

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The 157th annual report for the year ending December 31, 2010

- There were **110,448** visits to the library in 2010.
- **9,554** people of all ages (14% increase) attended **429** programs.
- There are **12,168** card carrying GPL users.
- GPL computers were used **7,800** times--an average of **28** times a day.
- **961** new library cards were issued.
- **51** volunteers contributed over **1,000** hours to the library.
- **1,200** people received the bi-weekly *Check It Out* e-news.
- Meeting rooms were used **982** times for an average of **19** times a week.
- **\$22,393** was turned into the general fund from late fees and printing costs.
- Gpl.org received **209,375** hits by individuals using the library services online.
- **GrotonREADS** hosted 8 events related to *The Old American*, attended by **666** people.

Borrowing

Total	237,962 [includes e-books & e-audio] or 23 items per capita.
Books/magazines	152,439
DVDs/movies	52,158
Audio formats	28,879 [includes downloadable audio, books & music]
Museum passes	1,434

Programs, Services, Art, Online Outreach and Digital Library Collection

Adult program attendance increased 89% with 2,049 people attending 115 events. Highlights were a three-part series on China and a visit by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Geraldine Brooks. From paintings of Groton to storybook chairs and from *The Literary Horse* to *Wild Apples Journal* art, curated art shows in the library offered something for everyone. All 18 volumes of the Town Diaries are available online in the GPL Digital Collection; 6 have been indexed. E-readers (2 Kindles and 2 Nooks) were made available for loan at the end of the year. Usage of downloadable books and e-books increased 125%. Online research via databases (Heritage Quest, Ancestry, ProQuest and many more) increased 23%.

Children and Young Adults

5,660 children--a number equal to half the town's population--attended 204 programs. Summer Reading had 615 children register, 546 of them read at least 2 hours (89% participation). Hours read = 7,826 for a 78% increase over 2009! Young Adults love their library--program attendance increased 29% with 1,845 young adults attending 110 programs. Borrowing by teens increased 6% and 287 teens joined the Summer Reading Program. Each school half day 40-60 middle school students enjoyed activities at GPL. Teens also created a Halloween storytime for our youngest library users.

Respectfully Submitted by the Trustees of the Groton Public Library

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