

M.G. Parker Memorial Library
2013 Annual Town Report

COLLECTION, CIRCULATION, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Parker Memorial Library continued to be a busy place in 2013. 239,235 people visited the library last year. 16,985 Dracut residents borrowed 242,541 items during 2013, including books, newspapers, magazines, compact discs, DVDs, and downloadable audio and eBooks. Dracut patrons borrowed 4,355 items from other libraries in our consortium, and lent out 32,528 items to patrons of other libraries.

Reference staff answered 18,256 reference questions for residents. The library offered 220 children's programs during 2013. 4,418 children took advantage of those offerings. We offered 30 young adult programs with a total attendance of 132, and 11 adult programs with an attendance of 143.

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 began a Family Pizza and a Movie Night in 2013. Families visited the library after hours to view family-fun films and share pizza.

In October, we partnered with area businesses to boost library card sign-ups. Several area businesses offered discounts during the month of October to those who showed their Dracut library cards. We would like to thank Owen & Ollie's, Brothers Sports Bar & Grille, Primo Pizza, Orange Leaf, Kenwood Hardware, and Brox Farm for their support of this program.

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

Nanci Milone Hill finished her first year as our Library Director on January 22, 2014. During 2013 we were fortunate enough to be able to hire a new Senior Reference Librarian; a position that had been vacant for a year. Diane Annunziato joined us in May and got immediately to work on improving our adult program offerings and displays. Gemma Doyle was hired to replace Carole Hamilton, who resigned from the part-time Young Adult Librarian job to become our full-time Office Manager. Unfortunately, personal commitments forced Gemma to resign effective December 31, 2013. We are currently interviewing to fill this position.

Louise Regan, who has worked as a Children's Room Assistant since 1995, resigned effective February 4, 2014. Louise was a wonderful addition to the Children's Room all of these years and will be greatly missed. We are currently in the process of interviewing to fill this position.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Library Trustees,
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