

**Plainville Public Library
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017**

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. The Library is now open 39 hours a week during the school year including opening 4 hours on Fridays year round for the first time since 2008. Circulation reached 77,426 items this year. This is an increase of 8,714 over last year; the biggest single year jump in my 20 years. That averages out to 8.6 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 \$25.00 worth of services. The Library features downloadable music, movies and books, available through our Overdrive collection. The InDemand Collection was created to provide new and popular books and movies to walk in borrowers on a first come basis. Additional services available include home delivery of books to Seniors, and deposit collections for classrooms. Aside from the local collection below, all library 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 there were over 32,500 items circulated to and from our library for our customers.

Local Collection

<i>Books:</i>	Adult	18,334
	Children	17,348
<i>Audio :</i>	Adult	2,160
	Children	690
<i>Movies/TV:</i>	Adult	3,533
	Children	1,314
<i>Electronic Format</i>		21,141
<i>Kits/puppets/puzzles</i>		192
<i>Magazines volumes</i>		125
<i>Museum Passes/equipment</i>		75
Total		60,156

Circulation Statistics

<i>Books:</i>	Adult	20,085
	Children	24,116
<i>Audio:</i>	Adult	3,935
	Children	976
<i>Movies/TV:</i>	Adult	12,028
	Children	9,265
<i>Electronic Format</i>		3,855
<i>Kits/puppets/puzzles</i>		1,255
<i>Magazines</i>		791
<i>Museum Passes/equipment</i>		1,117
Total		77,426

Library card holders 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. The Library encourages Plainville Residents to get a Boston Public Library eCard in order to have access to the greatest amount of online ebooks and eaudio through Hoopla and Overdrive 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, had over 68,000 page views. The library has up to date website content including interactive library calendar, museum pass booking, ebooks, BookLetters newsletters and A to Z Maps online. Library customers should increase their access to library materials by downloading library apps on their devices including Libby by Overdrive (ebooks), Access My Library (journals and newspapers) and BookMyne (library catalog). The library maintains a social media presence with Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest, as well as a monthly email newsletter.

The Plainville Public Library has three public use computers. On average, 36 people a week use our three 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 the Comcast provided wifi with their own devices to complete their tasks. Wifi is available from the picnic table and benches outside the library.

The library now circulates wifi hotspots for the use of our customers. Additional equipment from the Library of Things include a portable document scanner, negative to digital conversion scanner, thermal leak detector, soil tester, metal detector, karaoke machine, projector and telescope.

Four staff members are now trained Passport Agents who can accept U.S. Passport Applications on behalf of the Department of State.

Programming

The Library sponsored 212 children's programs for all ages. Over 3,400 parents and children attended these events. These included weekly story-times, Neptune the Reading Dog, Teddy Bear Picnic, free movies, craft programs, and vacation programs. Over 100 children registered for our 2016 Summer Reading program featuring the statewide "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read" theme.

The Plainville Library received a Plainville Cultural Council Grant in the amount of \$150 for a Zentangle art program and \$450 for the Marvelous Marvin Show. The Library was awarded a \$2150 grant from the Massachusetts Humanities for the Family Adventures in Reading Program that was held in cooperation with An Unlikely Story.

Family programming continues to be popular including the new Pinterest Can't Fail Club for adults and teens, Karaoke Day, the Annual Scavenger Hunt, and Adult & Teen Summer Bingo. PopUp Library was provided at the Senior Center on Tuesdays from November through May. PopUp Children's Library was provided at the Village Green Apartments Community Center. The Third 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, the library hosted 60 family and adult events, which attracted 613 people.

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 Library collected over 70 toys for Toys for Tots and over 20 new children's pajamas

for the Boston Bruins and Cradles to Crayons Pajama Drive in February. The Library was present at the annual Lions Club Fall Festival, Community Read Day at the Jackson School, and Coffee and Conversation at the Senior Center. The library director runs a Senior book discussion group at the senior center.

Building & Grounds

The flower barrel was planted and maintained this year by Julia Howells and family. The library building continues to grow older and need more care. The pergolas over the benches on the street side of the library and five fascia boards were replaced due to rotting issues. All recessed lights are now LED. Two smart TVs to work as electronic bulletin boards were added. The TV in the children's room can be used by the staff with the iPad and Apple TV to augment programming.

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, Showcase Cinemas, Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, Roger Williams Zoo, Easton Children's Museum, Providence Children's Museum, Boston Children's Museum, Plimouth Plantation, New England Aquarium, Butterfly Place, and the Museum of Science. They also sponsor four 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. Seven volunteers donated a total of 197 hours to the library this year, many of those hours going towards requirements for volunteer hours for high school students. Numerous donations of books flowed in 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 2017 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 \$12,809 and a Small Libraries in Networks grant of \$2,175 in Fiscal Year 2018; we 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