

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Abington:

The Board of Library Trustees of the Abington Public Library is pleased to submit their report for the year 2007.

2007 was a very important year in the history of library service in the town of Abington. The tenth anniversary of the Library's move into its beautiful new building at 600 Gliniewicz Way was marked in December and the Library scheduled programs for both children and adults in January of 2008 to celebrate their anniversary. The 30th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of the Library was celebrated in October. The Friends of the Library held a luncheon with guest speaker columnist Terry Marotta to note their milestone.

In the fall of 2007 the Board began the formal planning process for the library's next five years. A survey was composed and placed on the library's website (www.abingtonpl.org) and hard copies of the survey were made available in the library and throughout the community. Responses to the survey, numbering over 500 and including both users and non-users, will aid the Trustees and Director in prioritizing their goals and objectives in a way that reflects what the community both needs and wants from its library.

Another ongoing project begun in 2007 is the addition of a small Library Outreach Center at the new Abington Senior Center. This project will include books and other library materials that will be made available to the Town's seniors at least one day a week. The projected date of opening is March 2008.

Children's programs in 2007 included guest performers, story-craft activities, preschool and toddler story hours, a Spanish story time, after-school programs, and book discussion groups. Children's programming was funded by donations from The Friends of the Library. Donations were received for children's books from several Gift Funds. The statewide Summer Reading program was "Catch the Beat @ Your Library." A total of 164 children read for a total of 1,649 hours during June, July and August.

The Friends of the Abington Public Library continued to raise monies through their membership drive, the annual book sale and other fundraising efforts. They again supported the library by providing juvenile and adult programming, including the annual Summer Reading Program, the Adult Book Discussion Group, the rental collection, museum passes, audio visual materials, furniture and other items outside of the operating budget. The Trustees also wish to thank the Abington Cultural Council, which assisted the Friends in funding the Museum passes.

Gifts from the Abington Lions Club included the popular pass to the Boston Children's Museum and large print and books on CD.

More Adult programs were added in 2007. The "Meet the Author" series was expanded to include presentations and book signings from three published authors. Multi-part series were conducted on a variety of topics from "Healthy Living" and "Humor in Everyday Life" to seminars for first time home buyers and identification theft.

The Trustees, staff and volunteers look forward to serving all of the citizens of Abington in the year 2008 and beyond.

2007 LIBRARY STATISTICS

Circulation	109,552
Total Collection	68,007
Reference Questions	14,007
Public Internet Workstations	6
Registered Borrowers*:	7,372
Abington Public School Class Visits	26

*Patrons who do not use library cards in 3 years are auto-deleted from system

According to information obtained from the Massachusetts Library Association (MLA) on their website @ www.masslib.org and the Maine State Library @ www.maine.gov/msl/ the following financial statistics that are directly related to Abington's circulation figures. The value of library services was \$1,588,763.00. This figure represents the amount Abington residents would have paid out of pocket if they had not used the library.

The actual library budget for FY2007 was \$409,105.00, a significant difference.

Quantity of use	Library Service	Value of Service
84,807@\$15.00	Books Borrowed	\$1,272,105.00
2,387@\$ 2.00	Periodicals Borrowed	4,774.00
8,721@\$ 4.00	Videos/DVD's Borrowed	34,884.00
6,297@\$10.00	CD's, Books on Tape, Etc.	62,970.00
3,567@\$ 6.00	Children's Programs	21,402.00
1,417@\$15.00	Adult Programs	21,255.00
152@\$50.00	Hours of Meeting Room Use	7,600.00
326@\$24.00	Museum Passes	7,824.00
4,825@\$12.00	Hours of Internet Use	57,900.00
14,007@\$ 7.00	Reference Questions Asked	98,049.00
		<u>\$1,588,763.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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