

## WEBSTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR 2017

2017 was a busy year for cooperative programming with other local organizations. We teamed up with the Webster Historical Society to show several movies as part of the “Over There, Over Here: World War I and Life in NH Communities” collaboration between local museums, historical societies, and libraries. Chris Schadler of the Webster Conservation Commission gave a presentation on coyotes. And, Webster Elementary School librarian Sarah Mason once again brought the children over for an introduction to the library.

Other programming included a presentation by Webster residents John Collins and Russ Wright, who spent a month hiking California’s John Muir Trail and shared their experiences with a 75-minute video presentation with stunning photography. Diane Kordas Music and Puppets presented “Build a Better World, Build a House,” as a finale to our Summer Reading Program. We also began offering monthly movies (with time off in July and August).

Other programming and services have continued—MakerPlay Mondays, the Summer Reading Program, our membership in the NH Downloadable Books Consortium, NH 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Gift Bags for Babies, deliveries to the homebound, museum passes, and our Book Group, which has met since 1997.

We now have a Facebook page, and invite everyone to check it out.

Thank you to the many people who have helped out the library in the past year by volunteering their time, donating their used materials, or making monetary donations. Their help is incalculable.

We added 50 names to our member files and removed 100, giving us a total of 515 registered users. 2,292 people visited the library, an increase over the previous year. We added 605 books, audiobooks, and DVDs, and removed 415, leaving us with a total of 11,078 materials. Our library members checked out 5,401 books, audiobooks, DVDs, museum passes, and magazines, along with 1,362 downloadable audiobooks and 626 eBooks. We loaned 383 materials to other libraries, and borrowed 148.

Our most popular DVD in 2017 was *Sully*, and the most popular book was *Faithful*, by Alice Hoffman.

By borrowing materials from the library, our members saved more than \$74,839.67 over the cost of purchasing them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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