

GREENVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Annual Report of the Director
July 2007-June 2008*

*Just the knowledge that a good book is awaiting one at the end of
a long day makes that day happier.-- Kathleen Norris*

MISSION STATEMENT

Working cooperatively with other libraries and agencies, the mission of the Greenville Public Library is to provide comprehensive library services to the residents of Smithfield and surrounding areas, with emphasis on providing a common meeting place, general reference, and lifelong learning.

SERVICES

The Greenville Public Library provides information to the public to satisfy research and recreation needs, through a wide variety of print and audio-visual materials. The Library supports the school curricula, local business community, and specific and general needs of individuals, and is a repository of information, acting as the collective memory of the community.

The Library offers programs for all ages. There is special emphasis on introducing children to the wonders of books through story hours, crafts, tutoring and special programs, and providing homework assistance to students. We offer reference assistance, interlibrary loan, access to OSL (Ocean State Libraries) holdings, live and on-line tutoring, electronic books and databases, downloadable audio books, outreach services, exhibits, a homework and computer training center and many other services.

PROFILE

The Greenville Public Library is one of two public libraries in the Town of Smithfield, which has a population of 20,613. The Library was incorporated in 1882 for the purpose of providing library services to the Town. The original building was located near St. Thomas Church on the Greenville Common. A new facility was built on the present site in 1956 and two additions have been made to the building, one in 1966 and the latest in 1991. Membership in the Association is open to any adult for a fee of \$10.00, to families for a fee of \$15.00, and businesses for \$50.00. Members of the Library Association elect the Board of Trustees and its officers at the Association's annual meeting. Anyone living in Rhode Island can use the Library free of charge.

Annual operating revenues are derived from association dues, contributions, local tax appropriations, interest on investments, late fines, grants, and the State of Rhode Island in the form of grant-in-aid. The largest revenue appropriation comes from the Town of Smithfield, which funds 73% of the total budget.

OLIS (Rhode Island's Office of Library and Information Services) supplies interlibrary loan delivery service, and access to LORI (a network for librarians). The State also provides construction reimbursement money that is used to repay USDA and Town loans that were obtained for the expansion project completed in 1991.

The Library is open 58 hours per week, seven days a week. The schedule includes four evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays (except during the summer). We continued with all-day Saturday hours during the summer, which was begun last year and well received by Library users.

The Greenville Public Library staff consists of seven full-time and eighteen part-time employees, including five full-time and six part-time professional librarians holding a masters degree in Library and Information Sciences.

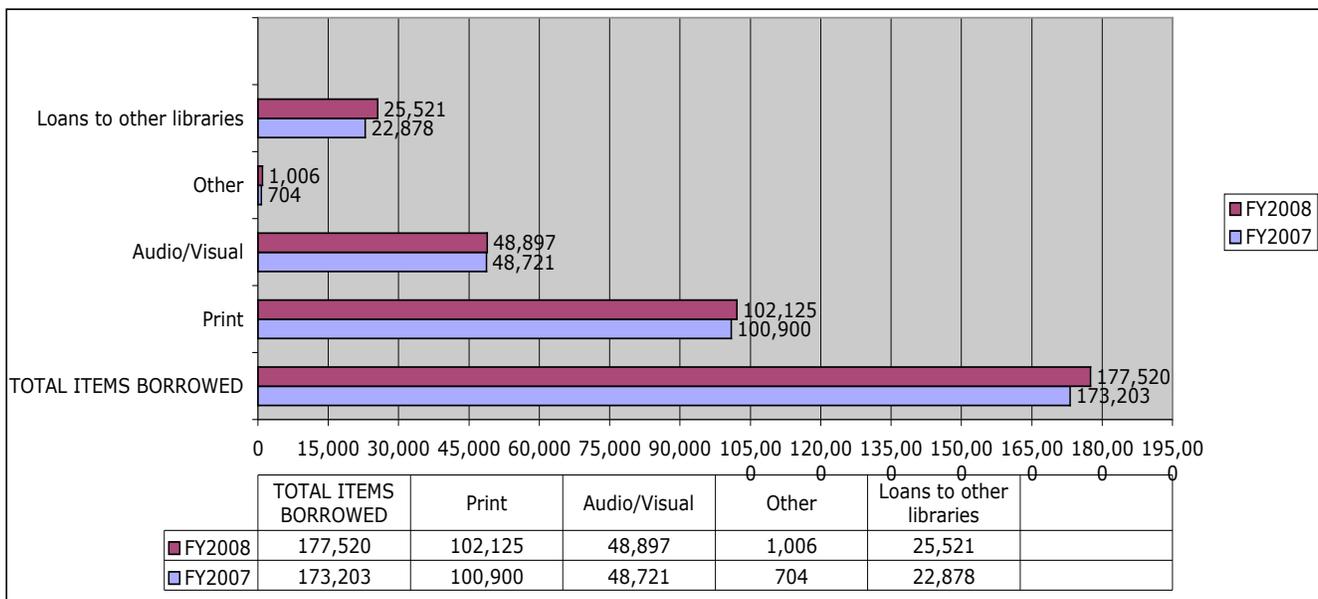
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We served 124,420 people this year, an increase of 2,817 or 2% over last year. We provide materials in print and electronic format, both visual and audio. We provide access to databases, magazines, electronic books, and even audio books in electronic format through our website. Our website had 84,242 hits this year. The Greenville Library has stayed in the forefront in Rhode Island for services offered and delivery of those services.

