



2019 - 2020

Library Personnel Annual Report



Thomaston Public Library

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



32,641
MATERIALS CIRCULATED

THOMASTON READ



9,388 PRINT BOOKS
656 AUDIOBOOKS
258 eBOOKS



ALMOST
800 KIDS
ATTENDED
40 DAYS
OF SUMMER

FOR FOOD, FUN, AND
LEARNING!

1,217

MATERIALS ADDED



452

ATTENDEES OF
PRESENTATIONS,
READINGS, AND TALKS



376

GATHERED FOR
COMMUNI-TEA



108

PIZZAS SERVED
AT FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



38

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

20



LIBRARIES IN MILS, OUR NEW
SHARED LIBRARY SYSTEM

JOINED **1** CONSORTIUM

GIVING OUR PATRONS ACCESS TO

8.9 MILLION ITEMS

THANKS FOR MAKING
2019 A GREAT YEAR!

Library Staff

Blake Donaldson
Diane Giese
Melissa Harjula
Caitlin Theroux
Caroline Ward-Nesbit

40 Days of Summer Staff

Melissa Harjula
Toby Mergendahl
Lauren Chartier
Daniel Dickey

Library Volunteers

Paula Michaud
Janet Bosworth
Patricia MacDonald
Erika Pfander
Mimi Zwick

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Monday	11:00	to	7:00
Tuesday	11:00	to	5:00
Wednesday	11:00	to	5:00
Thursday	11:00	to	5:00
Friday	11:00	to	7:00
Saturday	9:00	to	1:00

2019 was an exhilarating and productive year at the library:

- Completed our migration to the MILS circulation system, bringing us into alignment with many other libraries within the state, facilitating interlibrary loans, making more titles available to patrons, and allowing us to engage in more resource sharing with other libraries;
- Joined the pilot Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program, which allows our patrons to check items out from Rockland, Rockport, Camden and other libraries throughout the state with their Thomaston Public Library card;
- Rearranged our collections so the books frequently sought by the majority of our patrons are now on the main floor, created a designated quiet space, and moved the children's area downstairs;
- Presented our sixth fantastic 40 Days of Summer program for area youth, filling the summer with games, science experiments, music, healthy lunches, lots of sunshine, and culminating in an End-of-Summer Party with a barbecue and, the kids' favorite, a "Dunk the Librarian" tank as a prize for summer reading;
- Began offering a senior core exercise class, led by Sandy Bodamer, Senior Activities Director from the YMCA, on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our Community Conference Room;
- Hosted three enthusiastic book clubs, including the Maine Humanities Council sponsored Let's Talk About It series, the long-running Intergenerational Book Club, and the new Mystery Book Club;
- Continued our extremely successful monthly programs Communi-TEA and Family Movie & Pizza Night, with 30 – 50 people regularly attending each event;
- Offered a number of engaging and well-attended presentations and author visits, including our Annual Poetry Reading, Northern Stars Planetarium, Maine author Jeffrey Ryan, and women's suffrage historian Anne B. Gass;
- Continued our renovations on the entry way with fresh paint and further plans for improved lighting, new signage, and better railings.

2020 is off to a similarly terrific start with many exciting programs planned, including our seventh 40 Days of Summer, and, of course, amazing books and movies being released all the time to add to our collection! We are grateful to be your community living room and are eagerly anticipating a new decade in Thomaston.