

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY REPORT

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is a non-profit, independent corporation that serves East Montpelier and several other Central Vermont communities as a free public library. Founded in 1894, the library is open 55 hours and six days per week. Because of high demand from our communities, it has become one of the busiest public libraries in the state. In addition to having one of the largest book collections, we borrow more items for our patrons through interlibrary loans than all but one other library. In terms of number of items our patrons borrow and how many visits they make, we are second only to the public library in Burlington.

In addition to lending books, DVDs, CDs and magazines, we provide strong programs for both children and adults. Last year we ran 591 programs, with a total attendance of 10,653. Our Outreach program brings books and story times to area preschools and daycares, provides books for borrowing at satellite lending sites, and delivers books and other materials to homebound patrons.

We have upgraded our technical offerings over the past couple of years, and they continue to grow in popularity. The fiber optic line installed in 2013 has improved performance for those who use library computers and those who bring their own laptop and use our free wi-fi. Patrons who have a KHL card don't even have to come to the library, though. They can download e-books from any location with their library card. This year we also started sending email reminders a couple of days before items are due—which has been a very popular service. And, back in the library now, we offer video conferencing services.

East Montpelier residents are active library patrons. During the first eleven months of 2014, they checked out 16,199 items. We deliver books to the Old Meeting House Fellowship Lunch alternating weeks from October through May, and we deliver books to four East Montpelier daycares year-round. We provide occasional story times at a few locations and, through grants, have free children's books to distribute at some of them.

The library has an active and very strong Board of Trustees, and Lindy Biggs is the East Montpelier representative on it. Several East Montpelier residents are library volunteers. During 2014 we began renewing our efforts to serve the needs of all of the KHL communities as actively as possible. Early in the new year we will be actively soliciting feedback about how we can continue to do this.

This year the Kellogg-Hubbard Library requests support from East Montpelier in the amount of \$38,614. This is five percent more than the library asked for the last year two years. The Board of Trustees updated the way it calculates requested support from the towns, now using a per capita formula. Towns are asked to pay \$16 per capita in local taxpayer support, with a maximum increase of 5%; this is well below the statewide average of just under \$27 per capita.

The library's current budget is \$876,000, which is \$112,000 lower than it was just a few years ago. Fundraising, donations, grants and earnings on the library's endowment, provide half the library's revenue and allow it to offer high quality service to our communities at far less than the statewide average. East Montpelier comprises 14.6% of the population of the communities we serve. The library is asking East Montpelier residents to pay 4.4% of our operating costs, and for that support they receive full access to one of Vermont's premier public libraries.

Tom McKone, Director

An Overview of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library, a private non-profit corporation that serves several Central Vermont communities as a free public library, was founded in 1894. To this day, it continues to serve as a dynamic community center for Central Vermont. Open 55 hours and six days a week, its beautiful granite edifice welcomes hundreds of people per day as they read and borrow books, use the free internet service, and attend programming. The KHL employs six full-time and eight part-time employees. Run by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library Corporation, its fundraising activities and endowment have contributed millions of dollars over the years to support this treasured cultural center.

Traditional materials and programs at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library

- The library's books total 77,000, and DVDs, CDs, magazines and other materials add over 10,000 additional items. It is the second largest book collection and the second largest total holdings among Vermont public libraries.
- High community demand—measured by a circulation of 272,000 items and 249,000 visits to the library—made it the second largest public library in those categories, also. (Department of Libraries figures from 2013.)
- The library remains a leader in cultural and educational programming.
- In 2013, the library offered 167 children's programs that were attended by 4,275.
- The library also offered 276 adult programs that were attended by 4,880.
- We have an active outreach program that brings the library to patrons in all of our member communities. A sampling includes satellite lending libraries; story times at schools, churches, community centers; deliveries to day care centers.

