

# 2018 Lynnfield Annual Town Report

Department/Board/Committee/Commission: Lynnfield Public Library

## Nature of work (mission statement) (2-3 sentences):

The mission of the Lynnfield Public Library is to facilitate townspeople of all ages in the meeting of their personal, professional, informational, educational, recreational and cultural needs by providing both current technological and traditional means of access to materials, programs, and services.

## Goals achieved/large projects accomplished (4-5 bullet points):

Wonder’ful Community Read: In April, events and community discussions were planned around the themes of kindness and friendship in the books *Wonder* and *We’re All Wonders*. Partners in this month-long celebration of literacy included Lynnfield for Love, MarketStreet Lynnfield, Girl Scouts of Lynnfield, Lynnfield Moms Group, The Savings Bank, the Friends of the Lynnfield Public Library, community readers, and more. The Lynnfield Rotary also provided support as part of their Education & Literacy Initiative.

Lynnfield 101: The inaugural information session for new residents to Lynnfield was held in June, with representatives from local organizations and town departments. This was cosponsored with the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce.

Technology updates: New technology was introduced, including 8 new Dell All-In-One PCs, a modern update to the heavily utilized public Internet PCs. The new machines feature an updated operating system (Windows 10) as well as Office Suite 2016. In addition, digitization of fourteen oral history cassettes was completed with the generous financial support of the Lynnfield Historical Society. From 1970 to 1980, as part of an ongoing Bicentennial project, a number of Lynnfield residents were interviewed under the auspices of the “Historical Resource Center” at the Lynnfield Public Library. Access to these digitized files is available through the library website.

Director search: After Holly Mercer’s resignation in June, a number of community members, staff of the Library, and some Trustees formed a selection committee to hire a new director. They worked for five months developing a search strategy and interviewing candidates. Jennifer Inglis was hired in December 2018, to begin in January 2019.

## Significant statistics (if applicable, please feel free to include tables or charts if needed):

Current Lynnfield library card holders	9,540
Annual visits to the Library	77,070
Adult reference questions answered	11,665

Youth reference questions answered	2530
Physical materials borrowed	104,000
Digital materials borrowed	9,900
Museum passes borrowed	900
Adult programs held	50
Adult programs attendance	935
Youth programs held	485
Youth programs attendance	10,990

**Personnel Changes and Acknowledgements (2-3 sentences):**

There were several significant staffing changes in 2018. Library Director Holly Mercer left in July to take a job in Kansas, and Assistant Director Samantha Cabral left in August to take a position in New Hampshire. At the end of the year, Jonathan Nichols, Head of Youth Services, left to take a position in Belmont. Vickey Fitzgerald, Josephine Hilty, and Abby Zarakovich, part time employees, also left the Library.

Many thanks for Nancy Ryan, former Director, for coming out of retirement to serve as Interim Director and on the Search Committee for a new Director.

Many thanks as well to the Friends of the Lynnfield Library. Funding for many programs and services, including museum passes, is provided through their efforts. Additional partners not previously mentioned include the Essex Society of Genealogists, Lynnfield Flower Workshop, Village Home & Garden Club, Lynnfield Cultural Council, and the Lynnfield Art Guild. Please excuse any unintended omissions.

**Provide an up to date list of department staff (with title) and/or board/commission members (please note Chairs):**

**Board of Library Trustees**

- Robert D. Calamari, Jr., Chair
- Faith Honer-Coakley, Vice-Chair
- Russell Boekenkroeger
- Rich Mazzola
- Janine Rodrigues-Saldanha

**Library Staff**

- Administration:
  - Nancy Ryan, Interim Library Director

Patricia Nutile, Administrative Assistant and Secretary, Board of Trustees

Youth Services:

Pam Griswold, Children's Assistant

Reference Services:

Patricia Kelly, Head of Reference Services  
Irene Gorevitz, Reference Staff Librarian  
Marilyn Graves, Reference Staff Librarian  
Kathe Landergan, Reference Staff Librarian

Technical Services:

Nicole Goolishian, Head of Technical Services  
Pauline Silva, Technical Services Librarian

Circulation Services:

Katherine Decker, Head of Circulation Services  
Megan Doyle, Circulation Assistant  
Nathalie Lilley, Circulation Technician  
Allison Gallagher, Circulation Technician  
Dawn Mayerson, Circulation Technician  
Margaret O'Keefe, Circulation Technician  
Beverly Lenehan, Circulation Technician  
Circulation Technician Substitutes  
Suzy Axelson  
Mary Kraft  
Carolyn Livingston  
Christine Rutigliano

Library Pages:

Barbara Camann  
Nathalie Lilley

**Library Building Project Committee**

Russell Boekenkroeger, Chair and member of the Board of Trustees  
Board of Selectmen – liaison – Richard Dalton  
Board of Appeals – liaison - Brian Shaffer  
Planning Board – liaison - vacant  
Finance Committee – Christopher Mattia  
Holly Mercer – ex-officio  
Members-At-Large - Steven Todisco, Ted Caswell, Nick Connors  
Gail Rober - Secretary

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