CIRCULATION

The number of books and other materials borrowed increased 4,317, or 2.5%, over last year. Greenville supplied 25,521 materials to other libraries through interlibrary loan, an increase of 11.6% over last year!

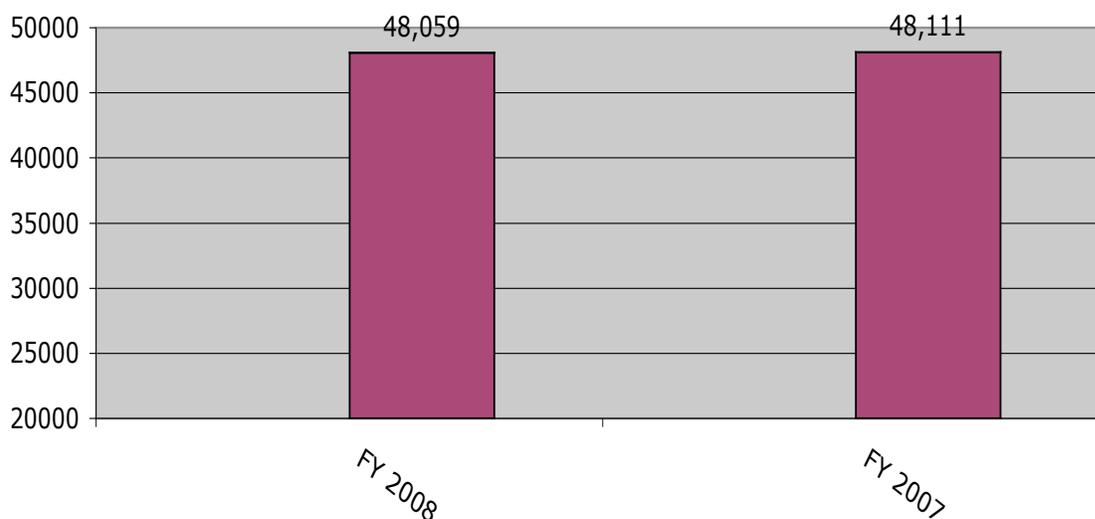
Materials Borrowed



REFERENCE

Reference requests remained the same this year as compared to last. Staff answer questions in person, via e-mail, fax, and by telephone. The number and complexity of reference questions to which the Greenville Library staff responds rivals that of much larger public libraries in the state. Our staff is required to be computer savvy and well versed in the use of many different electronic databases and Internet sites.

Reference Questions Answered



VIRTUAL TUTORS

Greenville was the first public library in Rhode Island to utilize the services of on-line tutors. Our subscription allows students to receive live homework help from professional tutors via our web site between the hours of 2 and 10 p.m. daily. During the school year 760 children were assisted with homework on-line.

ELECTRONIC DATABASES

The Library subscribes to many electronic books and databases that are accessible via our website to anyone holding an Ocean State Libraries (OSL) card issued at Greenville. These databases include full-text magazine articles, reference resources, an automobile repair guide, *Providence Journal* archives, and a genealogy database that also offers census records and electronic books. There were 9,443 database searches performed this past year, an increase of 17%!

