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Annual Financial Report for 7/1/18-6/30/19

I. General Operating Fund – Guilford Savings Bank

Balance on hand 6/30/18	\$150.00		
Receipts:		Disbursements	
Association Dues	34,937.81	Books/Materials	51,896.72
Fines/Copier	19,335.60	Electronic Materials	31,448.64
State of Connecticut	10,718.00	Supplies	22,000.00
Spencer Estate*	9,700.00	Maintenance/	
Invested Funds/Interest**	45,070.00	Tech Support	102,841.90
Funds Ext. Admin*	3,100.00	Utilities	104,103.77
Town of Guilford - M/O	187,730.00	Telephone	384.28
Town of Guilford – Books	2,500.00	Insurance	13766.00
Town of Guilford – Electronic Materials	12,000.00	Postage	2150.10
Town of Guilford – Tech Support	<u>8,000.00</u>	Staff Development	2,500.00
		Programming	<u>2,000.00</u>
		Total Disbursements	\$333,091.41
Total Receipts	\$333,091.41		
Balance on hand 6/30/19	\$150.00		

*Funds restricted to purchase of books and so used.

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II. Special Gifts Account – Guilford Savings Bank

Balance on hand 6/30/18	\$46,792.52
Receipts	\$143,212.58
Disbursements	\$138,311.27
Balance on hand 6/30/19	\$51,693.83

III. Guilford Library Association, Inc. Investment Portfolio – GSB Wealth Management

This account was opened December 21, 2000 by vote of the Guilford Library Association Board. Endowment funds overseen by the Guilford Library Association Board of Directors are contained here. Interest and/or dividends are transferred as needed to line in the library's Operating Budget.

IV. Guilford Library Association – Kyburg/Nettleton Account – GSB Wealth Management

This account was established in December 2014 after the GLA Board decided that a separate account be established after receiving an unrestricted gift from the Estate of Elizabeth Kyburg, a long time Guilford resident and library supporter. This account consists of this initial gift plus a \$30,000 transfer of the Edith B. Nettleton bequest. On an annual basis, interest may be transferred to the Special Gifts Account to be used for library programs and materials that benefit Guilford citizens.

V. Guilford Library Association – Ferguson Fund – GSB Wealth Management

This account was established in January 2016 with an initial gift of \$250,000 from the Ferguson family to honor Lana Ferguson. Interest will be used for children's programming per the wishes of the Ferguson family. The GLA Board of Directors has sole management discretion over the investments.

VI. Town of Guilford

Account #1-5660-Library Full & Part-time salaries	
Library salaries paid 7/1/18 – 6/30/19	\$795,386.60

Gerard DeNegre, Treasurer
 Guilford Library Association

Teen Programs

	#	attendance		#	attendance
Apple Pi: Building a LEGO Mindstorms Robot	1	13	Practice SAT Exam	2	27
Apple Pi: Running a FIRST Lego Robotics Team	1	10	Ravenclaw Pizza Party	1	4
Blueberry Muffins	1	8	SAT vs. ACT w/ Bulldog Tutors	1	5
Broccoli Cheese Casserole	1	9	Solar Exploration	1	6
Coding Club	24	162	Space VR	1	4
College Admissions 101	1	16	St. Paddy's Scavenger Hunt	1	17
College Essay Writing w/ Lynn Trowbridge	1	40	Ted Ed Club	15	130
College4Less	2	30	Ted Ed Club Presentations	2	36
Crafting a Successful College Essay	2	12	Teen Paint Night	1	10
Decorative BOO Signs	1	11	Teen Tech Tuesdays	6	64
DIY Chalkboard Frame	1	8	Teen Yoga	1	2
DIY Dog Treats	1	12	The Road to Higher Education (SCSU)	1	8
DIY Dog Treats (Girl Scouts)	1	7	To Be Read	2	18
DIY Giant Time Turner	1	9	To Be Read Holiday Party	1	10
DIY Halloween Canvas Art	1	10	Wooden Painted Ornaments	1	4
DIY Halloween Crowns	1	7	<u>Zentangle</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
DIY Lip Scrubs	2	20			
DIY Rainbow Bracelets	1	1			
Drum Lessons	4	43			
Exam Cram	1	23			
Fall Leaf Initial	1	8	Total	120	1,125
Fantastic Beasts Perler Beads	1	3			
Food Around the World	1	30			
Game Design with Scratch	1	4			
Giant Jenga	1	6			
Girls Who Code	12	126			
Halloween Brownies	1	10			
Harry Potter Birthday Bash	1	17			
Harry Potter Henna	1	20			
Harry Potter Paint Night	1	9			
Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt	1	13			
Harry Potter Woodburning	1	9			
Hogwarts House Decorative Letters	1	11			
Holiday Mason Jar Light	1	8			
Loaded Potato Skins	1	8			
Loaded Tater Tot Dip	1	3			
Oreo Taste Test Challenge	1	14			
Practice ACT Exam	1	9			
Practice SAT and ACT Exams	2	12			

