Going up & Glowing up!

WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Our Doors Open to Endless Possibilities
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If you’ve visited the Wallingford Public Library in recent months, you already know that our facility has undergone something of a transformation. Providing quality library services in a welcoming and well-maintained building is a responsibility we take seriously, and quite frankly, things were beginning to look a little shabby around here.

Facilities improvements, no matter how carefully planned, always create disruption, and we appreciated your patience while we spruced up the joint! Our improvements included replacing the worn carpeting in both the Adult and Teen areas as well as in the Community Room and the Collins Room, installing laminate flooring in our front entrance gallery, and replacing the cracked floor covering on our main stairway. We replaced the ceiling lighting throughout the main floor of the library with energy-efficient LED lights. We removed peeling wallpaper, patched and painted the walls, and updated the interior signage to reflect the library’s new and refreshed color scheme.

Most significantly, perhaps, during the summer, we replaced the library’s nearly obsolete elevator. In the process, we learned that swapping out an elevator is no small feat! Our old hydraulic elevator was dismantled and removed piece by piece, and the new, electric elevator was built from the ground up inside the existing elevator shaft. The process took nearly three months and required our staff to be creative about transporting returned items, as well as other supplies and equipment, from the ground floor to the main level several times a day. While the library team members never lost their sense of humor about the absence of the elevator, we were keenly aware that it was our patrons, young and old, who were most impacted during the period that we were without an elevator, and we really appreciated everyone’s patience and understanding. It was a complicated and necessary project, and the brand new elevator will serve us well for decades to come.

With building improvements nearing completion (hooray!), we return our focus to enhancing our collections, programs, and services. Reading remains a top priority at the Wallingford Public Library and we strive to provide a curated collection of books—print, electronic, audio, and large-print—to meet the reading interests of our diverse community. We are so grateful to the town and to so many individuals that provide us with the means to offer a large and incredibly broad range of fiction and nonfiction books for children, teens and adults. In the first part of 2022, our signature One Book, One Wallingford program returned with the brilliant novel Transcendent Kingdom. In early April, its author Yaa Gyasi came to visit us and left several hundred readers spellbound at the Paul Mellon Arts Center. I am delighted to share that there will be another One Book, One Wallingford program in 2023. Stay tuned for the big reveal at the beginning of February.

In 2020, the Wallingford Public Library adopted a series of values statements that drive our programs and services. One of those values is diversity, equity, inclusion, and kindness, about which we pledge to “treat all people fairly, respectfully, and with dignity and compassion.” This year, a generous grant from the Napier Foundation allowed us to focus attention
on how our library, and by extension our community, can be more equitable and inclusive. We engaged Drakes and Burton Consultants to train a group of library employees, board members, and community leaders to facilitate our Conversations on Race series. In these topical conversations, we’ve had lively discussions about health and healthcare disparities, the immigrant experience, equity in the classroom, and community building. We look forward to offering more of these conversations, and to engaging community members and leaders as we help make Wallingford a more inclusive and equitable place to live, learn, work, and grow.

There was much to be thankful for in 2022. At the top of my gratitude list is the extraordinary team of library colleagues I share my workdays with. They are, without exception, committed to delighting our patrons day in and day out. Likewise, I appreciate the library’s 15-member Board of Managers. These dedicated volunteers who govern our library pitch in with their time, their talents, and their donations. And finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Wallingford Public Library Association.

We count on support from our members to supplement the funds we receive from the Town of Wallingford. Annual membership dues and donations ensure that the library will continue to serve and inspire the Wallingford community. Thank you!

See you at the library,
Jane Fisher
Library Director

To learn more about ways to support the library, drop by our service desks or check out our website: wallingford.lioninc.org/give

2021-2022
Board of Managers
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The library welcomed 68,225 patrons to browse the library’s 194,177 physical items.

57,109 guests used the library’s wifi and 18,649 guests used public computers.

11,741 patrons attended 298 programs.

4,037 people participated in 118 self directed activities/kits

57 staff members answered 46,852 questions.
## Revenue & Expenses

### Support & Revenue

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### Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Before Other Income

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### Net Assets — Beginning of Year

- $3,245,253
- $513,723
- $3,758,976

### Net Assets — End of Year

- $2,884,468
- $440,324
- $3,324,792
THE SOCIETY OF SAMUEL SIMPSON

In 1894 Samuel Simpson, a local silver industrialist and philanthropist, gave $20,000 to the Wallingford Public Library, along with land and funds for a building.

The Society of Samuel Simpson honors Simpson’s legacy by recognizing those friends who have provided for the Wallingford Public Library in their estate plans. Society members will be listed in each year’s Annual Report and on a special plaque in the library. Members include:

John B. Carsten
Marilyn A. Ollayos

If you would like to become a member, please contact Library Director Jane Fisher:

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Susan Rhodes
Heather Robison
Joanne C. Sullivan
Virginia Towl

Gold
Marjorene Ainley
Rebecca Aldrich
Lisa Barillaro
Abby &
Christopher Beale
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Doug Benham
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Eleanor Benson Thal
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