

## Report of the North Hampton Public Library

What an exciting and bustling year at the library! 2023 was our second full year in our beautiful (still!) new library building and we were grateful to serve so many members of the North Hampton community. The library continues to be a hub for connection and learning as evidenced by the increase in visitors and circulation statistics. NHPL had a total of 25,264 visitors in 2023, a 23% increase from the previous year! We also welcomed 310 new patrons to the library community.

Our meeting rooms and spaces continue to be a popular destination for community members looking to work, study or connect with friends. In 2023, the library was able to provide rooms for 577 meeting reservations and for 728 drop-in room use. Our Program Room also remains popular, hosting several recurring programs such as our weekly Friday Flix, Babytime and our Play, Learn Grow Workshops. In fact, 467 people attended thirty adult geared programs in 2023. Some highlights include the NH Humanities programs, *New England Quilts*, and *the Stories they Tell* and *Digging Into Native History in New Hampshire*, *Owls of New England* with Martin Culpepper and *Politics of the Hive* with Joe Martilla of Seabee Honey.

October of 2023 brought the retirement of our long-time Library Director, Susan Grant. Susan dutifully served the North Hampton community for 20 years and we are grateful for her service and wish her well in her well-deserved retirement!

As always, the Friends of the North Hampton Library continue to do a tremendous job to support the library and its mission. We are so appreciative that through our Friends group we can provide discounted admission to seventeen different museums and attractions to our patrons. The Friends also provide funds to keep our Creation Station fully stocked as well as support our Summer Learning Program and other programs throughout the year. Thank you, Friends of NHPL!

As we look back on 2023, I would like to take a moment to recognize the dedicated service of the library's staff who keep the library running with efficiency and enthusiasm. Our Youth Librarian, Andrea and Youth Assistants, Melody, and Kai work tirelessly to create an environment for the youth of North Hampton that promotes a love for learning and literacy. From Sensory Storytime to Maker Mondays, they provide a positive energy that infuses the entire library. Our Library Assistants are also invaluable to the library. From facilitating book discussions, leading our genealogy club, creating eye-catching book displays or just sharing a terrific book recommendation, Cheryl, Helen, Jill, Kiana, Marshall, and Patti keep the library humming!

What a wonderful year at the North Hampton Public Library! As the newly appointed Library Director, I have been humbled by the outpouring of support and well wishes I have received. Thank you, I am so grateful to be able to do what I love in such a wonderful community!

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Herold  
Library Director

## Youth Department Year in Review- 2023

2023 was another busy year for the youth department. We offered 265 in-person programs with 4,113 patrons attending those programs. Additionally, we offered a greater number of passive programs this year which were also very well received.

Our most popular programs are those directed toward the youngest patrons and their families. In addition to the Preschool Storytimes that we are offering twice a week, we added a new program called Babytime. Babytime is a story and playtime for children under 36 months and their caregivers. The Play, Learn & Grow program continues to be popular. We offered the multi-week workshop in both the Spring and the Fall and held individual playdates throughout the year. Our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program continues to grow. There are currently 70 active participants and 14 children have completed the program since we revived it in 2021.

The programs we offer for patrons in elementary school are also well received. Maker Monday and Twentime are both offered weekly during the academic year. Additionally, we offered an art-based literacy program weekly from January through June. Two of our most popular programs for this age group were single or limited-day events. We offered Cardboard Kingdom during February break again this year. The children made the most amazing structures out of the cardboard and tools we provided. We also offered a very well attended video game tournament on one of the early release days.

The teenage patrons seem to be most interested in the passive programming that we offer. They interact with questions we pose on the bulletin board and take advantage of the Take and Make craft bags that we put out. In-person programs for teens included a Babysitting course that we offered in both April and during the Summer Learning Program. We also offered a program called Splash Journaling that had a steady attendance.

We made an effort to schedule more family/all-age programming this year. We offered several animal programs presented by The Center for Wildlife that were very popular. We also offered a glow-in-the-dark mini golf event that 79 patrons attended. Our intention is to offer even more events like these, which are just some of the programs made possible by the support of the Friends of the Library.