Guilford Library Association Board of Directors Report

Annual Report 7/1/18-6/30/19

The Library continued to thrive as a hub of activity from outdoor concerts to quiet study rooms, children's story times to virtual reality demonstrations. Circulation of both print and digital materials increased by more than 10%. Program attendance surpassed 25,000 for the second year in a row (over 37,000 when meetings and programs by local individuals and organizations are included) with patrons of all ages enjoying everything from local history lectures to coding clubs.

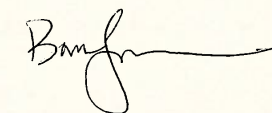
With our two neighboring public libraries both undergoing renovation projects, much of our focus this year was on meeting the increased demands for our core services. A 300-square-foot administrative office was repurposed as a flexible public space which hosted programs by the Ted-Ed Club, Girls Coach Girls Run, and the library's coding club just to name a few. This allowed us to host more technology classes than ever before while still keeping up with the public's demand for both meeting spaces and quiet study spaces. Other subtle but significant changes to the public space such as the addition of the sound proof "phone booth" upstairs, moving the holds shelf downstairs, or sound proofing the craft room, all aimed to improve the patron experience wherever possible.

Our ability to meet the public demand and continue to evolve is thanks to our many partnerships and supporters. While there are too many to list in this report we once again worked with local organizations such as the Guilford Keeping Society, the Schiller Shoreline Institute for Lifelong Learning, Shoreline Village CT and the Guilford Public Schools to present the widest variety of programming possible. Most importantly, the Friends of the Library continue to provide an extraordinary level of support, contributing \$95,000 to library operations last year after record breaking book sales.

We said goodbye to Nancy Wardell who played a crucial role as the Head of Circulation for over 25 years and welcomed generations of new library users. We also bid a fond farewell with gratitude to our outgoing board members Rob Currie and Mark Vail.



Robert A. McCoole
Library Director



Bonnie Garmisa
President

CHILDREN'S

The 4th Annual Lana Ferguson Literary Festival

764 people came to programs spread across four days during the second week of April. We had two firsts for the festival this year: Our headlining author was a woman, and all of our authors were from Connecticut. Our continued collaboration with the Baldwin middle school has been a tremendous success.



Best-selling author Victoria Kann hands out *Pinkalicious* prizes and in front of a packed house.



Kids pose after writing workshop with award-winning author Nora Raleigh Baskin.



Our summer reading game finale was a great interactive program showing families the science behind soundwaves.



Children's Librarians Angelina Carnevale (center) and Sara Bartelmo (left) and GPS School Psychologist Sheryl Shyloski discuss their innovative "Toy Library" at the Connecticut Library Association Annual Conference.

Children's Programs

	#	Attendance		#	Attendance
4th grade tours	9	241			
American Girl	2	25	Parent Program: Healthy Sleep Habits for Kids	1	5
Annie & the Natural Wonder Band	1	60	Passover Storytime	1	17
Babytime	14	126	Paws & Read	71	221
Books in a Nook	47	468	Pop-in Playtime	99	3094
Butterfly Garden Club	5	77	Preschool Information Fair	1	31
Butterfly Release	2	57	Preschool Sing-Along	1	97
Chinese New Year	1	29	Preschool visits	9	291
Crafternoons	10	123	Sensory Storytime	1	15
Crazy 8s 3-5	8	58	Sing-Along with Ken	2	105
Crazy 8s K-2	8	94	Storytime	36	346
Drop-in Coloring	1	3	Summer Reading Finale: Science of Sound	1	45
Drop-in Family Movie	11	142	Sunny Train	1	176
Drop-in Maker Day	1	48	Take Your Child To The Library Day	1	34
Drum & Dance with Craig Norton	1	103	Teddy Bear Sleepover	1	32
Elementary School Visits for Summer Reading Game	62	1144	Tellabration!	1	45
Gingerbread House Workshop	1	18	Time for Twos	17	203
Guilford Comic Con	1	405	Tots & Tunes	57	3443
Hammonasset Festival	1	47	Valentine's Day Story & Craft	2	22
Hanukkah Fun	1	23	<u>Weekend Wildlife</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>607</u>
Hartford Yard Goats Storytime	1	55			
Holiday Magic Show	1	115			
In Be-Tween	19	228			
Jewish High Holiday Storytime	1	24			
Josh and the Jamtones	1	50	Total	589	14,607
Junior Chess Class	4	74			
Lego Club	13	455			
LFLF: Nine, Ten	1	567			
LFLF: Pinkalicious	1	136			
LFLF: Scribbles	1	11			
LFLF: Smeagull the Seagull	1	20			
LFLF: Workshop & Talk	1	30			
Make a Book	4	83			
Make-One Take-One Greeting Cards	3	45			
Mutt-i-grees in the Library	5	104			
National Chemistry Week	1	71			
Nutmeg Book Club	10	131			
One on Ones	18	272			
Pajama Storytime	1	6			
Papercraft Bookmark	2	10			

