

**Plainville Public Library
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2015**

Vision Statement

The Plainville Public Library will be an essential public asset for the informational and recreational needs for the townspeople of Plainville, which will exceed their expectations in every way. The library will enrich, empower, and educate our community in varied and suitable formats in an environment that is welcoming, clean, safe, comfortable and user-friendly.

Mission Statement

To provide the greatest possible access to the widest range of resources for all the residents of Plainville; to satisfy the diverse reading needs and interests of the community; to promote reading and literacy; to foster learning and lifelong education; to encourage the natural inquisitiveness of each individual; and to treat each person with dignity and respect.

Services

The Plainville Public Library continues to be an extremely busy place. We circulated 74,534 items this year. That averages out to 9.3 books, movies, books on tape, cds, cd-roms or DVDs circulated for each person who lives in Plainville. The Town of Plainville expends just .49% of the total town budget on the library or \$20.75 per resident for library services [based on FY12 data]. For each dollar the town invests in the library, the residents of Plainville receive over \$28.00 worth of services. Which means the return on the investment in the public library is over 25 times the cost. We feature downloadable music and books, available through our Overdrive collection, as well as ebooks solely for the use of Plainville Public Library card holders through our Overdrive Advantage program. DVDs and Books on CD for adults and children were all added as we continue to see an increase in usage for not just information but for family entertainment as well. Aside from our own collection you see below, all of our customers were able to borrow materials from any of the 45 SAILS network libraries' one million items. People are finding what they want and need and are getting in the habit of asking for it from other libraries as we saw over 31,000 items circulate to and from our library for our customers.

Our Collection

<i>Books:</i>	Adult	19,363
	Children	15,747
<i>Audio Books:</i>	Adult	2,101
	Children	509
<i>Videos/DVD:</i>	Adult	3,134
	Children	1,124
<i>Electronic Format</i>		155,919
<i>Kits/puppets/puzzles</i>		305
<i>Magazines volumes</i>		109
<i>Museum Passes</i>		8
Total		198,319

Circulation Statistics

<i>Books:</i>	Adult	16,958
	Children	24,824
<i>Audio Books:</i>	Adult	3,461
	Children	803
<i>Videos/DVD:</i>	Adult	12,082
	Children	10,226
<i>Electronic Format</i>		4,049
<i>Kits/puppets/puzzles</i>		610
<i>Magazines subscriptions</i>		789
<i>Museum Passes</i>		732
Total		74,534

Our customers also have access to the Commonwealth Catalog, a statewide resource for borrowing books from libraries across the state which was improved this year to make searching better. Databases of periodical articles are available from home

or work all day, every day. All of these great services can be found with your library card and pin number at our catalog through our website.

The active Plainville Public Library web site, located at www.plainvillepubliclibrary.org was completely redesigned this year. This year we had more than a 480,000 hits on our web site. The library has up to date content on our website including interactive library calendar, museum pass booking, eBooks, BookLetters newsletters and A to Z Maps online. We encourage our customers to download library apps on their devices including Overdrive (ebooks), Access My Library (journals and newspapers) and BookMyne (library catalog) for instant access to library materials. The library maintains a social media presence with Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest.

We are pleased to be a founding year member of the Commonwealth eBook Collections, which features an additional three products for our customer to use to retrieve more digital books and materials. This is a statewide initiative to end the digital divide and provide libraries of all sizes and their customers access to great online materials for personal growth and entertainment.

The Plainville Public Library has 4 public use computers. We average 40 people a week, who use our four public internet and word processing computers within the library to check email, investigate products, apply for health care, search for jobs and more. Many more use our Comcast provided wifi with their own devices to complete their tasks. Wifi is available from our picnic table and benches outside the library.

The library now circulates equipment for the use of our customers. We have a soil tester, metal detector, karaoke machine, projector and telescope.

Additional services available include home delivery of books to Seniors, and deposit collections for classrooms. We support our community by being a location to drop off food for the Plainville Food Pantry, Box Tops for the PTO, Toys for Tots, and the Boston Bruins/Cradles to Crayons PJ Drive.

The Plainville Library was awarded a grant in the amount of \$7500 from the Institute of Library and Museum services through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for "Full STEAM Ahead." This grant focuses on science, technology, engineering, arts and math early education for preschoolers and their parents. Miss Amy created the "Kingdom of Why," an 8 week program where kids are able to help solve the problems of a squire and princess with hands on STEAM experimentation. This was run three times over the course of the grant year and it was brought to a local day care center during the summer.

Programming

The Library sponsored 210 children's programs for all ages. Over 3,700 parents and children attended these events. These included weekly story-times, Tina the Therapy Dog, Teddy Bear Picnic, free movies, craft programs, Mother Goose on the Loose for 0-2 year olds, search and find contests and vacation programs. The Statewide Summer Reading program featured the Every Hero Has a Story campaign.

Our family programming continues to be popular including, Mini Golf, Credit Workshops, the Annual Scavenger Hunt, and Adult & Teen Summer Reading Rewards. We hosted 42 family and adult events, which attracted 467 people.

We received a grant from the Institute of Library and Museum Services and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in the amount of \$7500 to present the Kingdom of Why STEAM program which was developed by our own Amy Greil. She presented the 8 week program a total of 5 times over the course of the grant within the library and at a local daycare center to engage young children in science exploration.

We took part in the annual Book Blast at the Emerald Square Mall, as well as the Lions Club Fall Festival. The library director is running a Senior book discussion group at the senior center. The children's librarian has hosted several Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops to teach about internet safety and the library. We collected over 120 toys for Toys for Tots and over 50 new children's pajamas for the Boston Bruins and Cradles to Crayons Pajama Drive in February.

Building & Grounds

Our flower barrel was planted and maintained this year by the Tina Demus. The library building continues to grow older and need more care. The lower exterior white trim was caulked and repainted. The clock on the tower was repaired so all sides work and it now lights up at night. We painted the entryway. The flat roof was replaced and repaired thanks to the Town Warrant article to fix town roofs. The wireless access points for public WIFI were replaced. The garden around our donated bench was finished this year.

Recognition

The Plainville Public Library would like to thank the Friends of the Plainville Public Library, Inc. for purchasing the passes to the Southwick's Zoo, Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, Roger Williams Zoo, Easton Children's Museum, Providence Children's Museum, Boston Children's Museum, Butterfly Place, and the Museum of Science. They also sponsor 4 magazine subscriptions, and many programs at the library.

Thank you to all of the persons who have given donations in honor of a loved one this year. We had 13 volunteers donate a total of 260 hours to the library this year, many of those hours going towards requirements for volunteer hours for high school students. We also had numerous donations of books for the Friends of the Library book sale. Without the generous support of the citizens of Plainville the Library would not be as nice a place as it is now. Thank you to the Trustees of the Plainville Public Library; Linda Lyon, Paula Mealy and Sherrill Minch for their dedicated hard work to making sure the library is a welcoming, friendly, and resourceful place for everyone in the Town of Plainville.

Your Plainville Public Library is a Fiscal Year 2015 State of Massachusetts certified public library as certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 78, Section 19B. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners approved our petition for a Waiver of the FY2015 Municipal Appropriation Requirement based on the fact that the overall town budget and the library budget was increased. While it was not a big enough increase to cover the full mandated Municipal Appropriation amount, the library budget was not disproportional to overall town budget. This ensures we receive our State Aid amounting to \$12,165 in Fiscal Year 2016, are eligible to apply for state and federal grants, and our customers can borrow items freely from any library in Massachusetts as members in good standing with the SAILS Library Network and the Massachusetts Regional Library System.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Director