

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Groton Public Library's 163rd Annual Report for 2016

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- **DRIVE-UP RETURNS** installed - a top survey request! *Made possible thanks to the GPL Endowment Trust.*
- **LIBRARY MINI-GOLF** drew over 500 people, making it our biggest Summer Reading Kick-Off Event ever!
- **ASTRONAUT** Michael Foreman attracted **225** kids of all ages to GPL as part of Groton Reads' **19** events celebrating *The Martian* by Andy Weir (the most borrowed title of 2016, going out **266** times!)
- **DEWEY DECIMAL:** We listened! Browsing 'zones' are gone and adult non-fiction restored to call # order.
- **GPL TO YOU:** Our first-ever all events newsletter was mailed to every household and was a big hit!
- **OUR BUSIEST DAYS** ever recorded, as **1,955** people visited on Tue, Sept 20, and **1,951** on Tue, May 10!
- **EVENT NUMBERS:** A record-breaking **10,737** people attended an unprecedented **682** programs!

TOP RANKINGS (Compared to the 50 other Massachusetts public libraries serving the same population grouping, 10-15K)

- **FIRST** in Total Attendance at all Young Adult Programs FOR THE 4th YEAR IN A ROW! (**1,859** in 2016)
- **SECOND** in the Total Number of Young Adult Programs (**133** teen events in 2016)
- **THIRD** in Circ. Per Capita (21) and Total # of Sunday Hours (*grant-funded fall Sunday hours in 2015*)
- **FOURTH** in total # of programs, resident borrowers, meeting room use, and hours open on Saturdays
- **FIFTH** in total circulation of books & children's materials, and attendance at adult programs (**2,916**)

NEW SERVICES

- **Hoopla:** Borrow free digital books, videos, music, audiobooks, or comics 24/7 with your library card. *Augments OverDrive (eBooks, eAudiobooks), Freegal (eMusic), & TumbleBooks (Kids eBooks) collections.*
- **JetPacks:** Borrow a hotspot for a fast internet connection wherever you, your family, and friends are.
- **Basketballs:** Check out a basketball for use on the terrific new court behind the library.

NEW PROGRAMS

- **Adults:** Suburban Homesteader Series, Cookbook Club, Homer's *The Odyssey*, Art Matters, and Coloring.
- **Kids:** LEGO® Robotics, Hula Hoops, Bookmaking, 3D Printing, and Make & Launch Your Own Rockets.
- **Teens:** Arduino & Scratch coding, Dungeons & Dragons, Harry Potter Fan Day, & 'Hot Books, Hot Cocoa.'

2016 NUMBERS

- **188,645** items borrowed by **103,238** visitors
- **16,792** digital titles downloaded (e.g. books, audiobooks, music, video)
- Database searches: **28,831** (*Ancestry, NoveList, Encyclopedia Britannica, etc.*)
- Wireless internet connections: **11,638**
- **6,224** general, reading, research, and technical assistance questions answered
- Meeting and study rooms bookings: **1,743**
- **594** kids, **267** teens, and **101** adults participated in GPL's Summer Reading Programs
- Library instruction and tours provided to **360** students (**16** elementary school classes)
- GPL librarians promoted reading & services to **1,261** kids & teens through the schools
- **294** Children's Events brought **5,966** kids and family members to the library

GPL'S MISSION: 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.

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees of the Groton Public Library: Jane Allen, Chair; David Zeiler, Vice-Chair; Marilyn Dabritz, Secretary; Mark Gerath; Kristen von Campe; and Nancy Wilder