

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY REPORT

Since it was founded in 1894, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library has encouraged lifelong learning and acted as a catalyst for the free exchange of ideas. Starting with a collection of 5,613 books when the building opened in 1896, the library now offers over 72,000 books, CDs, and DVDs, 84 magazine and newspaper subscriptions, 18,000 eBooks and eAudios, 52 online research databases, 14 public computers, internet access, outreach services, hundreds of programs for adults and children, and much more. More than ever, the Library represents a cornerstone of the community, connecting people to each other and to the resources that help them learn new skills, find jobs, discover local resources, or simply find a book or movie to enjoy. The Library serves people of all ages, circumstances and backgrounds.

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library continues to be one of the busiest public libraries in Vermont. Last year we counted 201,457 visits to the Library - that's an average of 676 people per day that we're open. We had another 87,604 visits to the Library website. Of the services we offer, lending physical materials is still the most popular. Last year we circulated 276,026 books, audiobooks and DVDs. Our eBook and eAudio use continues to increase substantially every year; last year we saw 22,280 digital downloads, up from 16,253 the prior year. Our online database use increased from 3,104 sessions to 3,802 sessions, bringing our total Library circulation to 302,108. We borrowed 2,878 items for our patrons through Interlibrary Loan and loaned out another 1,277 to libraries throughout Vermont. Our meeting rooms were used 386 times by community groups. We have 702 patrons from East Montpelier with active library cards. They checked out 14,632 items last year, in addition to digital downloads, which aren't tracked by town.

The Library had another robust year of programs. We offered 575 programs; 226 for children, 47 for young adults and 302 for adults. Attendance at programs totaled 10,012. While our Summer Reading program was a smashing success, we also saw many children every afternoon for drop-in activities like fuse beads, board games, Legos and crafts. We offer preschool story hour twice per week. In adult programming, PoemCity continues to thrive, as does our partnership with the Vermont Humanities Council for the First Wednesdays lecture series and our speaker series partnership with the League of Women Voters.

Our Outreach program visited the Old Meeting House Community Lunch 13 times in the spring, summer and fall and delivered 290 books. We have volunteers who make regular daycare visits; last year they made 73 visits to East Montpelier daycares and delivered 1,016 books. Our Outreach Coordinator also made story time and craft visits to our member communities, including the East Montpelier Elementary School. We had a wonderful time partnering with the East Montpelier Fire Department for Fireman Story Time last summer.

This year our Executive Director, Tom McKone retired, and we restructured Library administration, going from 2.75 full-time positions to 2. We are now operating with a Co-Directorship, with Carolyn Brennan serving as Library Director and Jessie Lynn serving as Nonprofit Director. To offset the reduction in administrators, we increased some staff level positions.

Our current budget is \$929,100. The library receives 52% of its funding from taxpayers, with the largest part coming from Montpelier. Fundraising, donations, grants and earnings on the library's endowment provide the other 48% of the library's revenue. This year we are not asking for increases from any of our communities. We are asking East Montpelier voters to again approve \$42,022 in support of the library. This is 4.5% of the cost of running the library, and for that amount East Montpelier residents get full access to one of Vermont's premier public libraries. The library has a strong Board of Trustees. Lindy Biggs is our East Montpelier representative.

Carolyn Brennan, Co-Director, Library Director

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Year founded as a private non-profit corporation: 1894

Population served: 17,339

Hours open per week: 46.5

Size of collection: 72,074

Annual circulation (physical items): 276,026

Number of downloaded audio and e-books last year: 22,280

Total patron visits to library last year: 201,457

Number of programs offered last year: 575

Total attendance at those programs: 10,012

Number of public computers: 14

Average *weekly* use of public computers: 255

Average *weekly* patron use of free wi-fi: 1,045 times

Library budget for 2018-19: \$929,100

Portion of budget covered by taxpayer dollars: 53%

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## **Library funding request from East Montpelier: \$42,022**

*Portion of library budget this pays for: 4.5%*

Increase over last year: \$0.00

Per capita East Montpelier taxpayer contribution: \$16.15

Statewide average per capita taxpayer contribution: over \$32.00

Number of East Montpelier residents with active library cards: 703

Number of items East Montpelier residents borrowed last year: 14,632  
(Plus e-books, which are not tracked by town)

Outreach services provided for East Montpelier include:

- Visits to the Old Meeting House Community Lunch with delivery of books, audiobooks and DVDs
- Daycare visits; 73 visits last year plus delivery of 1,016 books
- Outreach story times at EMES and summer reading events held in East Montpelier