

**M.G. Parker Memorial Library**  
2016 Annual Town Report

**COLLECTION, CIRCULATION, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

The Parker Memorial Library continued to be a busy place in 2016. We were open 3,000 hours, including 296 Saturday hours and 546 evening hours. 211,522 people visited the library last year. That's an average of 17,626 people per month, or 4,067 people per week. 19,336 Dracut residents borrowed 199,886 items during 2016, including books, newspapers, magazines, compact discs, DVDs, and downloadable music, streaming music, audio and eBooks. Dracut patrons borrowed 26,589 items from other libraries in our consortium, and lent out 26,869 items to patrons of other Massachusetts libraries. The Library currently has 108,695 items in its holdings.

Reference staff answered 23,649 reference questions for residents. The library offered 219 children's programs during 2016. 4,510 children took advantage of those offerings. We offered 40 young adult programs with a total attendance of 363, and 144 adult programs with an attendance of 1,918.

Towards the end of 2016, the Library added Binge Boxes to its collection of circulating items. These boxes contain five to six DVDs on a single theme, featuring a particular actor, or a single season of a popular television show. Binge Boxes can be checked out for one week. Come on in and check them out!

The Friends of the Library once again supported the Museum Pass program, offering free or discounted admission to twelve area museums, including Boston Children's Museum, Boston Harbor Islands, Discovery Museums, Einstein's Workshop, Imagine That, Massachusetts State Parks, Merrimack Repertory Theater, Museum of Fine Arts, 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 November. 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.

**BUDGET**

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

**STAFFING**

In 2016, the Parker Library bid a fond farewell to Adult Library Page, Brittany Eno, who left to further her career. We also said goodbye to Roger Schwitalla, who left to travel and work in

Europe with his wife. Elizabeth Taylor-Wiggins decided to go back to working in schools. Christine Guile left us to stay home and focus on her family, and Michael Salem left us to go off to college. They are all missed.

Several new people joined our staff, including Adult Pages Robin Gadue, Melissa Ryan, and YoungOak Lim. Student pages Brian Bisson, Katie Krikoris, and Marina Morse also joined us.

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.

Richard Kasilowski replaced David Lamoreaux in Maintenance. We wish Dave much rest in his retirement.

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

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