We also offer books in electronic format and audio books that can be downloaded through the Ocean State Libraries E-Zone, a service we, along with a few other libraries, brought to Rhode Island two years ago.

COLLECTION

There were 6,396 books and audio-visual materials added to the collection and 7,454 weeded for a net reduction of 1,058 materials. A heavy weeding took place to make room for new materials since all the shelving was full. Magazines, databases, and electronic book totals are not included in this total but are shown in the chart below.

	2008	2007
Books	72,168	73,246
Magazines	10,436	1,157
Print Total	82,604	74,403
Audio	3,647	3,824
Video	5,061	4,908
E-Books	228	114
Databases	25	26
Other	166	122
Grand Total	91,731	83,397

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The Library borrowed 19,804 items from other libraries through interlibrary loan to fill requests for patrons that could not be filled from the Library's own resources. The Library loaned 25,521 materials to other libraries, an increase of 12% over last year! The large number of items being received and shipped out requires many hours of staff time for identifying items, pulling materials from the shelves, packaging, and processing. We currently budget 35 hours per week for shared resources staff, but other staff also assists as needed. OLIS provides a delivery service to transport books and other library materials between most of the libraries within the state up to five days per week. In-state interlibrary loans are free to library users. Books from out-of-state are mailed and the borrower charged \$2 per item for postage.

PROGRAMS

Programs presented: 635 Attendance: 8,296

We would like to thank those who presented programs at the Library during the year, and the Friends of the Library who funded many of the Children's programs.

CHILDREN'S

There were 310 children's programs attended by 4,896 people.

Story hours were presented to preschoolers, toddlers, and pre-toddlers. The Summer Reading Program was entitled, "Get a Clue @ Your Library" for children ages 3 1/2-10 years of age. 194 children registered; 72 completed requirements.

Title	Presenter
Preschool storyhours	Staff
Toddler storyhours /	Staff
Turtletime Storyhours	Staff

School Age Programs

Book Budies	Teen volunteers
Crafts	Staff
Art Classes	Adele Karbowski
Maxwell Pet Therapy dog	Diane Calo
Flower Arranging	Apple Blossom Garden Club
Summer Reading Program	Staff
All-Star Readers Contest	PawSox
Reading Tutors	Bryant University Students
Creat-a-Card	Deborah Sutherland
Homeschooler's Art Class	Adele Karbowski
Homeschooler's Public Speaking Class	Mrs. Wallace & Mrs. Polk
Homeschooler's Veteran's Day Program	Local veterans
Homeschooler's Craft Program	Mrs. DeChristafaro
Stuff'n Fluff Workshop	Amy Neilson
Cub Scout visits	Staff
National Book Week Promotion	Staff

Family

Magic Show	Ronald McDonald
Weather Mobile	T. J. Del Santo
Rainforest Adaptation	Roger Williams Zoomobile
Shooting Star Theatre	
Music and Story Telling	Keith Munslow
Sparky's Puppets	Sparky Davis
Halloween Village	Teen Volunteers
Storyteller	Katie Latimer
Pirate Show	Marc Kohler
Frosty's Magic B'Day	Greg McAdams
African Drumming	Annie Geisinger
Mad Science	
Storyteller	Charlotte Hamlin

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN

Title	Presenter
Healthy Kids Day @ the YMCA	Staff
School/Public Libraries	Staff
Learning Place Preschool	Staff
After School YMCA	Staff
After School at Winsor School	Staff

YOUNG ADULT

There were 146 teen programs during the year that were attended by 1,353 people.

Beholding Beauty: Preparing your Body & Mind	Andrea Bunker
Battle of the Ages	Aaron
Book Buddies	Aaron
Bryant University Walk-in Homework Help	Bryant University Students
Card making Program	Aaron
Chess and Checkers Challenge	Aaron
College 101	Bryant University Students
Decorative Doorstop Craft	Aaron
Drawing for PPAC Tickets	Aaron
Finding Your Roots: Genealogy Workshop	Aaron
Funny Doppelgangers Game	Aaron
Gross Grub	Aaron
Harvest Lights: Candle making Craft	Andrea Bunker
Homeschoolers' Civics Class	Mary Ryan
Homeschoolers Club	Aaron
Halloween Village	Andrea Bunker
Halloween Village Preparatory Meeting	Andrea Bunker
Making Designer Plates	Aaron
Program Buddies	Aaron/Theresa
Rhode Island Teen Book Award Election	Aaron
Scene-It?, Jr.	Aaron
Teen Advisory Library Council	Aaron
Teen Read Week Book Cover Contest	Aaron
Teen Read Week Reading Race	Aaron
Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt	Andrea Bunker
Tis' the Season for the Soldiers: Card making	Aaron
(Trick or) Sweat Treat: Making Chocolate	Andrea Bunker
Urban Legends: Fact of Fiction	Aaron
A Very Happy Un-Valentine Party	Aaron
Wii Fun	Aaron
Yak & Snack Book Chat	Aaron
YMCA After-School Middle School Programs	Aaron

