

2019 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):

Leadership transition: Much of 2019 was spent filling three key positions and building a new leadership team with Jennifer Inglis, Library Director (January), Abigail Porter, Assistant Director & Head of Adult Services (June), and Lauren Fox, Head of Youth Services (August). Once in place, an emphasis on learning about the library and the community was a key goal for the year.

Building relationships: In keeping with the arrival of three new managers, much of 2019 was spent learning about and working with various town departments and local organizations. The Library collaborated with A Healthy Lynnfield, the librarians at the Lynnfield Public Schools, and the Recycling Committee, among others. We also worked with the Essex Society of Genealogists, Lynnfield Historical Society, Lynnfield Flower Workshop, Village Home & Garden Club, and the Lynnfield Art Guild. In conjunction with Lynnfield Rotary, the Library worked with the Senior Center, Good Hope, Inc., and supported fundraisers through a Taste of MarketStreet and for Reid's Ride.

Innovative programming: Through these collaborations and with new leadership, the Library expanded programming working with the Lynnfield Moms group, worked with parents to provide resources on Dyslexia, held workshops with area organizations on topics such as foster care, healthy eating, intellectual pursuits, and artistic outlets. The Library also continued established and much-loved programming series such as Curious About Cuisine, Music lectures with Bill Sano, and BookLovers non-fiction book group.

Library building updates: While all of these activities took place, the Library building underwent significant improvements with the assistance of town leadership and DPW. These include repairs in the bathrooms and carpeting from previous damage, replacing the Palladian Window, and installing an automatic door opener to improve accessibility. The Library was also part of the septic project, led by the town's Engineering Department.

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

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| Annual visits to the Library | 85,000 |
| Reference questions answered | 10,000 |

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| Print & digital materials borrowed | 120,000 |
| Museum passes borrowed | 920 |
| Adult programs | 76 |
| Adult program attendance | 1300 |
| Youth programs held | 236 |
| Youth program attendance | 7000 |

Personnel Changes and Acknowledgements (2-3 sentences):

In addition to the staffing changes above, Megan Doyle, Circulation Technician, took a position elsewhere but remained on as a substitute. The Library hired two BiblioTemps to help with staffing during the year, and both Barbara Kampas and John Toothaker transitioned from temporary workers to substitute positions for the Library.

Janine Saldanha, Library Trustee, moved from Lynnfield, and we wish to thank her for her many years of service to the Library, both on the Friends and as a Trustee.

We want to thank all of our patrons for working through the various disruptions in service because of the multiple building-related projects, as well as the Town of Lynnfield for facilitating the improvements.

Many thanks as well to Nancy Ryan, former Director, who served as Interim Director in 2018 and stayed through the transition to Jennifer Inglis in January 2019.

Thank you to the Friends of the Lynnfield Library, without whom our programming, professional development, and museum passes would be diminished. Thanks as well to the Lynnfield Cultural Council for their generous assistance with significant programming for the community.

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
- Andrew Kenneally

Library Staff

Administration:
 Jennifer Inglis, Library Director

Abigail Porter, Assistant Director & Head of Adult Services
Patricia Nutile, Administrative Assistant and Secretary, Board of Trustees

Youth Services:

Lauren Fox, Head of Youth Services
Pam Griswold, Children's Assistant

Reference Services:

Patricia Kelly, Head of Reference Services
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
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
Megan Doyle
Mary Kraft
Carolyn Livingston
Christine Rutigliano

Library Pages:

Barbara Camann
Nathalie Lilley
Ruby Struble

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
Members-At-Large - Steven Todisco, Ted Caswell, Nick Connors
Gail Rober - Secretary

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