Annual Report

2015-2016

BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

MISSION STATEMENT

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library provides materials and services to help all residents of the community meet their informational, educational, cultural, and creative needs.

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2015-2016

HIGH SPEED WIFI PILOT PROJECT WITH CEN

Wireless Internet access has been growing in demand over the past several years, but providing unlimited high speed access has been a challenge for small libraries. This year we partnered with the Connecticut Education Network who provided the infrastructure allowing us to provide stronger more reliable wireless internet access to the community.

JANETTE SMITH CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Library Assistant, Janette Smith, celebrated her 40th anniversary of employment at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library this past January.

1772 FOUNDATION CLOCK TOWER REPAIR

A matching grant from the 1772 Foundation allowed us to restore the clock tower atop our historic Main Street facade. In addition to a fresh coat of paint, the wood was treated so that it would be better protected from the harsher elements at the higher elevation.

HOME SCHOOL GROUP

This year the library looked at how to support our local home school youth and their parent instructors. Multiple families came each month and invited other local families. The group grew each month from word of mouth and provided children with an educational place for socialization while providing parents with an opportunity to network and an introduction to the educational tools available at the Library.

The children were given the opportunity to pick each month's topic, and they requested many technological topics. Lessons included graphic design, robotics and dissecting a computer with Coventry Public Schools Senior Technology Technician. Non-technological topics included studying and replicating Caldecott winning children's book illustrations.

HIGHLIGHTS

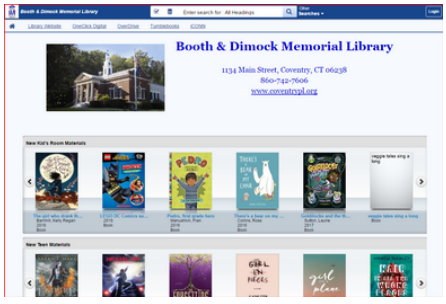
LIBBY PARDA TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

The Association of Connecticut Library Boards honored Booth & Dimock Memorial Library Trustee, Libby Parda, as one of the 2015 Trustees of the Year for her enthusiasm and leadership skills.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Ten preschoolers were celebrated in the first 1,000 Books before Kindergarten graduation celebration. Each child received a certificate and book from the Library and a separate certificate from the Connecticut State House, presented by Representative Tim Ackert.

VERSO 5 LIBRARY CATALOG



Upgrades to our catalog have made it easier to look up books and manage reserves on the go. Now mobile device friendly, the Library Catalog is better than ever.

PUBLICITY AWARD HONORABLE MENTION

Meg Schiebel and Kristi Sadowski accepted an honorable mention at the Connecticut Library Association Conference for the thematic project category of their annual publicity awards for the many designs created for last year's summer reading kick-off Comic Con event.

CONSTRUCTION GRANT

The Connecticut State Library awarded us a $1,000,000 construction grant, in November 2015, for improvements to the Library. This was the largest denomination avalaible.

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THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME & WHERE ALL CAN INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT COST.

Community response from the 2015 Coventry Voices on the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library survey.

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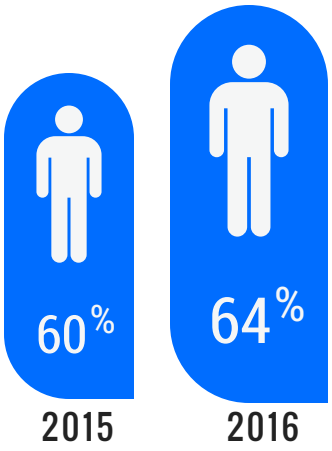
A busy Children's Room
June, 2015
Summer Reading Kick-Off
& Ice Cream Social

ONE YEAR BY THE #S

67,056 LIBRARY VISITS
89,484 ITEMS BORROWED
457 PROGRAMS HELD

USAGE



- 8,024 COVENTRY RESIDENTS WITH ACTIVE LIBRARY CARDS
  (531 more than last year!)
- 9,965 TOTAL ACTIVE BORROWERS
- 438 NEW BORROWERS