Technology at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library

- Patrons can use their library cards to access e-books (Kindle, PDF, audiobooks) and downloadable materials through ListenUp! Vermont. We have had this for a few years. Books can be downloaded from anywhere by those who have KHL library cards. [As of October 2014 we are planning to add a second downloadable book service in the coming months.]
- In 2013, as of early December, patrons had already either checked out, or were waiting to check out, 3540 digital items, an increase of 60% over 2012, and a number that placed Kellogg-Hubbard at 5th in the state for this service.
- During 2013, through Fiber Connect and in conjunction with the Vermont Department of Libraries, the Kellogg-Hubbard installed a fiber optic network the computers through the Fiber Connect project in conjunction with the Vermont Department of Libraries.
- This upgrade, which also included wireless services throughout the building, radically increased download speeds.
- This upgrade and a Google grant for equipment enables the library to host videoconferencing services.
- Patrons now have access to the Library's catalog and individual accounts both onsite and online through Kellogg-Hubbard's website, allowing remote users to login, peruse the catalog, place a hold on items for pickup later, submit interlibrary loan requests, and renew materials.
- Patrons who have email receive notifications two days before materials are due.

*Note: This information was compiled for Town Meeting Day 2014.
Updated information will be available after New Year's.*

What Do Other Towns Pay to Support Their Library?

All information is from Vermont Public Library Statistics, FY 2013 Annual Report.
Published by the Vermont Department of Libraries

Libraries serving populations between 2,500 and 4,999

Library & Town	Population	Town tax support	Square footage	Hours open per week	Number of books
Jeudevine Mem. Hardwick	3,041	85,361	987	31	11,926
Lanpher Mem. Hyde Park	2,933	55,676	6,060	30	8,500
Joslin Mem. Waitsfield	Waits. 1,775 Fayston, 1,190	63,175	1,357	29	9,719
Ainsworth Williamstown	3,388	43,600	3,522	30	11,690
Norman Williams Woodstock	3,070	163,800	15,000	51	51,518

Libraries serving towns with populations between 1,000 and 2,499

Cabot Public Cabot	1,397	49,988	1,300	25	7,628
Jaquith Marshfield	2,010	65,767	1,700	30	10,757
Moretown Mem Moretown	1,537	19,400	768	24	6,585
Cutler Mem Plainfield	1,307	25,000	1,125	26	8,000
Calef Mem Washington	1,001	33,439	966	23	5,936

Kellogg-Hubbard Overview and Request from East Montpelier

The full KHL budget is \$876,300

Library & Town	Population	Total tax support from six communities	Square footage	Hours open per week	Number of books
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	17,732	\$453,087	18,449	55	76,670
KHL Request from East Montpelier	2,580	\$38,614	Full access to the second largest public library in Vermont		

