

## WEBSTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Annual Report of the Trustees for 2019

We offered several interesting programs this year, including a discussion about turtles by Warner resident and turtle expert David Carroll, a joint program with the Webster Conservation Commission on planting for pollinators, presented by a UNH Master Gardener, and a discussion about bears of New Hampshire by Andrew Timmins, the Bear Project leader for the NH Fish and Game Department.

The Library also hosted a Meet & Greet for the Select Board candidates, and provided support for a series of introductory computer classes.

We added NH Parks day passes to the museum passes we already offered--to the Currier Museum of Art, the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum, the New Hampshire Telephone Museum, the SEE Science Center, and Strawberry Banke.

We acquired an audio recorder for recording family histories and encourage library users to borrow it for the oral history of their own families.

The year's Summer Reading Program, "A Universe of Stories," focused on outer space and ended with a fun program of *Magic By George*.

We continued our Free Friday Films and our monthly Book Group.

The year ended with plans to subscribe to Hoopla, a streaming service for audiobooks, comics, eBooks, movies, music, and TV.

Thank You very much to the many people who support the library during the year with their volunteer work, donations, and visits.

We added 18 names to our patron files and removed 4, giving us a total of 522 registered borrowers. 2,046 people visited the library during the year. We added 490 books, audiobooks, and DVDs, and removed 465, leaving us with 11,279 materials. Our library members checked out 4,566 books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines,

library passes, and equipment, and downloaded 2,716 audiobooks, eBooks, and magazines. We loaned 262 materials to other libraries, and borrowed 240.

Our most popular book in 2019 was *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens, and our most popular DVD was a tie between *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Green Book*.

By borrowing materials from the library, our members saved \$71,236.63 over the cost of purchasing them.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Picthall-French, Chair

Leslie Collins, Secretary

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