COMPUTER USE

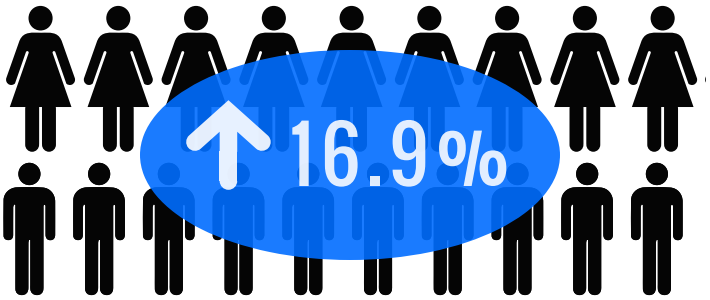
20,742 HALF-HOUR SESSIONS

WiFi

1,721 WIRELESS INTERNET USERS

ANNUAL VISITS

- 67,056 VISITS

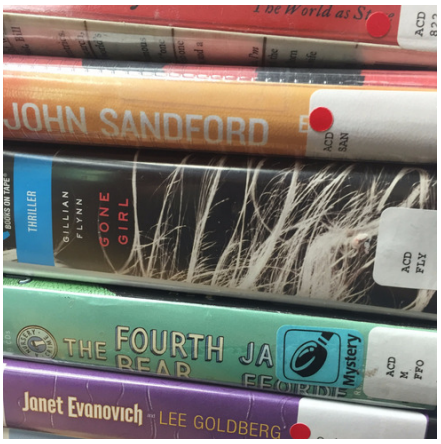


REFERENCE/ASSISTANCE

- 5,394 QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY TRAINED STAFF
- 979 WERE COMPUTER USE QUESTIONS

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY

- 11 MONTHLY DELIVERIES



CIRCULATION

- 84,253 PHYSICAL ITEMS
- 5,231 DIGITAL ITEMS
- 41,412 ITEMS USED AT LIBRARY

PRINT

- 60,947 BOOKS
- 2,949 MAGAZINES

A/V

- 14,404 MOVIES
- 4,499 AUDIOBOOKS

MISC.

- 323 MUSEUM PASSES, GAMES, KITS, & MORE

MOST POPULAR DISCOUNT PASSES

- Lutz Children's Museum
- CT State Parks
- Mystic Aquarium

DIGITAL ITEMS

- 3,487 eBOOKS
- 1,284 eAUDIOBOOKS
- 676 eMAGAZINES
- 4 eVIDEOS

BY COLLECTION

- 37,242 Adult Collection Items
- 4,915 Teen Collection Items
- 43,268 Kids Room Items
- 4,059 Miscellaneous Items

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

- 1,706 Items borrowed from other libraries
- 899 Items lent to other libraries

This usage is particularly high, considering the lack of Statewide catalog since July 2015, and delivery interruptions.