Adult Programs (cont.)

	#	Attendance
Monday Night Movies	36	1515
Moses Gunn Play Company	7	354
Poets Guild Reading by Monica Ong	1	35
Poets Guild Second Thursday Poetry Series	1	22
Recital and Talk by NHSO Violist	1	13
Robert Baldwin Burne-Jones' Chant d'Amour and the Pre-Raphaelite Dream	1	8
Robert Berkowitz	1	95
Saturday Poetry Program	1	27
Science Fiction Book Club	2	8
SCORE Small Business Workshop	1	27
Sea Kayaking with Dave Fasulo	1	48
Guilford Poet's Guild with CT Poet Laureate Margaret Gibson	1	40
Selected Women Artists	1	31
Shoreline Arts Shakespeare Talk	1	25
Shoreline Eldercare Alliance	2	47
Shoreline Village Art Talk with Marcie Slepian	1	28
SSILL All about the FBI	1	110
SSILL C. Balestracci (Migratory Birds)	1	71
SSILL Dante w/ Carol Rizzolo	5	219
SSILL talk	1	55
SSILL talk Optimizing Aging	1	115
SSILL talk: Dave Davison	1	80
Stargazing	1	55
Steven Stoll author of "Ramp Hollow: the ordeal of Appalachia"	1	36
Strange Interments at Alderbrook	2	95
Suicide Prevention Program	1	21
The Art of Ben Shahn	1	31
The Rebranding of CT	1	32
The Stone Walls of New England with Andrew Pig	1	117
Understanding Cons and Scams	1	30
Wetland Ecology in a Suburban Landscape – Lessons from Frogs	1	74
Why Mockingbird Matters with Tom Santopietro	1	35
Witness Stones Program	1	134
Women's History Program	1	11
Yale Professor of Immunobiology Akiko Iwasaki	1	30
Yale Science Diplomats	6	253

Concerts

	#	Attendance
Take 2 and Call me in the Morning	1	153
Joe Flood	1	35
Laura Clapp	1	52
The Kenn Morr Band	1	33
Phil Rosenthal & the Guilford Ramblers	1	125
Phil Rosenthal: Songs of Woody Guthrie	1	95
Lions Gate Trio	2	118
Stephen Roane and Russ Becker	1	62
Neighborhood Music School Jazz Ensemble	1	45
NHSO Cellist Rebecca Patterson	1	35
Blue Coda	1	55
Cellist Martha Colby	1	72

Book Groups

	#	Attendance
Book Buzz	12	142
Thurs. Afternoon Fiction book group	11	127
Tuesday Afternoon Book Club	6	60
Tuesday Evening Book Club	6	54
Non-Fiction Book Club	11	137
Writing Injustice Book Discussion, "Brown Girl, Brown Stones", "The Fire Next Time", "I'm Not Your Negro", "The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears"	5	160

Library Meetings

	#	Attendance
GFL-GLA Board Meetings	11	148
Library Staff	8	129
Friends of the Library (in addition to routine volunteer efforts)	26	571

Total 716 9,685

Children's Services

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The summer reading game's theme this year was Libraries Rock. Children were encouraged to read about musicians, learn about music and its history, study geology, as well as attend events that tied in to the theme. The library was able to give away a free book to every child who signed up to play the summer reading game. The game included an online component, where children could create their own musician character that earned costumes and powers when children read and kept track of books. Children could also complete optional learning challenges both inside the library and out, such as the library scavenger hunt and visiting a museum. The summer programs were primarily funded by the Guilford Civic Women, whose support of the library's reading program has continued now for 28 years. Programs included: Kick-off with juggler Bryson Lang, Sing-Along with Ken, Drum & Dance, Science of Sound Finale, American Girl, Hartford Yard Goats, Butterfly Gardening, and more. 253 children reported reading 2,704 books, though total circulation of children's materials for the summer was 29,386.

