

M.G. Parker Memorial Library
2014 Annual Town Report

COLLECTION, CIRCULATION, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Parker Memorial Library continued to be a busy place in 2014. 140,242 people visited the library last year. 18,089 Dracut residents borrowed 237,756 items during 2014, including books, newspapers, magazines, compact discs, DVDs, and downloadable music, audio and eBooks. Dracut patrons borrowed 24,928 items from other libraries in our consortium, and lent out 28,438 items to patrons of other libraries.

Reference staff answered 17,982 reference questions for residents. The library offered 148 children's programs during 2014. 4,792 children took advantage of those offerings. We offered 40 young adult programs with a total attendance of 276, and 99 adult programs with an attendance of 1,055.

The Friends of the Library once again supported the Museum Pass program, offering free or discounted admission to ten area museums, including Boston Children's Museum, The Butterfly Place, Discovery Museums, Imagine That, Massachusetts State Parks, Merrimack Repertory Theater, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, USS Constitution, and Zoo New England.

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. Hardcover books are sold at \$1.00 each. Paperback books are sold for fifty cents each.

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

In 2014, the Parker Library bid a fond farewell to Library Assistants Jeanne Lesniak and Amy Martell. We welcomed new staff members Ned Toomey and Michele Ricca.

After many years of service, our Head of Technical Services, Judy Deschenes, retired in November. Judy was an asset to the library and will be sorely missed. We wish her the best in her retirement.

We welcome Deric Wilson as our new Head of Technical Services. Deric holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and World History from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and a M.L.S. from the University of Rhode Island.

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