Sixteen teens read 345 books as part of the YA Summer Reading Program.

Book Buddies	Aaron
Book Buddies Training	Aaron/Theresa
CSI: Smithfield	Of Orland Braxton & Sgt Lisa St. Angelo
Costume Party	Aaron
Decoupage Treasure Chest Craft	Aaron
Handwriting Analysis Workshop	Aaron
Harry Potter Jeopardy!	Aaron
Harry Potter Candy Holder	Aaron
Haunted Rhode Island	Thomas D'Agostino & Andrew Card
Investigating Music (Clarinet & Piano)	Nicole Lamantia
Library Treasure Hunt	Aaron
Make Your Own <i>Moai</i>	Aaron
Program Buddies	Aaron/ Pauline/ Theresa
Questions of the Week	Aaron
Statewide Pen Pal Program	Aaron
Superhero Jeopardy!	Aaron
What's in a Book (Book Discussion)	Aaron
What's That Say: Secret Codes & Ciphers	Aaron
What Were We Thinking: ESP Testing	Aaron
Wii Fun	Aaron

Outreach

LaSalle Academy Student Interviews	Aaron
High School/Class Visits: Readers' Café	Aaron

ADULT

There were 164 adult programs attended by 1,327 people. Included in these numbers are 99 programs for seniors (656 attended).

Presentation	Presenter
A Christmas Reading with Lady Elizabeth	Elsie Collins
AARP Tax Assistance	Dave Surette
Advanced Computer Class	Milo J. St. Angelo
Advanced Quilling Workshop	Denise Shay
BASIC I Class	Milo J. St. Angelo
BASIC II Class	Milo J. St. Angelo
Beacon Hospice Program	Susan Schank
Beacon Pole Hill/ Genealogy	Mrs. Jefferies
Blood Drive	Cory Robinson / RI Blood Center
Blue Chip for Medicare	Susan Saccoccio Olsen
Blue Chip for Medicare	Becky Pettinichio
Canyon Spirits Program	Bill Carpenter

CASA Program	Kristina DeAngelis
Celebrating Ireland Program	Mary King
Cesareo's Circle	Patti Folsom
College Fin. Planning Program	Richard Dieffenbach
Composting Workshop	Gina Barbeau
Edible Wildlife Program	John Root
Emotional Freedom Technique	Valerie English
Financial Aid for College	Richard Dieffenbach
Flu Clinic/BlueCross/Blue Shield	Tim Ewic
Glucose Meter Trade-In (Blue-Cross)	Tim Ewic
Golden Wings and Hairy Toes	Todd McLeish
Greeting Card Wonders	Theresa Tally
Health and Stress Workshop	Dr. Herbert Curtis, Jr.
How To Stay Sharp at Your Age	Dr. Laurence Hirshberg
Lawn Management Program	Bridget Rumelle "Lawn Lady"
Medicare and Long Term Care	Susan Saccoccio Olson
Mystery Book Club	Dorothy Swain and Sarah Paquet
Natural Solutions to Arthritis	Dr. Herbert Curtis, Jr.
Natural Solutions to Sleep Disorders	Dr. Herbert Curtis, Jr.
Quilling Class	Denise Shay
RI Genealogy Soc. Workshop	Pat Long
RI Housing Homebuyer Program	Bob Silva
"To Kill A Mockingbird" Book Discussion	Sherri Smith
United Health Care	Thomas A. Kelsey
Word Computer Class	Milo J. St. Angelo

ROOM AND COMPUTER USE

Twenty-six groups used the Library's meeting rooms a total of 141 times, not including the Trustees, Friends, and those presenting Library sponsored programs.

