

Report of the Director of the Lane Memorial Library

By the numbers

The full collection of the library at the end of 2018 totaled 71,178 titles. Over the course of the year 6,121 titles were added and 5,495 titles were removed. We had 10,757 registered patrons in 2018.

Circulated materials	184,638	(190,398 in 2017)
Visits	123,820	(127,243 in 2017)
Computer uses	15,658	(16,404 in 2017)
Reference questions	6,838	(7,890 in 2017)
Programs	464	(471 in 2017)
Program attendees	9,926	(11,548 in 2017)

Mission Statement

Our library will be vital to life and learning. We will connect our community by offering a place to assemble, collaborate, and engage in insightful study.

Late in 2017 we completed a strategic planning process that aligns our mission and goals with the community at large and 2018 we began using the plan to bring that library to life. We began taking steps this year to accomplish our goals of creating learning opportunities through programming that are captivating and beneficial, creating a connection to community businesses, cultivating their value as members of our library, developing the library as “the place” where Hampton gathers.

Building and Staff

Through the generous support of Hampton voters in 2017, we were able to dramatically improve the Children’s Room of the library this year. While the 1984 design of the library has met the needs of the Hampton community well, there are aspects of the building that have hampered us. In the case of the Children’s Room some of those hinderances have been an insufficient amount of natural light and no direct course of emergency egress. We added three entirely new windows to a wall that previously only held two, making a continuous band of natural light. Additionally, one of these windows was installed to such a size and position as to serve as an egress point in the event of an emergency.

Our front desk staff of Library Assistants underwent several changes in 2018. Lisa Beaudry let go of her regular schedule in favor of an as-needed position as a Substitute. Brenda Kohl made the opposite transition, from sub to regular staff member. Lee Weatherby also left her position and we welcomed Mikki Phillips from sub to regular staff member as well.

Programs

The Lane Memorial Library is dedicated to gathering Hampton citizens together for meaningful connections and learning experiences. To that end we host hundreds of events throughout the year to engage and delight. At the end of 2017 and throughout 2018 we offered craft classes – most making a simple craft out of ordinary printer paper. We also hosted our first ever winter reading program in 2018, Make Time to Read. During the traditional Summer Reading Program, we reimagined why we give prizes and how they incentivize reading and found ways to reward all reading. As a finale and to celebrate all that summer reading, we welcomed the *Flying High Dogs* to

perform an amazing agility dog show. In the fall LML joined the national initiative, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, to aide and support our preschoolers and their families in creating kindergarten-ready students. Whenever possible we like to host our events with other community organizers in Hampton and for Halloween, we were fortunate to be included in the joint Hampton School District PTA / Hampton Parks and Recreation Department celebrations – reading spooky stories to hundreds of kids. At the end of the year we gathered families together for gingerbread house decorating.

Friends and Volunteers

The Friends of the Lane Memorial Library are the underwriters to many of the best things the library has to offer, donating \$14,722 to the library in 2018. Our volunteers are dedicated to helping us as we help Hampton residents, donating over 1,218 hours of their time in 2018.

Thank you from the staff of the Lane Memorial Library and the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully, Amanda L. Reynolds Cooper M.S. L.I.S, Library Director



Mother & son compete in “One for the Books” race, slime making, and 2nd Annual Touch-a-Truck