



Peterborough Town Library

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Annual Report 2022

The Peterborough Town Library staff had a wonderful time providing full in-person services all year for the first time since the closure in March of 2020. 2022 was a year of immense growth in library card holders, usage of the public meeting rooms, attendance to public programming, and community partnerships.

In addition to programs and community outreach, librarians answered 5,163 questions, offered career mentoring to 15 people, and of course, maintained wonderful collections of books, DVDs, audiobooks, and streaming content for all ages. Our small study rooms were booked 850 times!

Youth programs of note:

- In addition to 84 storytime sessions, the youth team created 37 other programs for a total of 2,142 attendees at youth programs.
- Summer reading encouraged our families to read all summer long. 111 students participated.
- Conval librarians partnered with PTL to create a teen book club.
- PES teachers brought nearly every class through for a library tour. Several families joined the library after each visit.
- The new Families Read Together program met monthly, read together, and participated in fun hands-on or STEAM activities as part of each club meeting.

Adult programs of note:

- PTL offered 23 technology classes attended by 284 on topics like cyber security, online shopping, understanding the cloud, the google suite, Mac basics, and more! In addition, drop-in tech help was offered every Wednesday by Tim Brezovec.
- We partnered with MacDowell to host a “pop-up poetry library” at their Medal Day Celebration. PTL staff created a poetry installation on the grounds and hosted the 2022 Edward MacDowell Medal winner Sonia Sanchez at our bookclub.
- The Peterborough Community Seed library gave out free seed and partnered with Cornucopia to display a hydroponic growing tower in the library for the month of June.
- A special event was hosted to champion free speech and honor the work of Salman Rushdie. Readers from Peterborough Players, MacDowell, Mariposa, Monadnock Writers’ Group, Monadnock Underground, Avenue A, Revolution Ethics, and the Monadnock Lyceum all read excerpts of Rushdie’s work at this important event.
- We partnered with GoMonadnock to host two debates in 2022. These important civic literacy programs were attended by well over 50 people each time.



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Other updates of note:

- We conducted a survey in the fall of 2022. Based on the feedback from our patrons, we did the following:
 - Changed our Saturday hours to 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Created a Spanish language conversation group.
 - Put a stronger emphasis on arts and crafts type programs.
 - Created a continuing education series of lectures, sponsored by the Friends of the Library
 - Offered more evening and Saturday programs for families and adults.
 - Returned youth area to pre-pandemic operations such as offering toys, doll-house, and hands-on activities.
 - Better promoted all our services.
- A decal was added to the western windows of the building to protect birds from unintended collisions.
- The Friends of the Library reopened Kyes-Sage House bookshop for the 2022 season. The shop has been a great success and the Friends maintain a great group of volunteers to help with their operation. Carol Boyle remains as the President of the Friends of the Library. The Friends sponsored Summer Reading programs, the Pizza and Pages book club, and several other youth events in 2022.
- Ann Harrison retired in 2022 after over 14 years of service to the Peterborough Library. She can still be seen at PTL as an occasional substitute.
- The library received a \$2,500 grant from the NH Charitable Foundation's John and Maud Corser Fund. The funds were used to purchase sensory materials and provide training to the staff on how to better serve patrons with disabilities.



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2022 by the numbers: (statistics are for full 2022 calendar year)

- Welcomed 672 new card holders.
- Served 3,052 active patrons.
- Hosted 53,791 visits.
- Created 135 adult programs attended by 1,939.
- Loaned 62,634 physical items to patrons.
- Patrons Downloaded 22,689 items (eBooks, audio, movies, etc.).
- Hosted 1,327 patrons at our family reading programs.
- Added 2,248 new items to the collection.
- Withdrew 2,670 items.
- Provided small study rooms for 850 meetings.

Library Staff: (4 full-time, 9 part-time)

Lisa Bearce, Head of Youth Services
Nik Beauchemin, Library Assistant
Laura Bloch, Caretaker
Corinne Chronopoulos, Library Director
Rory Hickey, Library Assistant
Mary Hubbard, Assistant Director
Esther Janis, Student Intern
Linda Kepner, Tech Services Librarian
Aimee LaRue, Teen and Public Services Librarian
Bruce Leeds, Library Assistant
Nancy McMullen, Library Assistant
Peter Wagoner, Patron Services Assistant
Dyane Young, Patron Services Assistant

Respectfully Submitted,

Corinne Chronopoulos
Library Director