Our quiet study room, which is used for tutoring, tax return assistance, and quiet study, was used 460 hours this year, an increase of 111% over last year's use!

Library computers were used by 37,134 people to access the Internet and electronic databases. 1,563 young people used the homework/teen technology center during the school year. Free public access to Library computers allows everyone in the Town the opportunity to have an e-mail account and to obtain important information from our electronic databases and the Internet.

EXHIBITS

The Library is fortunate to have people in the community willing to share their collections and art works with others. We would like to extend our thanks to the following for exhibiting their works and collections at the Library this year:

CHILDREN'S BUBBLE

Exhibitor	Exhibit
John, Ryan, & Connor Pagliaro	Legos
Brandon Barrera	Matchbox cars
Samantha Stanislowski	Horses
Ryan Pomposelli	Hot wheels
Luke Thompson	British toy soldiers
Sarah Thompson	Red Sox memorabilia
Girl Scouts	Girl Scout & cookie memorabilia
Katie Commendatore	Cats
Owen Placido	Airplanes & helicopters
Caitlin Neary:	Pigs
Rebekah Sutherland	Calico critters
Sydney Orsillo	Rocks & crystals

The Greenville Nursery School children made decorations for the bulletin boards and the Children's Room on a seasonal basis.

Diane Maione's Girl Scout Troop 544 made decorations for the lobby trees monthly.

Staff created 45 book displays in the Children's Room throughout the year, in addition to decorating bulletin boards and the room in general.

The homeschoolers displayed their artwork in the Children's Room periodically.

Local schools displayed children's artwork during Youth Art Month in March.

CASTLE DISPLAY CASE

Exhibitor	Exhibit
Geraldine Critz	Block Island Photographs
Elsie Collins	Bears
Elsie Collins	Barbie Dolls
Eileen Fochler	Apple Items
AnneMarie Ignasher	Christmas Collectibles
Rebecca Tremblay	Stained Glass and Photographs
Larry Iadevaia	Handmade Handbags
School students under Don Chabot	Youth Art Show
Patti Brooks	Photographs of Smithfield
Denise Shay	Quilling
Bill Carpenter	Photographs and Poems

DISPLAYS

Many of the displays in the Library were done by the staff to reflect seasons or subjects of celebration. The staff also did several book displays each month.

We thank Diane Maione and her Girl Scout Troop #544 for decorating the trees in the Library's lobby, the students at Greenville Nursery School, under the direction of Sheila Borges, who made decorations for the bulletin board, and the home schooled children who displayed their artwork in the Children's Room throughout the year.

ARTWORK

Exhibitor	Exhibit
Diane Hoxie	Oils
Rebecca Tremblay	Photographs
Billy Gallagher	Acrylics, Mixed Media
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Martin Resnick	Oils
James Cook	Children's Book Panels
Johan Bjurman	Oils
Rebecca Tremblay	Photographs
School students under Don Chabot	Youth Art Display
Nick Meyer	Marine Life Watercolors
Doug Lovett	Fine Art and Acrylics
Billy Gallagher	Mixed Media and Acrylics

OUTREACH

The Library offers its services to residents of retirement and nursing homes. The residents of Greenville Manor, Hebert Nursing Home, and North Bay Manor can receive materials free of charge. Homebound individuals may also request materials, which will be delivered to their houses.

The Library staff keeps lines of communication open with the staff and residents who live at Harmony Hill School, Farnum House, Greenville House, and Mater Ecclesiae International Center of Studies. We encourage library usage by the residents of these facilities and offer materials that meet their special needs and interests.

GRANTS AND GIFTS

Pauline Henlin made a generous donation in memory of her late husband, Allan Henlin, which was used to pay for several children's summer reading programs.

Fidelity donated \$600 to the Library, at the direction of its staff. Funds were used for magazine subscriptions and supplies.

Donations in honor of Flora Leigh Curry's 90th birthday were made to the Library, and have been put in the building fund.

Grants were obtained from the Champlin Foundations in the amount of \$30,920. A \$26,000 grant was received for a new self-checkout machine that is capable of opening DVD and CD security cases, thus broadening the usefulness of the machine. A grant in the amount of \$4,920 was received for two laptop and two desktop computers, and two battery backup surge protectors.