The 2018-2019 year saw the continuation of several of last year's successful new initiatives, including: improved Nutmeg Book Club, Dog Days of Summer Movies, Comic Con, Toy Library, expanding the offerings of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival, and expanding the library's native-plant butterfly garden. New initiatives included:

-CLA Presentation on the Toy Library: Angelina and Sara Bartelmo., along with school psychologist Sheryl Shyloski who was instrumental in developing the toy library, presented a panel at the Connecticut Library Association annual conference.

-National Chemistry Week was celebrated with an all-ages hands-on science show.

-Mutt-i-grees in the Library was a new programming initiative which uses curriculum developed by The Pet Savers Foundation, North Shore Animal League, and Yale University School of the 21st Century to teach compassion and community with the help of animals. This series had events for children, teens, and adults, and often programs encouraged intergenerational and community cooperation for the greater good.

-Shelf-care is something we exercised a lot this year with a variety of weeding and re-organizing projects: The entire juvenile fiction section was shifted to even out the books on the shelves and make for a cleaner, more inviting space while allowing room to grow. The entire non-fiction section was shifted as well, leaving an entire row of shelving clear on one side, which allowed us to move the series books onto this shelf and give that section a cleaner look and more room to expand.

-Lana Ferguson Literary Festival was expanded this year to include two best-selling/award-winning authors, one for younger children and one for older children. We also continued what we started last year, which was hosting our middle-grade author at Baldwin middle school prior to having our after-school program with them at the library.

Monthly and annual programs were funded by the Friends of the Library throughout the year, including: animal shows, sensory storytime, musicians, science and maker tween programs, Make A Book, Tellabration!, Crazy 8s Math Clubs, various holiday Story & Crafts, Gingerbread House Workshop, Winter Magic Show, Preschool Sing-Along, Holiday Card Making, Take Your Child To The Library Day, Garden Club, Preschool Information Fair, and Teddy Bear Sleepover.

There were many individuals and organizations in Guilford that volunteered their services to the Children's Department and contributed their time, talents, and/or funds to keeping the room in good shape and making the programs a success. The Children's staff experienced change as we said goodbye to Sara Bartelmo who has done a great job as second in command. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. She will be greatly missed. Library staff continue to provide excellent service to patrons through traditional library programming, new ideas, and everyday interactions.

Angelina Carnevale, Associate Librarian and Head of Children's Services

ADULT PROGRAMMING



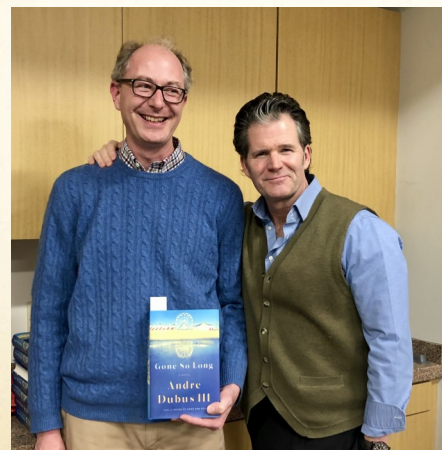
The Guilford Ramblers led by Phil Rosenthal performing on a beautiful summer evening.



New York Times Science writer (and Library Board Member!) Carl Zimmer discusses his latest book.



The Lion's Gate Trio, the Library's Trio in Residence: Violinist Katie Lansdale, cellist Darrett Adkins and pianist Florence Millet.



Starstruck Library Director Rob McCoolle with Andre Dubus III

Adult Classes, Programs, Concerts, and Meetings

Classes/activities

Book a Lawyer	28	71
Book A Librarian	352	352
Adult Chess Group	8	46
Adult Computer Class	7	28
Adult Crocheting	1	12
Adult Paint Night: Pam's Picasso's	1	15
Adult Small Group Computer Classes (Excel)	4	38
Adult Tech Class: Ancestry	1	6
Adult Tech Class: Excel	1	5
Adult Tech Class: Facebook	1	8
Adult Tech Class: Goodreads	1	2
Adult Tech Class: Creating Strong Paswords	1	2
Adult Tech: Google Search Terms	1	5
Adult Technology: Smartphone Photography	1	8
Java Programming	2	15
Intro to 3-D Design with Emily Yale	1	12
Drop-In Tech for Adults	2	10
Virtual Reality Drop in Demo	5	24
SketchUp two-part series	2	20
Advanced Crocheting w/Emily Yale	3	26
Advanced Knitting w/Emily Yale	1	8
Intro to Crocheting with Emily Yale	1	12
Game Night	5	50
GCTV Intro to Video Production	1	7
GCTV: Storytelling with modern media	1	7
GCTV Staff Training	1	6
GCTV: Filming Public Events	1	5
GCTV: Making videos on your phone	1	12
Cross Stitch for Beginners	1	9
Introduction to Yoga with Erin Bartolome	2	40
Mah Jongg	15	122
Writing & Editing Workshop with Susan Strecker	3	75
Memoir Writing Workshop	2	44
Paint Night for Adults	1	15
Puzzle Off	1	18
Lectures / author talks		
"Animal Viruses and Humans" with Dr. Andiman	1	31
Active Retirement with Jeff Webber	1	20

