE
Safety	Purchase emergency exit door for J-Room	\$1,800.00
	Installation of emergency exit door for J-Room	\$1,000.00
Safety & Security	Construction of Handicapped Accessible Restroom on Main Floor	\$30,000.00
Maintenance	Paint the ceiling and walls of Main Floor Vestibule and Entry	\$4,000.00
Maintenance	Current roof is nearing the end of warranty period therefore lifespan (installed in 1994)	Y-T-B-D

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

DONATIONS IN 2015

- ✓ Martha Nemiccolo for Mary F. Kjellman Fund
- ✓ Alicia & David for Mary F. Kjellman Fund
- ✓ Joseph & Joanne Grady for Currier Museum Attraction Pass
- ✓ Friends of the Tucker Free Library for New England Aquarium, Montshire, Children's Museum of NH, and See Science Center Passes
- ✓ Henniker Rotary Club for Walter K. Robinson Fund
- ✓ Rebecca & Peter Josephson for General Fund
- ✓ Bill and Darby McGraw for General Fund
- ✓ John Echternach & Judith Englander for General Fund
- ✓ Carolyn & Rodney Patenaude for Robert N. Fitch Fund
- ✓ John V. Kjellman for Mary F. Kjellman Fund
- ✓ Thanks also to the families, friends, and patrons who supported the library by dropping their spare change in the donation boxes at our circulation desks this past year totaling \$245.81.

Former community members, trustees, and friends have established funds to provide financial support for the library over the years. These named funds include those established by or to honor Marjorie B. Bennett, Scott J. Berry, Helen M. Cammett, Anna L. Childs, D&W and E.L. Cogswell, L.A. Cogswell, Willis Cogswell, Alice Colby, James W. Doon, Robert N. Fitch, Francis O. Holmes, A.D. Huntoon, Mary F. Kjellman, Henry Preston, Walter K. Robinson, Ann S. Soderstrom, and George W. Tucker.

Submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library



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