An E-rate grant of \$977 was received for telephone services.

We received \$10,369 in contributions from our Friends and Association Members.

The Town of Smithfield is providing \$5,500 annually for three years to offset the cost of an emergency roof repair performed last year.

Tri-Town received a grant to pay the salary of a teen who worked at the Library during the summer.

The Apple Blossom Garden Club donated beautiful floral arrangements throughout the year and two wreaths that hung on either side of the entrance doors at Christmas time.

Annual Grants

We receive several grants on an annual basis, the money derived from bequests that generate investment income. We are grateful to the following individuals:

Thomas K. Winsor Memorial Fund (from the estate of Kay Kirlin Moore): \$2,482 was used to purchase books.

Mattie A. Walcott Memorial Fund: \$5,011 was used to purchase books, databases, and a rug for story hour.

Designated Funds

Muriel and Samuel Place Fund: \$5,000 plus interest to be used for the Children's Room expansion.

Leona Wilson Fund: \$1,230 for adult literacy materials.

Shirley Steere Memorial Fund: \$8,649. Interest from the fund is used to purchase books and furniture for the children's room: \$251 was used to purchase a twelve-volume set of *Country Explorers*.

The David and Eleanor Battey-Campbell Fund: \$6,000 donation from Janice and Richard Lindsay in honor of Mrs. Lindsay's parents--former residents of Greenville. Interest from the account is used to purchase children's materials. \$245 was used to purchase *Science of Nascar* (6 volumes) and *Early Bird Food Webs* (6 volumes).

ADDITIONAL NEW EQUIPMENT and ITEMS

--New self-checkout machine that opens DVD and CD security cases was purchased with a grant from the Champlin Foundations.

--The original self-checkout machine, which is now six years old, was moved into the children's room, providing checkouts in that room for the first time.

--A new specially designed carpet was purchased for story hours using money from the Walcott grant.

BUILDING PROJECT

Planning for a new building, to be sited on the land purchased with voter approval in 2004, continued in earnest. The proposed building was resized to make better use of spaces and reduce costs, and bonding legislation was approved by the Smithfield Town Council and the R.I. General Assembly. The bond was to appear on the ballot in November of this year, but the Board of Trustees decided not put it on the ballot this year because of the economic situation. There is a critical need for additional space and the Trustees are hoping to have a construction bond on a ballot in the near future.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The following repairs and improvements were made this past year:

--Leaks in the original flat roof were repaired, and missing shingles were replaced on the peaked roofs.

--Low tree branches over the parking lot were trimmed and damaged trees and branches were removed.

--Diseased hemlock and dogwood trees were treated.

--Building gutters were cleaned.

--A new file server was purchased following a failure of the six-year old unit.

--Height-adjustable computer stools were purchased for the public computers in the reference area.

--New height-adjustable folding tables were purchased for children's programs and meetings.

--A new American flag was purchased for the pole in the parking lot, as well as new ropes.

--The hot water tank was replaced.

OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS and ACHIEVEMENTS

We operate with the philosophy of continuous improvement and continue to be a leader among public libraries in Rhode Island. Some of the many improvements and successes of this year include:

--The Library Director chairs the Rhode Island Public Library E-Zone, a consortium of RI libraries that he helped to found, that contracts with Digital Reserve (Overdrive) to offer library patrons downloadable audio and electronic books. Ocean State Libraries joined this year, making every public library a member.

--Saturday hours were maintained at 10 a.m.-5 p.m. all year, extending summer hours by four hours weekly.

- Shared resources (interlibrary loan) workflow was evaluated and revamped. Two part-time staff members were made mainly accountable for the processes.
- Instituted a 125-tax plan, which allows payroll deductions for healthcare to be withheld pre-tax, which is an added benefit to the staff.
- Supported the Smithfield School Wellness plan by purchasing in excess of \$1,000 worth of books and DVDs to support the program.
- Accepted Food-For-Fines again this year during a week in November with proceeds donated to the Smithfield food bank.
- Continued an agreement with the Rhode Island Library Association to maintain its membership database, for which the Library is paid \$600 annually, and received upgraded server database software free of charge.
- Continued a highly successful tutoring program that matches Bryant University work study students with local young people who need reading assistance.
- Continued to offer on-line tutoring for school students, free of charge. The service is available from 2-10 p.m. daily and was used by 760 students this past year for homework assistance.
- Initiated the first programs in the state for home schooled children, and have taken the lead in coordinating programs with other area libraries. We also provide space for parents and guardians who home school to meet.
- Had highly successful children's and teen summer reading programs.
- Wireless Internet access is offered to the public from anywhere in the Library.

PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT

The professional staff is encouraged to join and participate in state and regional library organizations and to attend the annual Rhode Island Library Association conference. The Director is a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and the Public Libraries division, as well as the New England Library (NELA) and Rhode Island Library Associations (RILA). Most other professional staff belong to RILA, and additionally Aaron Coutu belongs to ALA and NELA.

The staff attend meetings and workshops held throughout the state and participate on appropriate committees.. The Director is the President of the Rhode Island Library Association and represents the Library at OSL meetings and other statewide library meetings. He also chairs the OSL E-Zone committee. He participated in the American Library Association's National Legislative Days, during which librarians meet with their state's representatives and senators to discuss legislation of importance to libraries and their users.

Aaron Coutu is a member of the R.I. Teen Book Awards Committee and a member of the Statewide Summer Reading Program Committee and the Young Adult Round Table.

Staff is encouraged to attend continuing education classes and library conferences. OLIS offers many continuing education classes free of charge, and the Library has a small budget to pay for work related courses. All of the professional and many of the support staff attended continuing education classes this year.

Professional journals are made available to the staff for book and other media reviews, and to keep them aware of issues and technologies affecting information delivery and libraries.

COOPERATION

Cooperating with other libraries and agencies expands the type and quantity of services and materials that can be offered. Following is a list of cooperative ventures and services:

- This year we became a site for people to register for food stamps via our public computers. We have a binder with the rules and eligibility requirements, and can assist patrons with the process of electronic registration.
- Tax forms. Federal tax forms are provided to the public, which are sent to the Library from the IRS free of charge. We also provide state tax forms for a printing charge, as these are only available on-line or through the mail.
- Provide space to AARP to assist the elderly and low-income patrons with tax return preparation.
- Provide interlibrary loans to other libraries: public, academic and school.
- Offer a convenient site for the Wellness Center to provide flu shots.
- Put book collection boxes in the schools during Student Amnesty in May and June. Student late fines are forgiven for Library materials returned to these boxes.
- Meeting rooms are offered free of charge to town government agencies, librarians and non-profit organizations for meetings and workshops.
- Act as a repository for books belonging to the R.I. Genealogical Society.
- Provide outreach services to residents of Greenville Manor, Hebert's Nursing Home, and the home bound.
- Provide services to the teen residents of Harmony Hill School, Farnum House, Greenville House, and Mater Ecclesiae International Center of Studies
- Host North Central Chamber of Commerce meetings.
- Children's Librarian, Pauline Leaver, read stories to children at Tri-Town and the YMCA, and holiday stories at the Senior Center. She also set up a special summer reading program for children attending Tri-Town.

- Pauline Leaver does special story hours at Winsor School.
- Collect food for the Smithfield food bank in place of fines for overdue materials in November.
- Library staff works closely with the schools in Town on projects.
- Worked with a high school student who conducted a clothing drive.
- Worked with the girl scouts who collected under garments for children through Project Undercover.
- Provide volunteer jobs and supervision for those who have to do community service.
- Worked with the schools and East Smithfield Library on Reader Café
- Worked with East Smithfield Library on book and periodical purchases.
- Worked with East Smithfield Library on programming.
- Greenville Boy Scouts provided services to the Library by participating in the Earth Day Cleanup, cleaning litter and tree limbs from Library grounds in the spring.
- The Smithfield Fire Dept. assisted the Library by allowing our elevator telephone to call their 24-hour call center, free of charge. We had been paying an answering service.
- Bryant University provided reading tutors paid through work-study.
- Tri-Town provided a teen worker for the summer, paid through a federal grant.
- Andrea Bunker, graduate student at the Library School at the University of Rhode Island perform her practicum at this library. Aaron Coutu mentored her and in return the Library received free professional work for several months.

VOLUNTEERS

The Library depends on its regular volunteers who perform many hours of work at no cost to the Library. These dedicated individuals make it possible for the Library to offer programs and services that would not be possible without their assistance.