Adoption Story with Pat O'Brien	1	36
Affordable Housing Update	2	72
Andre Dubus III author of "Gone So Long"	1	85
Art Talk with Marcie Slepian	1	21
Bag It Film Co-sponsored by BYO Guilford	1	30
Beth Payne 19th Century Farming in North Guilford	1	31
Black Bears Talk	1	91
Black Holes with Ron Mallett (SSILL)	1	86
Bringing Turtles Out of Their Shell	1	10
Carl Zimmer on Genetics (SSILL)	1	100
Carl Zimmer's New Book, "She Has Her Mother's Laugh"	1	116
Charlotte Currier Memorial Poetry Program	1	28
Witness Stones Complicity Book Discus-	1	96
Composting with Terri Cain	1	22
CT Rock N Roll with Tony Renzoni	1	48
EBN Lecture: Christopher Wigren & CT architecture	1	83
EBN Lecture: James Powers on the Pequot War of 1637-37	1	66
Get Literary (YA Literature for Adults-offsite meetings)	4	26
GHS Capstone Presentations	7	108
GLA Annual Meeting	1	32
Guilford Conservation: A Starry Sky on the Horizon for a Sustainable Guilford	1	58
Guilford Poets Guild	3	78
Guilford Poets Guild Series	1	28
Harry Potter Trivia at Marketplace	1	36
Hiking 48 Peaks	1	12
Intro to Cryptography with Walter Krawec	1	18
Invasive Plants	1	80
Ken Myles on Retirement	1	8
Leo Marino author of "The House on Green Street: Life and Times of a First Generation Italian American"	1	49
Long-Term Care Insurance	1	8
Mark Schenker American Masterworks	5	280
Maximize Your Social Security, Dave Cowan	1	22
Medicare 101 with Lou Pelletier	1	12
Mental Health Awareness Discussion	1	14
Metropolitan Opera Talk with Shoreline Village CT	5	169
Mike McGarry "Schemers, Scammers and Scoundrels" (SSILL)	1	105

STATISTICAL REPORT

DAYS OPEN	334	<u>MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS</u>	#	<u>Attendance</u>
GUILFORD LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS	14,265	Library sponsored or related	1,425	25,417
NEW BORROWERS REGISTERED	1,112	Community groups/individuals	3,760	11,716
Adults - 761 Children - 351				
<u>CIRCULATION</u>	<u>277,864</u>	<u>REFERENCE INQUIRIES</u>		34,014
Adult Materials	129,422	<u>OTHER SERVICES</u>		
Children's materials	110,774	Notary service		146
Downloadable/digital circulation	37,688	3-D print jobs completed		200
		Virtual Reality introductions		190
<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>110,673</u>	Homebound delivery service		139
Books & Periodicals	87,943	Uses of the Historical Room for Research		402
DVDs	6,183			
Books on CD and Music CDs	6,939	Website visits		97,145
		Public Computer Use (Library owned)		25,463
Volunteer hours (not including the Friends)	937	Wireless Users		140,806

We were open 3 additional Sundays in the Spring

Overall Circulation is up 13% over the last 2 years

The Circulation Total Includes

120	Wireless Hotspots
640	Toys
158	Video Games
475	Museum Passes
118	E-book readers

Parents with young children borrowed 30,868 picture books

Reference Services / Adult Programming

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Meeting the demand for core library services in a proactive and thoughtful manner drives the work of Reference Services. Patrons want access to the latest books, interesting programming and opportunities to learn new skills.

In 2018-19, Reference Services launched several initiatives to get books into the hands of patrons faster. This year, the Library offered Overdrive Advantage—a service that gives exclusive access to bestselling e-books and e-audiobooks for Guilford patrons first. The popularity of digital reading continues to rise. This growing demand for e-books and e-audiobooks using the Overdrive digital catalog has led to longer wait times for our patrons. By investing in the Overdrive Advantage program, Guilford patrons are able cut the line for popular items in the digital catalog.

