

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The year 1990 was one of change, development and growth at the M.G. Parker Memorial Library. The resignation of both the Director and the Children's Services Librarian the first half of the year created some problems. However the remaining staff, with dedication and hard work, kept the library resources available to the patrons, providing materials for both their research and pleasure reading. The eventual addition of a new Director and a Children's Services Librarian relieved some of the pressure and allowed for resumption of children's services and extended hours.

The Dracut community is growing at a very rapid rate. The demands on the M.G. Parker Memorial Library continue to keep pace with this growth. In just three, short years our circulation has increased by 40%, the number of registered Dracut patrons now exceeds one third the total population and our collection is just under 60,000

This growth places great demands on the library for additional materials, need for more hours of service and a great increase in both technical and personal reference assistance. Fortunately, selective purchasing and the inter-libray loan allows us to fill most requests. We continue to add books, videos and CD'S to the collection in order to provide all of our patrons, from the littlest story hour visitors through our senior citizens, with the best possible library collection.

Activities at the M.G. Parker Memorial Library are many and varied. Some of the programs for 1990 included performances by the multi-cultural group Tribal Rhythms sponsored by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Grant as administered by the Dracut Arts Council, aerobics, quilting and a two session course on interior design.

Different community groups, working with the Junior Friends, sponsored the Arts and Crafts Festival and a Flea Market. The Annual Christmas Celebration was another success and, thanks to the Dracut Garden Club who spent a long day refurbishing the gardens around the library, patrons were treated to a wonderful display of fall flowers.

By the end of 1990, the plans for the new roof were well underway. Staff and patrons look forward to the time when the buckets will be a thing of the past and books will return to the shelves.

The M.G. Parker Memorial Library is an integral part of Dracut providing a very necessary service for all members of the community. It will continue to offer extensive services in reference and research, provide the most up-to-date materials and to function as one of the main educational and cultural resources of the Town.

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Presently, the hours of the M.G. Parker Library are:

Monday-Tuesday- Wednesday	9-9
Thursday-Friday-Saturday	9-5

The anticipated summer hours will be

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday	9-8
Thursday-Friday	9-5

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