

Plainville Public Library Annual Report Fiscal Year 2022

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.

Budget

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
State Aid:	\$20,110	Salaries & Training:	\$161,236
Town:	\$246,482	Facilities:	\$25,673
Passport Revolving:	\$27,340	Library Materials:	\$61,164
Fine Revolving:	\$1,857	Other Expenditures:	\$26,850
Total Revenue:	\$295,789	Total Expenditures:	\$274,923

Services

The Plainville Public Library continues to be a lifeline to our community. The Library was open our regular 40 hours a week starting in September 2021 as the pandemic started to wane. Masks were still required in public buildings until February 2022. In January the library promoted checkouts by adults by giving away a free instant cocoa pack to anyone who checked out a book with our "Warm up with a Good Book" promotion. Blind Date with a Book was back in February. The picturebook grab and go themed bundles continue to be popular. The Board of Library Trustees approved changing the loan period for DVDs to 2 weeks and reducing the fines to 10 cents a day.

The Library provided every Plainville elementary teacher a Plainville Library card for access to materials for their classroom with pickups provided by the school and returns through the book drop in the school parking lot. The Library continued to offer a shredding drop off box, package pick up, fax and copy services.

The Plainville Public Library web site, located at www.plainvillepubliclibrary.org, has up to date website content including interactive library calendar, museum pass booking, ebooks, and newsletters. Events for the Town of Plainville are brought together on Burbio.com for the ease of visually seeing all that is going on in town on any particular day.

Library Apps to Have

- SAILS Mobile
- Libby
- Overdrive
- Access My Library

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The Plainville Public Library has three public use computers which were upgraded this year to Envisionware in order to better track the usage on the computers and make it easier for staff to control access. Computer use averages 10 people a week used our three public internet computers within the library to check email, apply for health care, search for jobs and more. Many more use the town fiber provided wifi with their own devices to complete their tasks. Wifi is available from the picnic table and benches outside the library.

Three staff members are trained Passport Agents who can accept U.S. Passport Applications on behalf of the Department of State, which brings in additional revenue to be used by the Library in a revolving account. Library staff processed 746 passport applications this fiscal year. This is an extraordinary amount as many customers let their passports expire during the past two years of the pandemic and were just now feeling comfortable enough to travel again.

Collection

Aside from the local collection seen here, all library customers could borrow materials from any of the 45 SAILS network libraries as well as the Commonwealth Catalog for libraries across the state. There were over 26,000 items circulated to and from our library for customers via statewide delivery. The library features downloadable music, books, and audiobooks available through our Overdrive collection, including our Partner libraries throughout the state. EBook usage continued to be just as important as print books during a pandemic, as it was about 14% of our overall circulation. The Library added a collection of giant outdoor lawn games this year that has proved to be very popular, and portable and home DVD players as well as a podcast kit and car code reader. The library was granted 5 additional hotspots to loan out for free for 18 months with a grant from the Massachusetts of Board of Library Commissioners and American Recovery Act Funding.

Holdings					Circulation				
	ADULT	JUVENILE	YA	Total		ADULT	JUVENILE	YA	Total
Item Category3	Number of Items	Number of Items	Number of Items	Number of Items	Item Category3	Number of Items	Number of Items	Number of Items	Number of Items
AUDIO	1,939	705	40	2,684	AUDIO	1,672	1,790	18	3,480
BOOKS	12,785	17,306	1,801	31,892	BOOKS	16,893	33,123	1,198	51,214
E-BOOKS	45,123	4,060	2,885	52,068	E-BOOKS	5,440	979	341	6,760
E-AUDIO	9,968	517	524	11,009	E-AUDIO	3,958	156	282	4,396
E-VIDEO	312	278	83	673	E-VIDEO	3	0	0	3
ELECTRONIC	229	6	0	235	ELECTRONIC	383	5	0	388
MISC	42	171	0	213	MISC	1,341	1,441	0	2,782
PERIODICAL VOL	59	13	0	72	PERIODICAL	719	69	0	788
VIDEO	3,581	1,609	0	5,190	VIDEO	5,175	4,569	37	9,781
Total	74,038	24,665	5,333	104,036	Total	35,584	42,132	1,876	79,592

BookFlix and Teachables continued to be popular to support schooling for parents and teachers. The Library provided electronic content to our customers with free access to Universal Class, CreativeBug, and Tumblebooks. Our electronic resources were used over 2,500 times.

The Library encourages Plainville Residents to get a Boston Public Library eCard in order to have access to the greatest amount of online materials and research. Instructions can be found at <http://www.plainvillepubliclibrary.org/digital-resources.html>.

Building & Grounds

The flower barrel was planted and maintained this year by Georgia Manson. The library building continues to grow older and requires more care. The HVAC system is failing, with the AC units being the most problematic. The town has started planning for its replacement. The garden areas at the front of the library are worked on by volunteers and the Director.

Programming

Children's Programming

- Monthly Book Bag Buddies for first and third graders
- Rhyme Time in person
- Interactive Movie Kits take home
- Ecotarium online Program
- Music & Movement Fridays
- 2021 Summer Reading program featuring the statewide "Tails and Tales" theme
- Outside activities for children
- Costume Swap
- Lego Club in Person

Family and Adult Events

- Pinterest Can't Fail Club
- Watercolors 5-part class
- Watercolors resistance classes
- Senior Book Club
- Adult & Teen Summer Reading
- Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Movie Mondays for Adults
- Dyeing to Wear it program
- Homeschool Meetings
- Sticker Together Giant Poster
- SewFly take home projects

We were so happy to start in person programming again this year. The Library started up indoor programming again in December and slowly built back programs for children through the rest of the fiscal year, ending with our annual Teddy Bear Picnic in June. The senior Book Club started back at the Senior Center in September 2021 after an 18-month break. Lego Club was back in person in February. The Plainville Cultural Council supported the Magic Show and Storyteller Davis Bates.

The Library worked with Mass Audubon to provide a space for a family Nature hike starting from Telford Park and a child's Nature talk with a visit from an owl. The Library worked with Self Help to provide a special storytime in June, and with Mrs. Espenhain's class to start a Kindness Rocks program. Library programming served over 3,800 people.

We support our community by being a location to drop off food for the Plainville Food Pantry and raising 84 canned goods during our annual pumpkin decorating contest. The Library helped promote Keep Plainville Beautiful Cleanup Week in April by providing pick up tools to borrow and a display. The Library collected over 373 toys for Toys for Tots and 12 new children's pajamas for the Boston Bruins and Cradles to Crayons Pajama Drive.

Recognition

The Plainville Public Library would like to thank the Friends of the Plainville Public Library, Inc. for purchasing the passes to the Trustees, 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. The Friends are able to do so much because of the funds raised through their ongoing book sales and the amazing puzzle sale.

Thank you to all of the persons who have given donations in honor of a loved one this year. 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: Paula Mealy, Denise Nado and Brenda Watkinson, 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 2022 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 \$20,110 and a Small Libraries in Networks grant of \$2,450 in Fiscal Year 2022; 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