

**M.G. Parker Memorial Library**  
2018 Annual Town Report

**COLLECTION, CIRCULATION, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

The Parker Library continued to be a busy place in 2018. We were open 2,962 hours, including 264 Saturday hours and 546 evening hours. In 2018, 177,340 people visited the library (up by 53,113 from 2017). A total of 16,204 Dracut residents hold library cards. They borrowed 155,482 items from our library, including books, magazines, compact discs, DVDs, downloadable music and videos, streaming music, audio and eBooks. Participation in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC) continued to benefit our patrons. Dracut residents borrowed 26,194 items from other libraries in MVLC (1,800 more than in 2017), and lent out 28,070 items to residents of other Massachusetts communities (4,090 more than in 2017). The library currently holds 133,420 items.

The Library has two Quiet Study Rooms, which were used a total of 945 times by 1,626 people. That's double the amount of usage in 2017. Our large meeting room was used 35 times by outside groups. The reference staff answered 20,743 reference questions. There were 34,254 sessions on our wireless connection.

We held 142 programs that were attended by 2,517 adults (an increase of 1,250 since 2017); 36 programs that were attended by 324 teens; and 255 programs attended by 5,194 children (an increase of 654 since 2017).

The Friends of the Dracut Library, led by President Gretchen Mayall, once again supported the Museum Pass Program, offering free or discounted admission to eight area museums, including Boston Children's Museum, Discovery Museum, The Massachusetts State Parks Pass, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, USS Constitution, and Zoo New England.

The Friends held their Annual Book Sale in May and a Fall Raffle in October. In addition, the Friends held several Pop-Up Book Sales as well as their daily Book Nook at the library, where hardcover books are sold at \$1.00 each and paperback books are sold at \$0.50 each. In total, the Friends brought in \$17,538 in 2018, which will go towards the Museum Pass program, staff development, and to funding programs for children, teens, and adults. As always, we are grateful to the Friends of the Dracut Library for their hard work and dedication to the library.

In 2018, the Dracut Library Foundation funded two phone charging stations for the library. There is now a charging station on each floor, where patrons can sit and read while they charge their phones. The Trustees and staff thank the Foundation for their continued support.

**BUDGET**

The Parker Library met certification requirements with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in 2017.

## STAFFING

In 2018, we welcomed Laura Sanscartier as the Head of Technical Services & Cataloger. Laura had worked part-time as a Technical Services Assistant since 2010. She had been filling in as the Head Cataloger since the Departure of Lydia Gravell in 2017. Working under former Catalogers, she learned materials processing, receiving and disseminating orders, processing orders and managing various collection code and conversion projects. More specifically, she had experience copy cataloging and using the Acquisitions module in SirsiDynix, our new ILS system. We were thrilled to be able to promote Laura to this new position.

Respectfully submitted by  
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on behalf of the Board of Library Trustees

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