The Library also offers a place for students in the high school and area colleges who need to perform community service as part of their curriculum, and we are grateful for their help.

Special thanks go to those who volunteer their services to the Library. We relied on 62 volunteers, who donated 1, 250 hours of work to the Library. A few people volunteer on a weekly basis and are scheduled like paid staff. We especially thank the following for their dedicated service to the Library:

Kathy Flynn, Michael Holland , Mary Liberty, Anna C. Martin, Jim Rainey, Mary Romano, Rose Smith, and Janice Ward volunteered in

Adult Services. Alex Boisvert, Dan Russo, Kyear Shea, Rebekah Sutherland, and Sarah Sutherland volunteered in the Young Adult dept.

We want to thank the Apple Blossom Garden Club whose members donate beautiful floral arrangements throughout the year, and made wreaths which hung outside the Library's front entrance during the winter holiday season. Club members also present children's craft programs during the year.

We thank Trustee, Milo J. St. Angelo, for donating potted plants to decorate the public service areas all through the year, in addition to his financial contributions and computer classes. Mr. St. Angelo provides several different adult computer classes during the year, at no cost to the Library.

We thank the Friends of the Library for all of their work helping with special events and fund raising. Sarah Paquet deserves our gratitude for leading the Friends and Trustee, Heather Grogan for putting countless hours into fund raising events. There was a dinner raffle and highly successful holiday auction in December thanks to Dorothy Swain, the Friends, Laura and Karalyne Rothwell, and Board President, Domine Vescera Ragosta, and others; especially those who donated items to the auction and restaurants that donated meals to the dinner raffle.

Board President, Domine Vescera Ragosta, deserves special mention and thanks for all of the time that she has devoted to the Library. She holds weekly meetings with the Director, as well as attending many other meetings related to library matters. She continues to keep the vision of a new building alive and has worked tirelessly with the Town Council and our representatives in the General Assembly to have a bond issue prepared and a new cost-effective building designed that fits the needs of the community.

All of the Trustees deserve special thanks for giving their time and expertise to the betterment of the Library and the community it serves.

The Library's staff deserve recognition for their commitment to serving the public in a courteous and professional manner. The staff maintains the Library's reputation for friendly and knowledgeable public service.

The Greenville Public Library is an essential agency in the Town of Smithfield. It serves as the Town's repository of information and its collective memory. The Library fosters a love of reading in children, assists adults with life-long learning, provides homework assistance to students, free computers with Internet access, recreational reading materials, reference assistance, and meeting space to the town and surrounding areas. We look to the future with confidence that the Town's need for a larger library building will be satisfied.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christopher La Roux
Director



Positions as of June 30, 2008

TRUSTEES

OFFICERS	TRUSTEES	Term Ends
President	Domine Vescera Ragosta	2010
Vice-President	Virginia Harnois	2009
Secretary	Susan Marineau	2008
Treasurer	Bruce Hallworth	2008
	Dr. Julie Ip	2010
	Barbara Lysik	2010
	Heather Grogan	2010
	Elaine Farley	2009
	Milo J. St. Angelo	2009
	Harold Hemberger	2009
	Stephen Cicilline	2008
	Sandi Brenner	2008
	Terri Kless	2008

FRIENDS

Deborah	Adler
Elaine	Farley
Carol	Gallant
Grace	Lemon
Susan	Marineau
Sarah	Paquet
Dorothy	Swain

STAFF

Director	Christopher La Roux
Assistant Director	Dorothy Swain
Children's Librarian	Pauline Leaver
Children's Assistant	Cara DelSesta
Young Adult Librarian	Aaron Coutu
Reference Librarian	Beth DeCristofaro
Reference Librarian	Patty DeFrancesco
Reference Librarian	Carol Gallant
Reference Librarian	Rhonda Hevenor
Reference Librarian	Rosemary Rose
Reference Librarian	Gretchen Hanley
Reference Librarian	Andrea Bunker
Sunday Reference Librarian	Donna Winn
Reference Assistant	Deborah Adler
Technology Coordinator	Ray Hetherington
Administrative Secretary	Lydia Lapierre
Circulation Supervisor	Rebecca Tremblay
Circulation Assistant	Norma DeMaio
Library Assistant	Carol Mulzer
Library Assistant	Karalyne Rothwell
Library Assistant	Sandra Williams
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