An upgrade to Quick Picks, the Library's collection of bestsellers, enabled us to offer more copies of the most popular books to patrons. Prior to this change, Quick Picks circulated for one week only with no option to renew. In response to a suggestion by Library Board President Bonnie Garmisa, the Library expanded the Quick Pick collection to offer books for a two-week loan period as well as increased the number of books offered in the collection. Circulation for Quick Picks increased 25% in just two months since the loan period change.

A new membership to OCLC, the Online Computer Library Center, allowed our staff to request books for Guilford Library patrons from across the country. Interlibrary Loan specialist Judy Haggarty uses OCLC to fulfill requests for more obscure titles at a reasonable cost. The library also uses the service to provide books for popular book discussion series, requesting 20+ copies for book discussions led by Mark Schenker or the Writing Injustice Series.

Adult Programming continues to be an important draw to the Library for patrons. Program topics covered a wide range of topics including Guilford history, the arts and the latest science news. Attendance in 2018-19 was strong with 9,685 patrons attending 716 programs. Highlights of the season included a visit from renowned author Andre Dubus III on the publication of his latest novel, *Gone So Long*. Dubus enthralled his audience with his quick wit and insights into the writing process. Booking an author of Dubus' caliber was made possible by the generous support of the Friends. Other highlights included two Sunday afternoon concerts by the world renowned classical ensemble, The Lions Gate Trio. Guilford patron Robert Jaeger brought the trio to the Library as a fundraising event in the fall. In the spring, the Trio returned with another inspiring performance. We look forward to future concerts by Lions Gate, now considered the Library's Trio in Residence.

Lauretta Lyons
Reference Supervisory Librarian
Programming Librarian

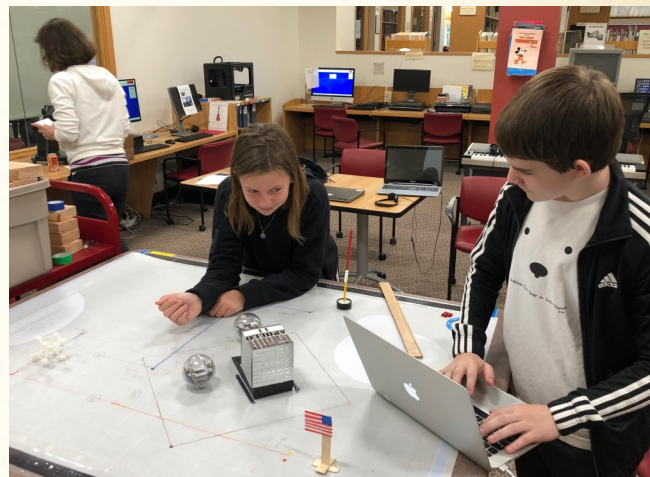
TEENS AND TWEENS



Teens display their works of art created at Teen Paint Night hosted by Pam's Picassos



Tweens learn to safely handle soldering irons and techniques used for creative woodburning.



Students working on one of Lisa Coady's Coding Club projects involving Sphero robots.



The Ted-Ed Club led by Ellie Wiesler poses after giving their presentations.

The Friends, once again, had an incredible year, contributing to the library in every imaginable way. The Fall Book Sale, the Holiday Sale, the Spring Sale, online sales and our annual membership drive earned a record-breaking total of over \$100,000 for the library.

The Friends' support funded a host of programs for library patrons of all ages and paid for the majority of all books, equipment and technology purchases as well as digital subscriptions.

Technology – Friends funded a portable display screen that can transform any room in the library into a computer lab. The Friends added six laptops to further enhance this mobile computer lab that is now being used for a number of classes, the coding club and other groups. A new portable virtual reality headset and a new 3-D printer helped upgrade previously existing services funded by the Friends.

Equipment – Friends funded new tables and chairs for a recently created public space that had formerly been an administrative office. This newly designed space has hosted numerous groups including, Girls Who Code, Girls Coach Girls Run, the Ted-Ed Club and the Chess Club and has provided additional space for patrons on a daily basis. The Friends also paid for the "Room", a phone booth-like structure that allows patrons to make phone calls upstairs without disturbing the nearby quiet areas.

Programs – Friends funded an enormous array of programs for all ages – from story hours and magic shows to lectures by Yale scholars and noted authors on science, history, literature, music, art and more. In addition, the Friends funded several concerts throughout the year, most notably the popular "Music Under the Stars" outdoor summer concert series. This year the Friends paid for the library to expand its selection of museum passes to include out of state museums such as the Guggenheim and the Frick in New York.