PROGRAMS

9,665 PEOPLE ATTENDED
457 LIBRARY SPONSORED EVENTS

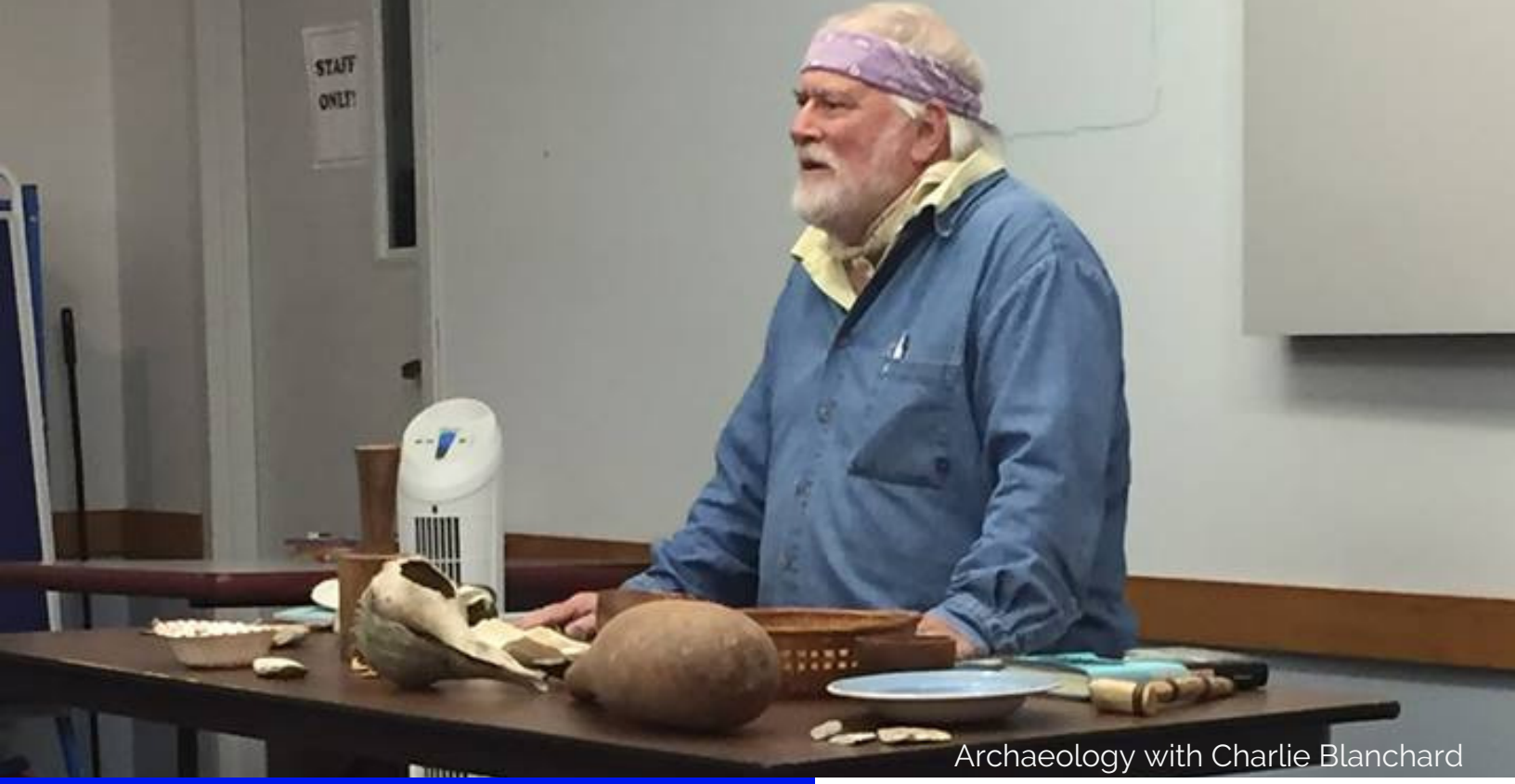
NEW GROUPS

- HOMESCHOOL GROUP
- COLORING & CONVERSATION
- ADULT TECH CLASSES
- BOARD TO DEATH
- SENSORY PLAYGROUP

- 719 people attended 125 events geared towards adults.
- 511 people attended 99 events presented by the Teen Zone.
- 5,060 people attended 230 events presented by the Children's Room.
- 705 people attended 3 all ages events.

Board to Death

Little Explorer's Sensory Playgroup



Archaeology with Charlie Blanchard

EDUCATIONAL, ENTERTAINING,
SOCIAL, CULTURAL, CREATIVE

EXPANDING MINDS

Fun and Free for All Ages

Feminism & Activism: Then and Now

2015-2016 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Connecticut Authors Trail, Archeology with Charlie Blanchard, Will Siss-Alco Journalist, Black Bears in Connecticut, Local Author Faire, D.I.Y. Glass Painting, Tea and Chocolate Lecture, Goodbye to Downton Abbey, Feminism & Activism: Then & Now, Successful Digital Marketing Strategies, Passport to Connecticut Libraries, Mindfullness,

Mystery Book Club, Wednesday Night Book Club, Cookbook Club, Board to Death, Coloring and Conversation,

Individual Tech Assistance, Cookie Cutter Design and 3D Print, iOS Star Up, Text Messaging How-To, Google Apps, Label Making, Smart Phone Photography, Geocaching,

Tiny Tots Storytime, Preschool Storytime, Music & Movement, Early Literacy Playgroup, Parents Participating Together Workshop, Homeschool Group, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Little Explorer's Sensory Playgroup,

Superhero Training Camp, Science Lab, Maker Mornings, Mr. Magic, LEGO® Club, Read It and Eat Book Club, Afterschool Club, Hero Crafts, Toddler Dance Party, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Halloween Crafts, Dreamcatchers, Drive in Movie, Valentine's Day Party, Scavenger Hunts, The Day the Crayons Came to the Library, Comics Club, Wii Party, Fairy Houses, Un-Birthday Party,

Gaming Club, Movie Nights, Harry Potter Fandom, Halloween Food Decoration, Board Games, Magic: The Gathering, Minecraft Meetups, Maker Club, Anime, Peep Dioramas, Circuitry & Soldering, Stop Motion Animation, Screen Printing

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Local Author Faire

In November, 2015, the Coventry Senior Center and Library created an all day celebration of 17 authors from Coventry (and surrounding towns).

