Dear Friends and Patrons

This Annual Report is designed to inform the citizens of Thomaston of the library’s collections, programs and services offered in the fiscal year 2016-2017. The information contained in this report is based upon statistical data, collected by our library staff members and submitted to the Connecticut State Library for inclusion in its publication, Connecticut’s Public Libraries: A Statistical Profile. The Annual Report is prepared for the Library Board at its Annual Meeting, held on the first Tuesday in December, and made available for public perusal following the Annual Meeting.

One of the most frequently asked questions these days, “What will libraries be like in the future?” We certainly offer our wonderful collections and extra-daily service from friendly, helpful staff. Our children’s, teen and adult programs have adapted to meet the needs of the community. We have responded as new technology and new media emerge. Most importantly, we remember that the Library will forever be a place that informs the mind, engages the spirit and keeps us connected to each other.

You can see the amazing statistics about all our great offerings on the following pages of our report. Thanks to the generous support of our donors and patrons, our library is a community destination and a place where people come to read, connect and learn.

As we move forward, it is time for us to write the Library’s next chapter. To help shape our future, we will have extensive conversations with the community.

With your support, we will continue to transform the Library to keep pace with the ever-changing needs of our patrons.

Sincerely,
Maryann Sandford, Chair
Thomaston Library Board of Trustees

Friends of the Thomaston Public Library
Memorial Contributions

We remember with gratitude the following deceased patrons whose families and friends generously offered memorial contributions in their honor to the Friends of the Library through the years:

- Robert E. Andrews & Paul Boylan
- Anthony & Carolyn Chesto
- Carmen & David Carlson
- Louis & Nancy Daddona
- Rheda & Peter Dauten
- Richard & Lois Benfer
- Susan & Ted Bordner
- Rita & Joseph Caruso
- The Andreski Family
- Gloria Bartosiewicz
- Pat Conaghan
- Mary Bartlett
- Elinor Coppa
- John Bavone
- Jane Caron
- Mike Burr
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- Mark Andrade
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Innovo
- Jean Mulhearn
- Adam Silverman
- Marie MacDermid
- Liz & Joe Kostinski
- Mary Beth Johnson
- Natalia Iwanczuk
- Dorothy Jacques
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- Robert & Marianne Dwan
- Richard & Lissa Jennings
- Stanley & Elsa Hurlbert
- Nicole & Daniel Grecco
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- Sherry Schreiner
- Norma Kortz
- John & Carol Pytel
- Charles & Mary McAuliffe
- Tony’s Coffee Express
- Reginald L. Wright Jr
- Ernan & Carmela Valero
- The Sakalas Family
- Carol & Michael Perry
- Jon & Anne Petrucci
- Dorothea Kordis
- Dianne LaBonte
- Veronica LeDuc
- Dwayne Dussault
- Elinor Coppa
- John Bavone
- Jean Mulhearn
- Adam Silverman
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The library's collection of materials as of June 30, 2017 is as follows:

**BOOKS**
- Adult Books: 23,714
- Teen Books: 1,574
- Children’s Books: 13,898
- Subscriptions: 67

**NON-BOOK ITEMS**
- Audio: 3,166
- Video: 3,936
- eBooks - we own: 106
- eBooks - state owns: 882
- Audio - we own: 445
- eBooks - state owns: 2851

**TOTAL Books: 39,253**
**TOTAL NON-BOOK ITEMS: 11,386**

**VIDEO**
- Adult: 10,413
- Teen: 5
- Children’s: 2,511

**TOTAL VIDEO: 12,929**

**ALL OTHER ITEMS**
- Adult: 195
- Teen: 36
- Children’s: 279

**TOTAL ALL OTHER ITEMS: 920**

**CIRCULATION TOTALS 2016-17**
- Total Adult Circulation: 33,865
- Total Teen Circulation: 2,122
- Total Children’s Circ: 21,526
- Total Electronic Circ: 877