Compiled by Tom McKone, KHL Director, October 2014

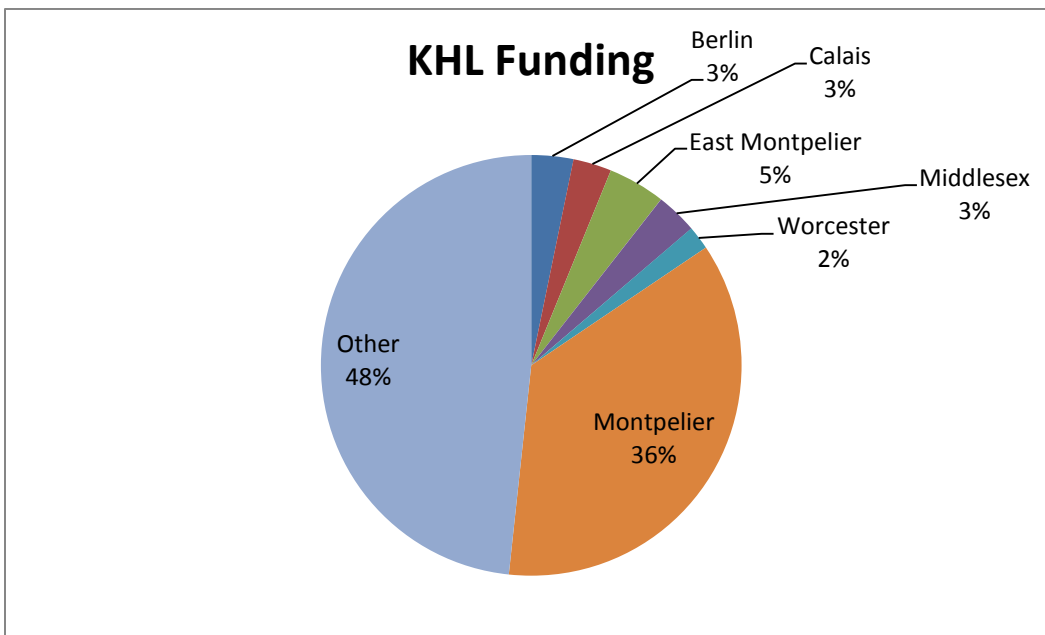
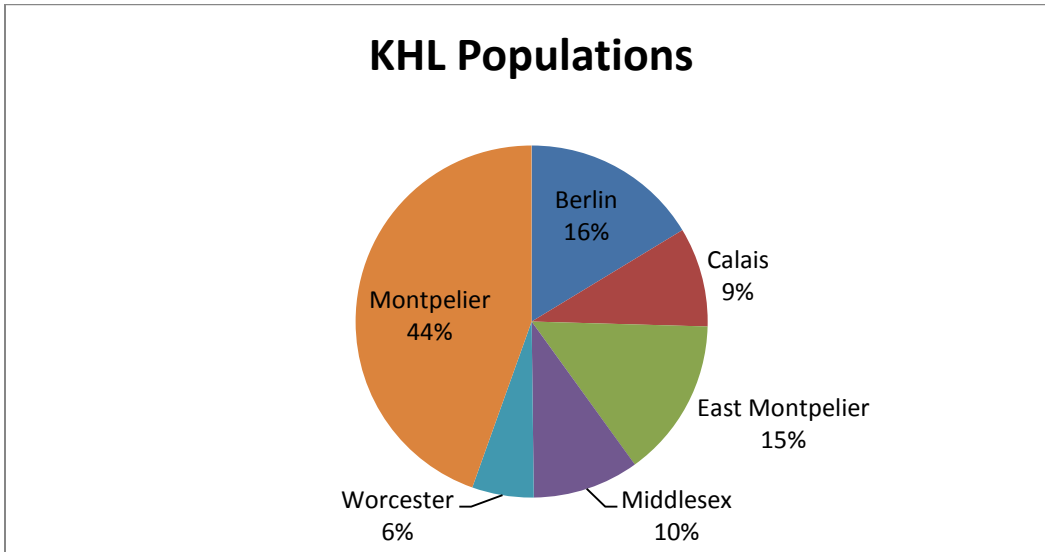
Note that these numbers are the most recent from the Dept. of Libraries report; other sources may include more recent numbers, so there could be minor variations.

How Is the Kellogg-Hubbard Library Funded?

What is it asking East Montpelier to contribute?

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is not a governmental department or agency. It is a private nonprofit corporation that was created and exists to provide modern public library services to the residents of several Central Vermont communities. High community demand has made it the second largest public library in Vermont.

Annual Circulation: 272,000. Books in Collection: 77,000. Annual Visits: 249,000.



The library's current budget is \$876,300. The library is proposing to raise \$453,087 from the six communities. This is 52% of the total revenue the library needs to raise. The other 48% comes from fundraising, donations, income from the endowment, and grants. The combined requests for taxpayer support from the communities (52%) are far below the state average (81%).

The KHL is requesting \$38,614 from East Montpelier, or 4.4% of the cost of running the library. The 2015-16 requests from towns are based on \$16 per capita, with a maximum increase of 5%. (The statewide per capita average is \$27). This request is \$1,839 (5%) higher than the amount requested and approved at Town Meeting for the past two years.