

DARTMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2008

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Kathryn Murphy Aisenberg, Chairman	Term Expires 2011
Rachel Charrier, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2010
Andrew Couto	Term Expires 2010
Lorraine Carey	Term Expires 2011
Paul Pereira	Term Expires 2009
Dolores Sharek	Term Expires 2009

LIBRARY STAFF

Denise Medeiros	Director of Libraries
Lynne Antunes	Assistant Director of Libraries/Branch Librarian
Sharani Robins	Information Services Librarian
Joanne Sousa	Children's Librarian
Brian Walsh	Information Services Librarian
Audrey Quail	Administrative Clerk/Computer Coordinator
Joan-Marie Proulx	Branch Associate
Paula Sitarz	Branch Associate
Deborah Collins	Pre-Professional Library Assistant
Katherine Gomes	Pre-Professional Library Assistant
Ann-Margaret Neenan	Pre-Professional Library Assistant
Pauline Bowcock	Library Assistant

Sheri Torres	Library Assistant
Juvenal Sousa	Head Custodian
Jerome Mello	Maintenance Custodian
Meredith Antunes	Page
Marissa Bolton	Page
Heather Gagné	Page
Mark Jones	Page
Hannah Lamarre	Page
Urszula Mikolajczak	Page
Katie Surprenant	Page/Library Substitute
Marcia Beardsley	Library Substitute
Amy Ferguson	Library Substitute
Doreen Formisan	Library Substitute
Joan Foster	Library Substitute
Susan Hess	Library Substitute
Kathy Raudonaitis	Library Substitute
George Ripley	Library Substitute
Marianne Santos	Library Substitute
Dolores Tansey	Library Substitute

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Southworth Library, 732 Dartmouth Street, is open 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; on Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Telephone 999-0726; FAX 992-9914 www.dartmouthpubliclibraries.org

North Dartmouth Library, 1383 Tucker Road, is open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS

Fiscal Year 2008

	ADULT	CHILDREN	TOTAL
Books	79,878	64,027	143,905
Periodicals	9,089	358	9,447
Audio Cassettes, Compact Discs	11,716	2,080	13,796
Video Cassettes/DVD's	41,203	17,918	59,121
Miscellaneous	1,537	53	1,590
Totals	143,423	84,436	227,859

Number of volumes held at end of reporting year	103,567
Number of subscriptions	98
Number of audio cassettes and compact discs held at end of reporting year	3,663
Number of video cassettes and DVDs held at end of reporting year	6,578
Number of inter-network transfers (SAILS)	69,269
Number of public Internet computers	18
Number of reference transactions	64,766
Number of children's programs held	117
Total attendance at all children's programs	2,562
Total number of adult and YA programs	76
Total attendance at all adult and YA programs	943
Number of registered borrowers	13,863

EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

Fiscal Year 2008

Expenditures for Books, Periodicals, and Audio-Visual Materials	\$137,730
Money Received for Fines, Lost Books, Lost Cards, and Photocopiers	\$18,328

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In April 2008, Dolores Sharek was elected to fill the one year term vacated by the passing of Martha Munroe. Longtime trustee, Hope Atkinson, (1984-2008), did not run for re-election. Lorraine Carey was elected for the three year term.

STAFFING IN 2008

Pauline Bowcock and Sheri Torres, formerly library substitutes were appointed to library assistant positions. Several new substitutes were trained and are on call, including Amy Ferguson, Marianne Santos, and Doreen Santos, all from Dartmouth. Our new high school pages included Joseph DeMello,, Marissa Bolton, Mark Jones and Meredith Antunes.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“Wild Reads @ the Dartmouth Public Libraries” was the theme of the 2008 Summer Reading Program. Approximately 500 participants attended the summer reading finale that included a cookout presented by the Ninety-Nine Restaurant & Pub.

North Dartmouth Branch

The North Dartmouth Branch reopened in September with limited access. It is currently open 17 hours per week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5-8 pm ; Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-1pm. The costs of services for the North Dartmouth Branch are being supported with the assistance of state aid funds.

FRIENDS OF DARTMOUTH LIBRARIES

In 2008, the Friends group continued to provide the community with a variety of programs and activities. . The annual Art Film Series was well attended and well received. A travel program on New Zealand was presented in October. Four book sales were held by the Friends in March, July, September and December. Throughout the year the Friends have continued to give their generous support to funding children's programming and museum passes. Many thanks for all their time and hard work. In fiscal 2008, the Friends raised \$21,816.

DARTMOUTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC.

In January ,2008, the first mini golf tournament was held during a snowstorm, yet was a rousing success. In March 2008, the Foundation's fundraiser, Murder of the Loaded Librarian, was attended by over 200 people who had a great time as they assisted in solving "the crime." A Bucks for Books campaign continued to help supplement the Town appropriation for books and materials. The Foundation held its annual meeting in October. Two Old Friends, a music duo from Maine provided the entertainment and an Italian dinner was served. In fiscal year 2008, the Foundation raised \$32,973.