

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Vanessa Abraham, Director

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2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Groton Public Library's 161st Annual Report

The Groton Public Library's mission is to provide free access to collections, services, and programs that enrich the lives of all in our community and to provide this in a professional, friendly, and confidential environment that also promotes the joys and benefits of reading and lifelong learning.

NEW SERVICES

- **EXPANDED HOURS.** Opened **5-6 pm on Fridays** and **3-5 pm on Saturdays year-round.**
- **First Year in MVLC.** 2014 was our first full year in the MVLC network of 36 public libraries. In 2013, we processed 11,369 interlibrary loans; in 2014, we handled **44,738**, a **300%** increase.
- **Fall Sunday Hours.** Opened **Sundays 1-5 pm Sept-Dec** for the 2nd year, with State Aid funding.
- **New 24/7 Resources:** Added **Safari Technical & Professional Books Online**, **Consumer Reports Online**, **Zinio Digital Magazines**, and **TumbleBooks eBooks for Kids.**

NEW PROGRAMS

- **Winter Reading Program for Children.** 100 kids signed up and 61 read 4 books in 4 weeks.
- **Summer Reading Program for Adults.** 216 adults registered and read 881 books.
- **Downton Abbey Afternoon Tea Series.** Over 100 ladies and gentlemen enjoyed tea, scones, trivia, and history while catching up on Season 4 of *Downton Abbey*.
- **Tablets with educational apps** installed for use in the Teen Area.
- Offered **Yoga and Movie events** to preschool-aged children and their caregivers.

TOP NUMBERS & RANKINGS

- **10,100 people attended 607 library programs**, our highest numbers ever.
- Our meeting rooms were used **1,549** times; we ranked **FIRST** in the state in this category*.
- **1,243** teens attended **98** programs; we ranked **SECOND** in teen program attendance and **THIRD** in the number of teen/young adult programs offered in the state*.
- Ranked **FOURTH** in circulation per capita and in book & audio borrowing in the state*.

**Compared to the 52 public libraries serving Groton's population grouping, 10-15K, FY13 data*

ANNUAL STATISTICS

- **194,391 items borrowed**
- **2,867 eBooks, 2,383 eAudiobooks, 11,088 eSongs, and 995 eMagazines** downloaded
- **103,512** people welcomed
- Delighted **4,644** children at **238** library programs
- Taught **25** Elementary School classes, or **508** students, about using the library
- Registered **593** children for the Summer Reading Program
- **240** teens signed up for the Summer Reading Program and they read **1,698** books
- Over **1,000** people participated in our children, teen, and adult Summer Reading Programs
- **2,363** adults attended **209** adult programs, a **16%** increase in program attendance over 2013
- Groton READS events celebrating *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro brought **1,000** people in
- **189** people attended **15** Lifelong Learning Courses through the Library
- Users searched our databases **19,003** times, a **55%** increase over 2013
- Library Staff assisted with **4,569** reference, reading, homework, and technology questions

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