Christmas in the Village

Continuing tradition, the Board of Trustees passed out cookies and hot cider during this annual village event. This year the newly formed Coventry Arts Guild held their Youth Art Show in the community room.

CT Authors Trail

Celebrating the great local author talent, The Connecticut Authors Trail stops in Coventry once each summer. Cindy L. Rodriguez, the author of **When Reason Breaks** visited in July, 2015.

Passport to CT Libraries

The Connecticut Library Association sponsored a program which encouraged CT residents to visit as many libraries as possible across the state during the month of April. 82 people participated in Coventry.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR & COOPERATIVE

Coventry Parks & Recreation, Human Services, Youth Services, Senior Center, & Booth & Dimock Memorial Library spent the winter and spring strengthening relationships and looking for new ways to collaborate for the benefit of the Coventry community.

The first goal was to create a community wide calendar for all events open to the public happening within the 06238 zip code. Joined by the Economic Development Commission, this group created the 06238 Community Calendar which can be accessed at **www.coventryct.org/06238** and is open to submissions from local organizations, non-profits and businesses. The goal is to have a one stop location for residents to learn about the many and varied events and activities that happen every day in our town.

Coventry Historical Society

The Daniel Burnap Clock, on loan from the Coventry Historical Society, has found a new home in the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library. The clock dial has been stamped with Burnap and Coventry. Burnap (1759-1839) was a clockmaker in Coventry.

Members of the Coventry Historical Society have been showcasing local history in the Library display cabinet., Their most recent display was a comprehensive look at the Mill Brook region.

AROUND TOWN

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library is more than just books and more than just a building. Staff can be found around Coventry, at many events and working with other organizations.

DAYCARE VISITS

Miss Meg brought Summer Reading, storytimes and other library services directly to several daycares around Coventry during monthly visits.

PATRIOTS PARK SUMMER CAMP

Miss Meg took storytime on the road and visited Camp Wangumbaug's youngest campers once a week.

WINDHAM TECH

During National Library Week, Chris went to Windham Tech, along with librarians from surrounding towns, to register high school students for library cards.

COVENTRY STEPS

Meg is part of the early literacy group, Sharing Together Enriches Potential Success for Children, and also sits on the School Readiness Council.

SCARECROW CONTEST

A collaborative "Where the Wild Things Are" scarecrow display, created with the Coventry Public School Media Specialists, was entered into the annual Parks and Recreation contest.

COVENTRY FARMER'S MARKET

As part of Youth Market Day, STEPS asked Miss Meg to provide storytime at the market.

COVENTRY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Library maintained a presence at all four school Open Houses to share information about Library programs and services and encouraging families to access the many library resources.

Monthly visits were made to CECC for storytime to every classroom.

Full day Library Card registration was offered at Coventry High School in both the fall and spring.

A 3rd grade class from GHR held a publishing party at the Library and displayed their creative fiction.

Miss Meg talked to grades 3 & 4 at GHR about the process of Nutmeg book selection, and booktalked the 2017 Intermediate Nominees.

Summer Reading presentations were made to each class and grade K-8 to encourage reading for fun and prevent summer learning loss.

SKILLED STAFF

All Staff Training

- Customer Service
- Active Assailant Training with Coventry Police Department

Certifications

- Kristi Sadowski and Christopher Carney were certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Library Association
- Connecticut Library Consortium
- American Library Association
- Connecticut Education Network
- Association of Connecticut Library Boards

Involvement

- Kristi Sadowski is a reviewer for VOYA (the Voice of Youth Advocates).
- Christopher Carney co-founded a Gaming Roundtable through the Connecticut Library Consortium.

Presentations

- Kristi Sadowski was invited to participate in a Poster Session, at the Connecticut Library Association Conference in April, on the wireless internet pilot program with the Connecticut Education Network.
- Kristi Sadowski was a speaker at a session of the Connecticut Education Network Annual Conference in May, to discuss the pilot WiFi program and the benefits to Coventry.

