

M. G. Parker Memorial Library
Annual Report 1992

The annual report for the M.G. Parker Memorial Library for the year 1992 is difficult to write.

This year will be remembered as the most difficult year on record for the M.G. Parker Library. Though other libraries in Massachusetts had closed for brief periods, ours was the first to lose the budget for the whole year.

There were bright spots in 1992.

One was the completion of the previously planned wind break. Formerly those of you who were in the lobby area when the door opened will remember that the wind used to rush in and freeze everyone during the winter while the heat would send the air conditioning working overtime during the summer. This structure will prevent these temperature changes by working the same way as the entry in an old New England house. Unfortunately, it was completed the day the library closed.

The other ray of light belonged to the wonderful volunteers who kept our spirits up with their cheerful assistance as our staff lessened, budgets were continually cut and threats of closure hung over our heads. We could never have managed without you and, though we said thank you, these words could never convey how very important you all were. You were what kept the staff going during a very dark period. In addition, the added support from our Board of Trustees made a difference in our outlook during 1992. They were always ready to help when needed, shelving books, packing away materials and, in general, letting us know that they cared. To all of you, we, the staff say thank you for being there, it helped.

1992 may also be looked at as the year the Friends of the Library proved that Dracut did want a library. The Library Associations across the country marvel at the determination shown by this group of people who spearheaded the drive to raise enough money to open the Library for one half of the year. To the Boards of both the Friends, a thank you and a hope that 1993 will find you all relaxing and enjoying the simple Book/ Yard sale and the Christmas Party instead of frantically searching for new methods of raising money.

As I look back I marvel at what occurred in 1992, I have hope that 1993 will be a better year for everyone and that interest in the M.G. Parker Memorial Library will increase as more and more people become aware of what the Library can do for them.

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