

## GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Vanessa Abraham, Director*

Hours: Tue-Thu 10am-9pm • Fri 10am-6pm • Sat 10am-5pm • Sun 1-5pm (Sept-May) • Mon closed  
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### Groton Public Library's 164<sup>th</sup> Annual Report for 2017

#### 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW TEEN AREA:** We created a new teen space on the top floor which opened on Dec. 27! *Funded by the John H. Robbins Library Trust through the Commissioners of Trust Funds.*
- **NEW SYSTEM:** We migrated to a new system in May with the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC), and now offer a much-improved and enhanced online public catalog.
- **FALL SUNDAY HOURS:** The Town funded September to December Sunday hours for the first time. The increase in part-time staff cost was offset almost completely by a 1% reduction in materials spending.
- **WE'RE #1:** We ranked **FIRST** in the state for # of teens attending library programs FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW!\*
- **EVENT NUMBERS: 10,512** people attended an unprecedented **720** programs!

#### NEW SERVICES

- **BookMyne App:** We now offer a mobile-friendly library catalog
- **Libby:** OverDrive's new app made it easier than ever to borrow library e-titles
- **Pay online** with a credit or debit card now available (\$\$ collected and disbursed by MVLC)
- **New Formats:** DVD Binge Boxes and Playaways (digital audiobook and player in one)
- **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** initiative to promote the importance of early literacy

#### 2017 DATA

- **103,748** people visited GPL
- **1,683** people visited on Friday, Sept. 29, 2017 - our 4<sup>th</sup> busiest day on record!
- **178,442** physical items borrowed
- **17,513** digital titles downloaded (e.g., books, audiobooks, music, video, comics)
- Databases searched **21,011** times (e.g., *Ancestry, Boston Globe, Consumer Reports*)
- Public computers used **6,399** times (not including **11,657** wi-fi connections)
- **6,515** general, reading, research, and technical assistance questions answered
- Meeting and study rooms bookings for programs & public use: **1,799**
- **\$14,928** collected (fines, printing, and copying) for the Town's General Fund
- **1,055** people participated in Summer Reading: 582 kids, 287 teens, and 186 adults
- Groton read and celebrated *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan for **Groton Reads**

**MISSION:** GPL provides free access to collections, services, and programs that enrich the lives of all in our community. Library services are provided in a professional, friendly, and confidential environment that also promotes the joys and benefits of reading and lifelong learning.

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\*Compared to all MA town libraries serving populations 10-15K