

**Plainville Public Library
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2016**

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 68,712 items this year. That averages out to 7.8 books, movies, books on tape, cds, cd-roms or DVDs circulated for each person who lives in Plainville. The Town of Plainville expends just .73% of the total town budget on the library or \$21.18 per resident for library services [based on FY14 data]. The average spending of libraries with similar population is 1.5% of their town budget at \$45.71 per capita. For each dollar the town invests in the library, the residents of Plainville receive over \$27.00 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.

<u>Our Collection</u>			<u>Circulation Statistics</u>		
<i>Books:</i>	Adult	18,901	<i>Books:</i>	Adult	18,052
	Children	16,462		Children	21,893
<i>Audio Books:</i>	Adult	2,154	<i>Audio Books:</i>	Adult	3,967
	Children	486		Children	944
<i>Videos/DVD:</i>	Adult	3,388	<i>Videos/DVD:</i>	Adult	9,495
	Children	1,184		Children	7,617
<i>Electronic Format</i>		17,150	<i>Electronic Format</i>		4,231
<i>Kits/puppets/puzzles</i>		311	<i>Kits/puppets/puzzles</i>		783
<i>Magazines volumes</i>		109	<i>Magazines subscriptions</i>		830
<i>Museum Passes</i>		11	<i>Museum Passes</i>		900
Total		60,156	Total		68,712

Our customers also have access to the Commonwealth Catalog, a statewide resource for borrowing books from libraries across the state. 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. We encourage Plainville Residents to get a Boston Public Library eCard in order to have access to the greatest amount on online eBooks and eAudio as well as Zinio online magazines. Instructions can be found at <http://www.plainvillepubliclibrary.org/digital-resources.html>.

The active Plainville Public Library web site, located at www.plainvillepubliclibrary.org. This year we had more than a 68,000 page views on our website. 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, Instagram and Pinterest.

The Plainville Public Library has 3 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.

Programming

The Library sponsored 203 children's programs for all ages. Over 4,100 parents and children attended these events. These included weekly story-times, Neptune the Reading Dog, Teddy Bear Picnic, free movies, craft programs, Mother Goose on the Loose for 0-2 year olds, and vacation programs. The Statewide 2015 Summer Reading program featured the Every Hero Has a Story campaign.

We received a Plainville Cultural Council Grant in the amount of \$275 for a program on cartooning, magna and superheroes by the artist Dana Perkins.

Our family programming continues to be popular including, Karaoke Day, Mini Golf, the Annual Scavenger Hunt, and Adult & Teen Summer Reading Rewards. PopUp Library is provided at the Senior Center on Tuesdays. The second Annual Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest benefited the Plainville Food Pantry. The Plainville Library worked together with the Plainville Historical Commission to collect and save photographs of Plainville, digitally, through our Scanning Parties. Overall, we hosted 43 family and adult events, which attracted 549 people.

We took part in the annual Lions Club Fall Festival. The library director is running a Senior book discussion group at the senior center. We collected over 70 toys for Toys for Tots and over 40 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 Friends of Robin Chandler. The library building continues to grow older and need more care. The bulletin boards in eh entry way were updated. The building was power washed and the peaks and the second floor facia boards were repainted. A diaper changing table was installed

in the second bathroom. Four broken pendant lights were replaced with new LED fixtures. As lights are replaced, we are moving to LED lamps where we can.

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 8 volunteers donate a total of 251 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 2016 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. This ensures we receive our State Aid amounting to \$12,591 and our Small Libraries in Networks grant of \$2,175 in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 Commonwealth Catalog.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Director