Print and other media - Friends funded widely used streaming services that allow Guilford patrons to enjoy books, audiobooks, films, television and music from their own mobile devices. Friends continued to fund portable wireless hotspots that can be checked out by patrons and subscription databases such as Consumer Reports and Ancestry.com. All of these resources supplement well over 1,000 print books, newspapers and periodicals that are funded by the Friends.

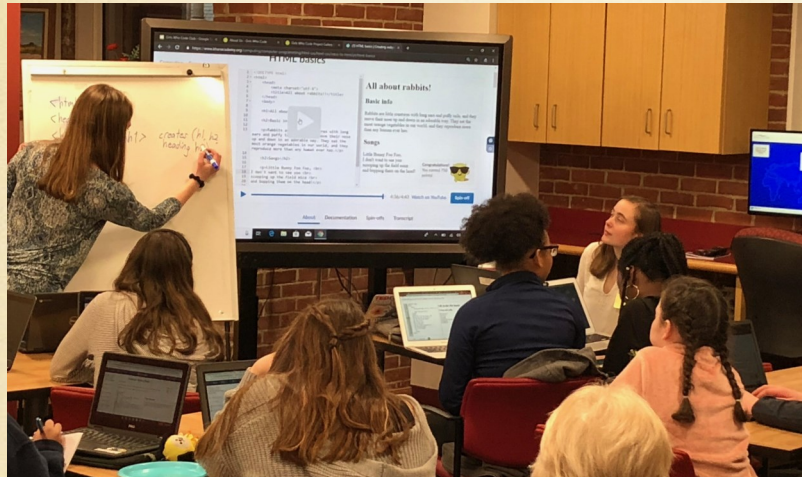
Staff Development – Friends funded several opportunities for the enrichment of the library staff including Book Expo, the Maker Faire, the CLA Conference, the Connecticut Education Network Conference and Computer in Libraries.

These contributions continue to help make the Guilford free Library a vibrant and welcoming center for the social and cultural life of our community.

We'd like to thank all of our members for their ongoing, generous support. From our annual donors to those committed volunteers preparing for the book sales week in and week out, our success is truly a team effort. We'd also like to thank the library staff for their tireless support and cooperation in all that we do. Together our team has worked to achieve another outstanding year!

Martha Gamerman
President

WITH A LOT OF HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS



"Girls Who Code Club" making use of the new portable display screen and new furniture in a repurposed administrative office.



The Friends marching in the Guilford Fair Parade one week before the Fall Book & Bake Sale



A patron enjoys the quiet provided by the new "Room"- a phone booth like, sound proof room.



Another busy Thursday morning for the book sorters. Preparing for the book sales is a year round job!

Teen Services

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Teen Services focused on maintaining the diversity of programs that are offered to tweens and teens throughout the year, as well as expanding the focus beyond tweens and teens to young adults in their 20s. This year, Teen Services worked on obtaining unique resources for teens to access in the library, including various musical instruments, as well as hosting programs that use these resources. Off-site trivia nights and book clubs were implemented as community outreach programs in effort to reach the slightly older crowd of adults in their 20s who may not frequent the library. As in previous years, Teen Services helped plan Guilford Comic Con and collaborated with other town departments to plan programs for tweens and teens. Lastly, with the success of the Harry Potter themed summer reading game from last year, the teen department ran it again this year.

The Library purchased an electronic drum set, electric guitar, and electric bass guitar for teens and other patrons to use in-house. The electronic drum set was purchased in preparation for a drum lessons program that was taught for tweens and teens. While the instructor ended up bringing his own real drum set, we have had other programs that included the electronic drum set and other instruments such as Rockstar For A Day. Tweens and teens were invited to learn how to play the instruments and see what it's like to be in a rock band and play with other musicians.

The telescope owned by the Library was moved from being stored in the Children's Room to the Reference Department. To showcase the telescope and its abilities, Teen Services invited members of the Astronomical Society of New Haven to do two programs here at the Library. One was a stargazing night where patrons learned about meteors and the night sky and then got to view the moon outside in the Library's courtyard with the telescope. The other was specifically for tweens and teens to be able to view the sun through the telescope.

Community outreach via off-site programming has been a major focus of Teen Services this past year. To reach members of the community who don't often come to the Library, we collaborated with The Marketplace to host themed trivia nights there. The Library created the questions and hosted the game while The Marketplace hosted the space and offered food and drink to purchase. The trivia nights were geared towards adults in their 20s and 30s and had themes such as Harry Potter and general millennial trivia. Additionally, the teen librarian started a book club for adults who read young adult literature held off-site at KC's Pub. Book club members are welcome to purchase food and drink while the teen librarian leads the discussion of the books read.

