

M.G. Parker Memorial Library
2012 Annual Town Report

COLLECTION, CIRCULATION, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Parker Memorial Library continued to be a busy place in 2012. 154,727 people visited the library last year; a 5,167 increase over 2011. 16,152 Dracut residents borrowed 259,772 items during 2012, including books, newspapers, magazines, compact discs, DVDs, and downloadable audio and eBooks. Dracut patrons borrowed 23,114 items from other libraries in our consortium, and lent out 33,230 items to patrons of other libraries.

Reference staff answered 12,220 reference questions for residents. The library offered 194 children's programs during 2012. 5,435 children took advantage of those offerings. We offered 34 young adult programs with a total attendance of 224, and 26 adult programs with an attendance of 323.

The Friends of the Library once again supported the Museum Pass program, offering free or discounted admission to ten area museums, including the American Textile Museum; Boston Children's Museum; Butterfly Place; Discovery Museums; Imagine That; the Museum of Fine Arts; Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Tower Hill Botanical Garden; and Zoo New England.

The Friends continued their Family Film series in 2012. An author series was very successful.

The Friends of the Dracut Library held their Book Sale in May and a Holiday Auction in December. In addition, the Friends run a daily book sale at the library that has exceeded their expectations.

The Trustees would like to once again thank our fellow residents, our volunteers, the Foundation, the Friends of the Dracut Library, the staff, and – most importantly – our patrons for their continued support.

BUDGET

The Parker Memorial Library met certification requirements with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

STAFFING

After serving the community for two years, Randy Robertshaw resigned as Library Director in 2012 to take a position in Saudi Arabia. The Trustees and staff wish him every success in his new position.

The Trustees interviewed many wonderful candidates to replace Randy, and hired Nanci Milone Hill to replace him in 2013.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TUSTEES

We would like to welcome Jim Nolan as a new trustee. Mary Lee Matthews did not seek reelection.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Library Trustees,
Nanci Milone Hill, Director

John Dyer (2016) – Chairperson

Cheryl Storm (2014)

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Jim Nolan (2016) - Secretary