Friends of the Thomaston Public Library

Memorial Contributions

The library remembers with gratitude the deceased persons whose families and friends generously offered memorial contributions in their honor. May they rest in peace.

Friends of the Library through June 30, 2016:

Agatha (Val) Poldow
Dorothy Spooner
Virginia Flynn

Judy & Paul Zammiello
Margaret Taylor
Aaron & Stephanie Thibault
Matthew & Elyssa Thier
Marina L. Thompson
Joan & Gene Thomberg
Danis Thurtell

Group A
Daniel & Julianna Alessio
Richard & Lois Benfer
Bruce & Laurie Barrett
Carolyn & David Carlson

Group B
Mary Ann Broomhead
Richard & Lissa Jennings
Louis & Danette Guertin
Denise & Andrew Garant

Group C
Michael Burr & Family
Jane M. Caron
Dave & Carol Habersang
Robert & Judith Finlay

Group D
Mary Ann Torrence
Robert & Theresa Ingram
Jeffrey & Amy Famiglietti
Jennifer & Kevin MacCallum

Group E
Doris & Robert Hax
David & Susan Baxter
Mrs. Stanley Krulicki
Ken & Barbara Koval

Group F
Mrs. William E. Rothe
Mrs. William E. Rothe
Enjellushe Puprriqi
Robert & Elizabeth Weeks

Thank you for all you do for the Thomaston Public Library.

Details on how to leave a legacy at the Library:

- Leave a Legacy at the Library
- In your will or estate plan, please contact us.

Both programs. The Teen Murder Mystery program brought 29 teens to the library and the annual Children Craft Fair had 29 crafters and 150 shoppers! Our annual report highlights some of the accomplishments of last year. We have included statistics on our books and circulation. But, as libraries continue to evolve into community centers, highlighting the services and programs we provide more accurately shows the overall involvement between citizens and their library.

Our report also gives us the opportunity to offer all of these programs and services. Without our support we would not be able to offer all of these programs and services.

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## The Year by the Numbers

The library's collection of materials as of June 30, 2016 is as follows:

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| Audio | 3,111 | 2,994 | 2,907 | 2,756 |
| Video | 3,920 | 3,647 | 3,418 | 3,212 |
| Other | 109   | 25    |      |      |
| eBooks - we own | 107 | | | |
| eBooks - state owns | 925 | | | |
| eAudio - we own | 392 | | | |
| eAudio - state owns | 3,075 | | | |

**TOTAL Non-Books** 11,639 10,504 13,989 15,018

## Adult Programs

Programs offered by the Thomaston Public Library are varied and designed to appeal to wide audiences. Health, taxes, entertainment, finance and, of course, literature are all offered throughout the year. Some of the programs offered for adults this year are listed below:

- Author Talks & Book Signings (3)

**Book Discussion Group** (12)

**What is Hospice Volunteering?**

**Black Bears in Connecticut**

**Bobcats in Connecticut**

**Cut the Cord - Watch TV for Less!**

**Fruits & Berries with George (5 part series)**

**George’s Butterfly Tent**

**Home Gardening with George (7 part series)**

**Self Defense for Women**

**Color Me Calm - Coloring for Adults**

**Passport to Connecticut Libraries**

**The Art of Being Happy**

**The Kerry Boys in Concert**

**A Supernatural Evening with Jeff Belanger**

**Understanding Medicare**

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

(VITA - 198 appointments)

**Wreath Making with George**

Ted Roth: *Brass Valley*

Sydney Sherman: *You Are Not Alone*

Walter Robinson: *Connecticut Vinegets & Visits (left)*

## Babies - Tweens - Teens / Sprout - Grow - Thrive

The Children’s Department continues to encourage the children of Thomaston to be involved in their library. Popu- lar preschool programs include Baby Time, Toddler Time, Alphabits and Crayon Box. Amazing Animals, featuring trivia and games about wild animals, has been very successful for Kindergarteners to 3rd graders, while Chess Club for 4th-6th graders continues to be one of our most popular after school activities.

Family programs demonstrate to our youth the value of the library at every age and inspire young readers to develop a love of the library that will last throughout their lives. Moth- er-Daughter Book Club is going strong celebrating its 10th year at our library. The Tri-Wizard Tour- nament drew Harry Potter lovers of all ages and magical persuasions. Muggles and wizards alike read the first three books in the series complete with wizard snacks and wand making instruction. Our Reading Together selection this May was *Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins. Families were encouraged to borrow and read the book together and attend a stuffed animal sleepover and tea party inspired by the story.

Community volunteers are an important asset to the library. David LaManna of Thomaston Insurance, generously visited several times this year, with spiders, lizards, and a program on foreign currency. Younger community members volun- teered by shelving books, preparing Baby Bags, and scooping ice cream at the Sum- mer Reading Finale. And we are always thankful for the Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Beautification Committee for main- taining our lovely gardens.

**World renowned** Casey Carle’s Bubble Mania kicked off our Seussical Summer Reading in June. Ms. Melissa and Mrs. Gaudette entertained children with Seussi- cal silliness and invited them to explore the nonsensical Seuss house Mr. Gaudette built for them to enjoy. In collabor- ation with the Warner Theater, two lucky families were awarded tickets to attend the Warner’s live production of Seussical the Musical, a fitting tribute to a fantastical sum- mer of reading!

**Other enriching events** for children offered this year included the Annual Children’s Craft Fair, Sidewalk Science, Afternoon Movies, American Girl Club, Lego Brick Builders, Be a Hero, Learn to Sign Storytime, Star Wars Lightsaber Training, Karate Demonstration, Hula Hoop Party, Mystic Aquarium Hermit Crab, International Jazz Storytime, Ninja Reader and Scavenger Hunt, I Mustache You a Question, Pumpkin Weight Guessing, Mystic Aquarium Explore the Shore, Magic Club, Halloween Parties, Puppet Performer Fa- ther Goose, Nature Nick Exotic Animals and Stop Short Animation.

**As another year comes** to a close we have seen many new faces join our teen programming. Two events introduced a few years ago that con- tinue to grow in popularity are the Murder Mystery and the end of summer Auction Night. The auction program encourages teens to read and visit the library all summer to earn tickets used to win prizes at the auction. Some prizes are pur- chased with funds the teens have raised throughout the year but the most popular prizes, by far, are the autographed advanced reader copies of books that Ms. Melissa acquires at Book Expo.

**For 2015-16, the total circulation of all library materials was:**

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| Audio             | 3,111  | 2,994 | 2,907 | 2,756 |
| Video             | 3,920  | 3,647 | 3,418 | 3,212 |
| Total             | 13,735 | 18,074 |

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