Some programming highlights include the third annual Guilford Comic Con. The 2018 Con featured drawing classes, sword fighting demos, wizard rock performances, and more. Guilford High School student Ellie Wiesler led another year of TED Ed Club where tweens and teens chose a topic they were passionate about and developed their own TED Talks about them. Throughout the year, Teen Services also offered cooking classes, yoga, practice SAT and ACT exams, and a very successful Coding Club led by reference librarian Lisa Coady.

Teen Services aims to foster a love of literature, hone creativity and encourage the learning of technology in tweens and teens in the Guilford community. By offering a variety of different programs and books that appeal to a diverse audience, we hope to make sure that all teens feel invited and included. We strive for teens to find the Library to be a place that is welcoming, accepting, and supportive of all of their pursuits, whether they be academic, artistic, technological, or something in between.

Sara Martone
Teen Services Librarian

Edith B. Nettleton Historical Room

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

The Edith B. Nettleton Room is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and providing access to materials that focus on the unique culture and history of Guilford. Resources include photographs, oral histories, biography files, maps, books, directories, local newspaper clippings, and documents. The Edith B. Nettleton Historical Room is used on a daily basis for a variety of purposes such as genealogical research and as a hub for local historical organizations and scholars to conduct research. It is also often a designated quiet area which has been mostly unchanged in a generation providing a haven for those seeking a more traditional library experience. Due to the increasing demand for space it also provides a location for book discussions, poetry readings and children's programs.

The Library continued to offer popular programs focused on local history especially with the continuation of the Edith B. Nettleton Historical Lecture Series and collaborations with the Witness Stones Committee and The Guilford Keeping Society. The Edith B. Nettleton Digital Archive is under construction and a new and enlarged version will be launched early in 2020.

In December 2018, Tracy Tomaselli was hired to serve as the Edith B. Nettleton Historical Room Specialist. Having a dedicated staff member has allowed us to expand our already extensive services related to local history. Tracy handles patron inquiries pertaining to genealogy, property history, general town history, and other topics through email exchanges and in person. She also helps us maintain our active relations with local groups such as the The Guilford Keeping Society, the Guilford Preservation Alliance and the Henry Whitfield House. Tracy also held a beginners Ancestry tutorial class as part of the adult technology class offerings at the library. Tracy also assists with new acquisitions and helps at the reference desk when needed.

Danielle Eadevito
Adult Supervisory Librarian
Historical Room Specialist



New Historical Room Specialist
Tracy Tomaselli

Adult Services / Technical Services

July 1 2018 - June 30, 2019

The Library serves as a place of study, research, and exploration and enables discovery, creation and expansion of knowledge through services, instruction, collections, and programming.

In 2018-2019 the Friends of the Guilford Free Library generously funded the new Adult Museum Pass program, which provides Guilford patrons free admission to five New York City area museums and cultural destinations including The Frick Collection; Guggenheim; Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Complex; Museum of the City of New York; and New York Historical Society Museum and Library. Since its inception, the Adult Museum Pass Program has been extremely popular with our patrons.

In an ongoing effort to promote lifelong learning in the community, the Library increased its adult learning opportunities by offering more free adult classes than ever before. Class topics included; Using the Library from Home; Google Docs Basics; Microsoft Word Basics; Creating Strong Online Passwords; tips for using social cataloging sites such as Goodreads; Social Network (Facebook); Microsoft Excel Basics; How to Build your Family Tree with Ancestry; Google Search Terms; and Smartphone Photography. The Library also offered a series of classes on SketchUp; a powerful 3D design tool taught by Guilford native Emily Yale. Also a skilled craftsperson, Emily taught 4 Advanced Knitting and Crocheting classes for adults. The demand for our one-on-one technology assistance also grew with a record 352 patrons taking advantage of these "book-a-librarian" sessions.

Lastly, services for adult patrons continued to expand in 2018-2019. The Studio Space was active with 3D printing jobs, as well as patrons converting VHS to DVDs. New and updated equipment was also added to the space including; a new 3D printer, an additional virtual reality headset, and a portable smartboard screen for use with presentations and collaborative projects.

Our staff is dedicated to helping our patrons and providing the best library experience possible. We pride ourselves on offering innovative technologies as well as ample amounts of classes that provide patrons with plenty of opportunities for continued learning.

Danielle Eadevito
Adult Services Supervisory Librarian
Head of Technical Services



Patrons receiving instructions on how to use equipment in our "Studio Space"

A record 858 patrons took a class or received one-on-one instruction.

Classes were offered on 25 different topics