The Friends also funded our Summer Learning Program. This year's theme was "Summer of Discovery." All but two of the grades from NHS visited the library to learn about the program. These visits helped to make the program even more successful than last year. 185 children participated in the SLP challenge, and 779 patrons attended the 40 programs that we offered. Highlights were Messy Science, Sensory Fun for Everyone, a Patio Party with Kona Ice and even a visit from the Bruins' mascot.

The building continues to be the subject of compliments from both patrons and other librarians in the area. One stated that, "North Hampton is the benchmark that we all aspire to."

Andrea Bouchard, Youth Librarian

North Hampton Public Library - Town Report FY2023	2023
Circulation	
Adult Books	12,893
Downloaded books to devices	3,605
Juvenile Books	17,615
Periodicals	515
Periodicals downloaded to devices	306
Audio Books	268
Youth Audio Books	128
Downloaded audio books to devices	3,683
Videos & DVD's	1,739
Downloaded Movies/TV shows	1,911
Educational Toys, Kits, Puzzles	120
Games including video games	587
Loans from other libraries (included in Adult Books circulation figures)	1,339
Loans to other libraries	1,095
Other digital resources	3,854
Museum Passes	190
Miscellaneous	107
Total Circulation FY2023	48,860
Collection	
	FY2023
Materials in the collection as of July 1, 2022	29,748
Materials deleted from collection	2,331
Materials added to collection	1,583
Materials in the collection June 30, 2023	29,000
Other Statistics	
Number of Patrons as of July 1, 2022	2,844
Number of Patrons as of June 30, 2023	3,092
Meetings held at the library	577
Meeting Rooms used (drop-in same day)	728
Total Meeting Rooms used	1,305
Public Computer Usage	1,457

Museum and other Passes used	190
Volunteer Hours	228
Financial Report - Appropriated Funds	
Receipts:	
Town Appropriation	\$453,192.00
Other Income	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$453,192.00
Expenditures	
Salaries, benefits, taxes	\$364,393.89
Programs	\$259.00
Operations	\$14,576.89
Facility	\$54,383.29
Media, books, materials, databases etc.	\$19,235.79
Total Expenditures	\$452,848.86
Unexpended funds returned to the town	\$343.14
Financial Report - Non-Appropriated Funds	
Receipts	
Hobbs NH Charitable Fund Donation	\$7,734.94
Book Sales	\$368.32
DVD Fines	\$278.39
Fax transmittals	\$225.25
Non-resident fees	\$1,503.60
Postage	\$4.60
Damaged/Lost Materials reimbursements	\$461.56
Program costs reimbursements	\$657.61
Reimbursement Misc expenditures	\$1,575.54
Friends of the Library Reimbursements	\$12,825.43
Materials sold-reimbursements	\$68.56
Copier Income	\$1,250.84
Interest income	\$3.62
Conscience Jar donations	\$655.27

In Memory of Donations	\$1,050.00
Other Donations	\$2,438.00
Total Receipts	\$31,101.53
Expenditures	
Adult Books	\$1,654.17
Youth Books	\$684.77
Youth Audio books	\$55.97
Adult DVDs	\$70.55
Movie License	\$261.00
Games	\$117.63
Library Supplies	\$2,456.30
Leased Equipment	\$2,976.48
Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,138.35
Administrative expense	\$421.36
Postage	\$61.80
Youth Programming	\$3,033.29
Youth Program supplies	\$9,393.16
Adult programming	\$2,733.80
Adult Program supplies	\$92.27
Museum Passes (reimbursed by Friends)	\$4,425.00
Youth Furnishings	\$796.45
Continuing Education	\$760.38
Computer Software	\$60.00
Misc	\$148.90
Total Expenditures	\$31,341.63
Net income	-\$240.10
Invested Funds	
People's Bank Checking Account of Invested Funds opening balance July 1, 2022	\$31,891.69
Interest income	\$23.86
Deposits/NHPLCC Foundation check	\$50,000.00
Expenditures	-\$45,559.01
Ending balance June 30, 2023	\$36,356.54

People's Bank Checking Account of Invested Funds opening balance July 1, 2022	\$14,261.59
Expenditures	-\$127.50
Interest paid	\$12.87
Ending balance June 30, 2023	\$14,146.96
Total Invested Funds as of June 30,2023	\$50,503.50