Conferences, Roundtables & Workshops

- InterLibrary Loan Roundtable
- Eastern Connecticut Young Adult Roundtable
- KidLib Unconference
- American Library Association Midwinter Conference
- Connecticut Library Association Annual Conference
- Connecticut Education Network Annual Conference
- Association of Connecticut Library Boards Conference
- Best Practices for Connecticut Libraries
- Unquiet Zone Advocacy Workshop
- Make Your Voice Heard: Public Speaking to Advocate for your Library
- Excite Innovation: Transform Your Library

Committees

- Meg Schiebel is co-chairing the Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Book Selection Committee.
- Christopher Carney is serving on the Nutmeg Book Award High School Book Selection Committee.

FINANCIALS

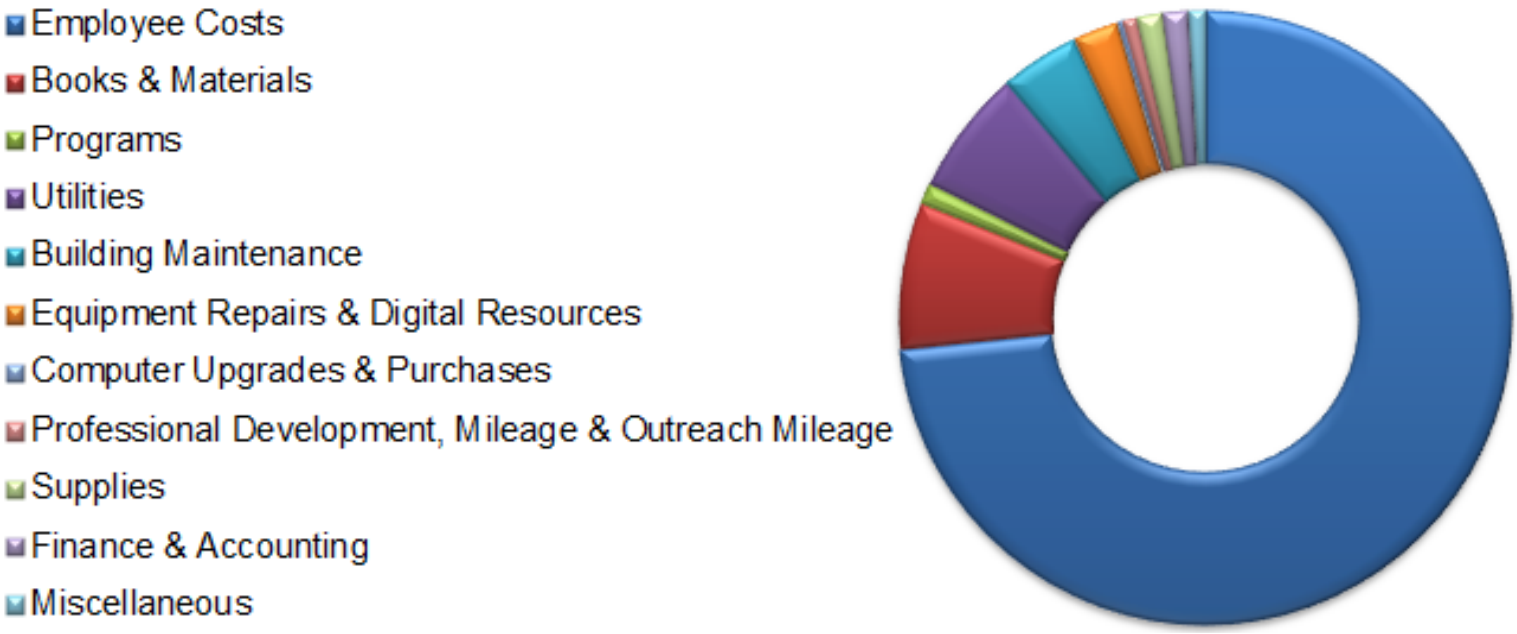
REVENUE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES
$447,186.00	$447,313.00	$447,599.00

REVENUE

As a private 501(3)c, The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library receives only part of its funding from the Town of Coventry. The rest of the operating income comes from fundraising, grants and partnerships.

- COVENTRY TOWN GRANT
- CONNECTICUT STATE GRANT
- FUNDRAISING
- BANK INTEREST
- FINES & PRINTING FEES
- DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS
- USED BOOK SALE
- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
- AMAZON SMILE
- TELEVEND FAX 24

EXPENDITURES



The above chart reflects the amount of the operating budget spent in each category. The Board of Trustees expended additional money not reflected here in the area of computer replacements.