**TOTAL CIRCULATION 2016-17: 58,390**

**For 2016-17, the total circulation of all library materials was:**

**BOOKS & SERIALS**
- Adult: 20,376
- Teen: 2,081
- Children's: 18,011

**TOTAL: 40,468**

**AUDIO**
- Adult: 2,881
- Teen: 36
- Children’s: 279

**TOTAL: 3,196**

**ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION**
- eAudio: 637
- eBooks: 240

**TOTAL: 877**

**Total Circulation by the Numbers**
- Total Circulation of all library materials as of June 30, 2017 was 40,468.

**Programs for Adults**
- The Thomasston Public Library’s adult programs are designed to appeal to audiences of various ages and interests. Popular programs featuring health, nature, entertainment, gardening, crafts, finance and, of course, literature are offered throughout the year. The year we presented:
  - Book Discussion Group (12 meetings) including one author led discussion
  - Classic Book Club (4 meetings)
  - Author Talk & Book Signing: Martin Podskotch - Connecticut CCC Camps
  - Understanding Medicare
  - Classic Book Club (4 meetings)
  - The Art of Being Happy (two 3 part programs)
  - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA – 311 appointments)
  - Appalachian Trail Thru-Hike
  - Wreath Making with George
  - Holiday centerpiece Workshop
  - Yoga (6 classes)
  - The Needs of the Time: Thomanston in WWI
  - The Kerry Boys in Concert
  - Classic Book Club (4 meetings)
  - Understanding Medicare
  - Passport Fair
  - Painting with Ash
  - Music of the Night
  - Renaissance Christmas Concert
  - Time Travel Through History

**For Adults**
- Adult: 10,413
- Teen: 5
- Children’s: 2,511

**TOTAL: 12,929**

**Programs for Children / Babies - Tweens - Teens**
- Writing Workshop (7 sessions)
- Renaissance Christmas Concert
- Understanding Medicare
- Classic Book Club (4 meetings)
- Book Discussion Group (12 meetings)
- Understanding Medicare
- Wreath Making with George
- Holiday centerpiece Workshop
- Yoga (6 classes)
- The Needs of the Time: Thomanston in WWI
- The Kerry Boys in Concert
- Classic Book Club (4 meetings)
- Understanding Medicare
- Passport Fair
- Painting with Ash
- Music of the Night
- Renaissance Christmas Concert
- Time Travel Through History

**For Children**
- Adult: 10,413
- Teen: 5
- Children’s: 2,511

**TOTAL: 12,929**

**The Year by the Numbers**

**Teen eBooks**
- For 2016, the year by the numbers:
  - 40,468
  - 20,376
  - 17,092
  - 240
  - 637

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- For 2016, the year by the numbers:
  - 40,468
  - 20,376
  - 17,092
  - 240
  - 637

**Teen Video**
- For 2016, the year by the numbers:
  - 40,468
  - 20,376
  - 17,092
  - 240
  - 637

**Teen Subscriptions**
- For 2016, the year by the numbers:
  - 40,468
  - 20,376
  - 17,092
  - 240
  - 637

**Teen Total Circulation**
- For 2016, the year by the numbers:
  - 40,468
  - 20,376
  - 17,092
  - 240
  - 637

**Back by popular demand, we held an afterhours Halloween party for kids in grades four through seven. One favorite game was “donut on a string” where each player had to eat a donut hanging by a string without using hands. This exciting night was capped off with a quick game of hide and seek in the library, which the kids look forward to playing every year.**

**December in the Children’s Department is always busy! This year’s children’s craft fair had 15 crafters, musical guests from the Center School Band and plenty of shoppers. Our annual Santa visit was a huge success, with each child receiving a book and stocking from Santa.**

**During holiday vacation we celebrated Star Wars with the film “A New Hope,” games Star Wars Bingo and trivia, and a visit from the Children’s Museum Starlab which presented a program about constellations and how they were named.**

**The Winter Reading theme was Just Keep Reading. When children checked out books they wrote their name on one of the many fish decorating the library walls. Everyone who registered for this program was given a chance to win Finding Dory themed prizes. This year we had 96 participants in the reading program, in addition to 105 young and old participants in our Find- ing Dory scavenger hunt.**

**The summer 2017 reading theme was Reading Wonderland, based on the book “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” written by Lewis Carroll. Kicking off the summer we held a tea party where families came to register for all of the great programs and have a spot of tea. This was a huge success with several of the summer pro- grams filling up, prompting additional sessions. The following Thursday we had Animal Show on the Go visit the library to teach the kids about animal rehabilitation. Combined, these two pro- grams had over 357 people in attendance.**