SUMMER READING 2015

ADULTS

28 Adults Participated and Read 94 Books

TEENS

88 Teens Participated and Read 508 Books

KIDS

369 Participants

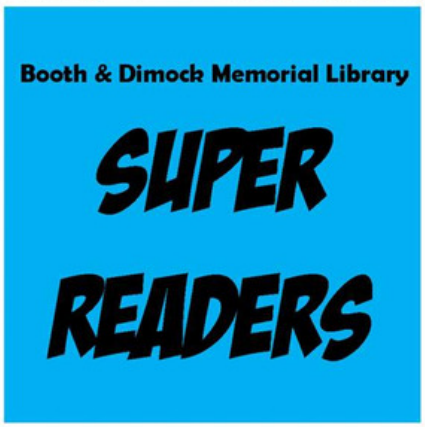
Birth - 2nd Grade

212 Kids Read 4,247 Books and earned 336 Free Books

3rd - 6th Grade

157 Kids Read 168,584 Pages and earned 245 Free Books

“ The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. - Dr. Seuss ”



SERVICES

Fiction & Non Fiction
Books, AudioBooks, eBooks
Large Print
DVDs
Local Newspapers
Magazines and Digital Magazines
Local History & Town Publications
Genealogical Research Materials
eReaders
Readers Advisory
Kill-a-Watt meters
Outreach to Homebound Individuals
Musical CDs
Video Games
Board Games
Puzzles
Coloring
Coupon Swap Basket
Used Book Sale
Databases
Digital Literacy Training
Access to Tax Forms
Access to other Connecticut Library Collections
Internet, Computer and WiFi Access
Photocopying and Printing
Outgoing Fax
Individual Technology Assistance
Discounted and Free Museum Passes
Monthly Book Discussion Groups
3D Printing
MakerSpace
After-school Programs
Storytimes
Early Literacy
Outreach to Day Cares and Schools
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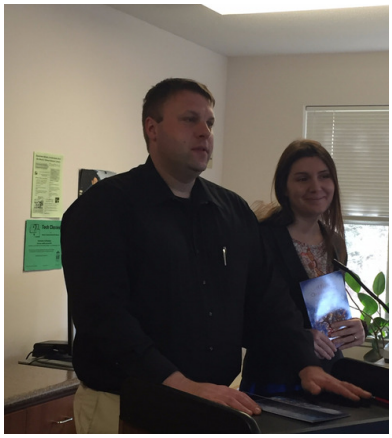
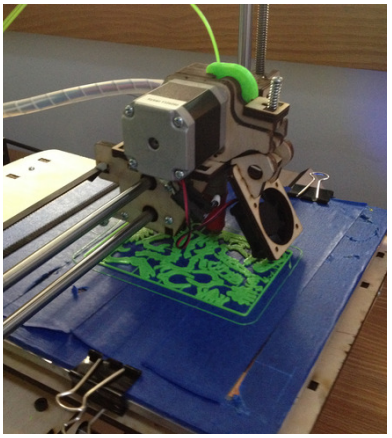
Homeschool Resources
Summer Reading
Parenting Resources





LOOKING TO THE

Plans

A Town Council appointed Building Expansion Committee reviewed a space needs report, as created by the Connecticut State Library and evaluated its findings with regards to the needs of Coventry.

With DRA Architectural Firm, the Committee has created an 8,000 sq ft addition that keeps everything the community loves about the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, while addressing the community's expanding need for space, technology and resources necessarily for the 21st century.

Every consideration to keep the cost low was considered. It is estimated that in order to build a new facility on a new parcel of land it would cost over nine million dollars. The proposed project, which resolves several building concerns, is
projected to cost $5,300,000.

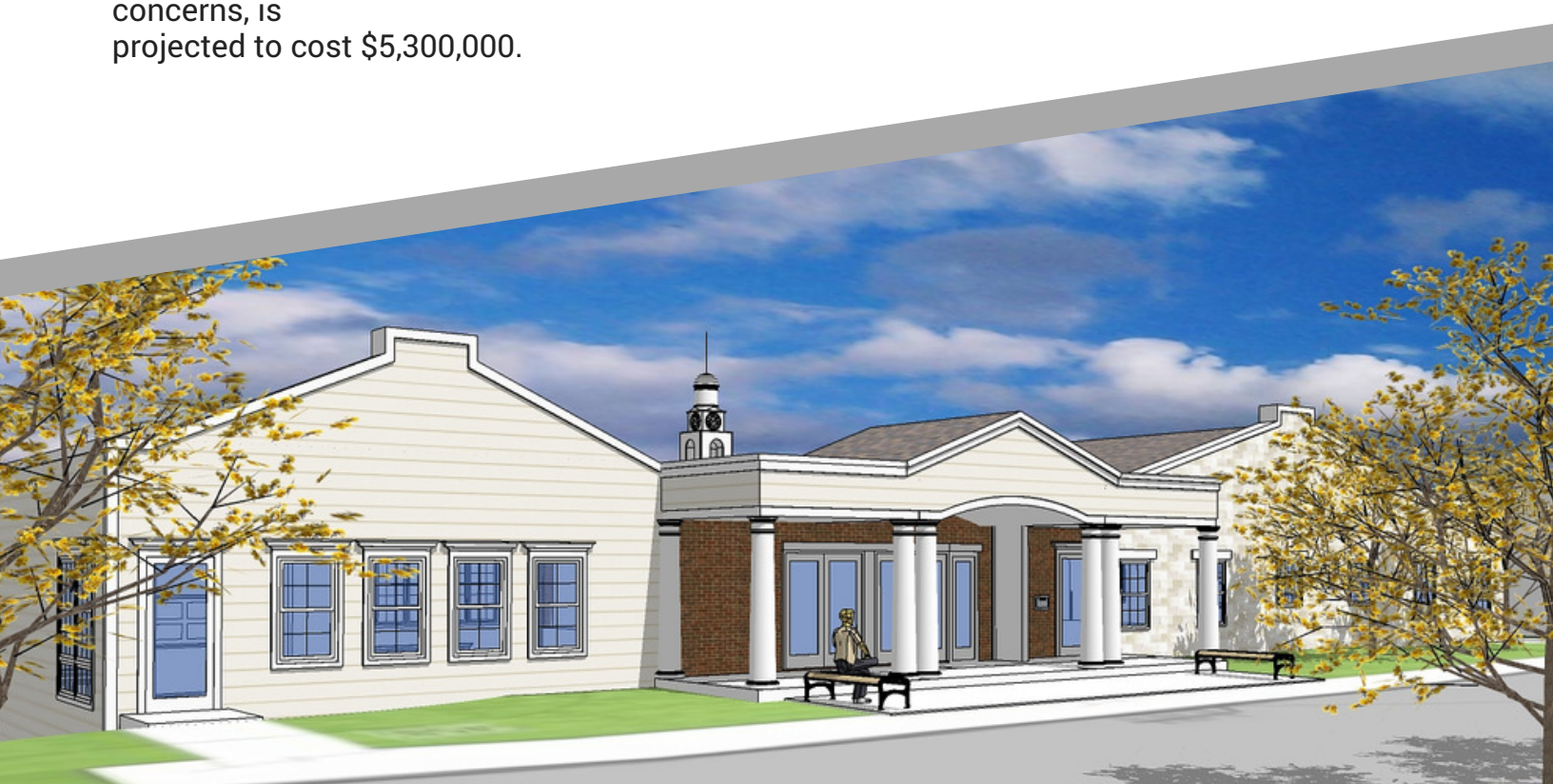
Status

A one million dollar grant from the Connecticut State Library has been awarded for this project.

The Coventry Planning and Zoning Commission supported the Committee's recommendation of providing 76 on-site parking spaces (an increase of 34 over current availability).

The Coventry Water Pollution Control Authority determined there would be no changes to the Library's allotted sewer use and approved continued sewer service as the project moves forward.

The Coventry Town Council has reviewed the findings and plans of the Building Expansion Committee and has indicated plans to re-address the project in Spring 2017.



Details

Cost: The current projected cost is $5,300,000.

Parking: 34 on-site parking spaces are to be added to those currently available, for a total of 76 spaces.

How to Find Out More: http://www.coventrypl.org/library-expansion

Library Building Expansion Committee

Tim Timberman, Chair
Sondra Astor Stave, Vice-Chair
Kathleen Ryan, Secretary
William Bonney
Glenn Miller

Benefits, in Brief

A Children's room that is bright, fun and safe, equipped with a storytime room, accessible shelving and adaptable technology.

A dedicated Teen Space, divided into spaces conducive to studying and learning and a safe and supervised location for socialization.

Community collaboration space, including small meeting rooms, quiet study rooms and a business center.

Local History room to archive and showcase items of local and historical importance.

125 person meeting room for library and community events.

FUTURE