

HVERHILL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Haverhill Library is Haverhill's oldest public library, founded in 1880 and housed since 1916 in the old Grafton County records building (built in 1840) in Haverhill Corner. The library offers many reading options to residents and visitors. We recently implemented a modern automation and card catalog system. If you have not already done so, we hope you visit us soon to obtain a new library card with identifying barcode. While at the library, Nanci Myers, our Librarian, can show you how the new system works. You will now have access to online books and an interactive card catalog, including a dedicated children's catalog. With your new library card, you can see current checkouts and history, place a request, reserve a title, and much more from your home computer or tablet device. Visit our new webpage HaverhillLibraryNH.org to access the catalog and check out all the great features. The webpage contains news about our library, its public programs, and products for sale. You can also access the catalog from our Facebook page.

We are glad to say that Haverhill Library is running normally again after a few years of that unsettling pandemic. We are operating on a busier scale than ever with forty-eight new patrons joining our library.

Over 2,000 downloadable books were checked out in 2022, up considerably from last year.

The summer reading program, *Oceans of Possibilities*, was swamped. Led by Heather Long, it met once a week through the month of July. Twenty-four children attended.

Nanci reports that the library is busy with homeschooled and micro-school kids on Tuesday mornings. New families are encouraged to join. She is happy to say that the Odd Month Book Club will resume in 2023.

We mourn the passing of a long-time resident of Haverhill Corner, Betty Johnson Gray. Besides being a famous singer, she had been an active patron, a trustee of the library and our benefactress. She will be missed.

This year we were again able, after a hiatus of two years, to offer speakers who shared their knowledge on various topics to our community. They were:

AnnMcClellan, who spoke to us twice, once on the popularity of Sherlock Holmes and again on

Life Downstairs; British Servant Culture,

Bob Cottrell, who recounted the history of the New Hampshire State Dog, the Chinook,

Abby Goode, who gave her presentation on Sustainability.

Haverhill resident Doug Teschner related his experiences in *Perspectives on Ukraine*.

We plan for more programs next year, and we are very interested in hearing from local speakers. Let us know if you would like to speak to our patrons on a favorite topic. These presentations are always free and open to all.

The Haverhill Library meets with the other libraries in town as part of The Haverhill Libraries Coordinating Group. Led by our trustee Luke Swaine, the goals of this group are to foster stronger links between the libraries and plan town-wide events for the community.

In 2022, Haverhill Library completed Phase 1 of our building rehabilitation project thanks to funding from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) and

several other supplemental grants. We finished "on time and under budget." Phase 2 of our four-phase building project has begun with a \$75,000 grant from LCHIP and supplemental grants from the Byrne Foundation, Hunt foundation, and Cogswell Trust—over \$200 thousand is needed. The work, expected to start in the spring, will focus on long-needed repairs to the library's exterior, including work on the brick-and-mortar walls and chimneys, the slate roof, and wooden trim and shutters.

Our annual book sale in the fall was a great success. The income will help in our everyday operations as will responses to our annual appeal letter.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, we have a new closet under the stairs for storage and cleaning materials.

The front garden was planted and sustained by Hugh Underhill, who also maintains the hanging planters.

Other trustees, Charlene Aldrich and Laurel Berwick, have trained to manage the desk and all the new library additions in the absence of the regular librarian.

Volunteers are always welcome to come and hang out while learning to help with the everyday tasks of the library.

To keep the library running smoothly, we rely on the considerable efforts of our President, Joe Kirkpatrick; Molly Sharp, vice president; Lori Conlin, treasurer; and Lucas Swaine, secretary. Our trustees, Charlene Aldrich, Laurel Berwick, Eleanor Ingbreton, Dale Lewis, and Hugh Underhill, meet monthly to closely monitor all aspects of the library's day-to-day proceedings.

We invite all to visit our library to access our collection, use our Wi-Fi, or sign up for downloadable books. Relax in our sitting nook in the vault room, have a cup of tea or coffee with something to read, and take a break from the outside world. Or sit in the shade on the benches on our front lawn during the warmer months.

Tennis racquets and balls are always available to borrow for anyone who would like to play on the public courts behind the library. Basket balls are also available, and all equipment can be found in the storage bin immediately to the library's rear.

For more information about the Haverhill Library, visit HaverhillLibraryNH.org, where you can also schedule tours of our unique historic building or use of our small group meeting space.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci Myers, Librarian
Eleanor Ingbreton, trustee

Haverhill Library Association

Treasurer's Report

December, 2022 EOM

	2022		2022
	YTD		Budget
OPERATING INCOME			
Town of Haverhill	\$ 15,000.00	\$	15,000.00
Precinct of Haverhill Corner	\$ 1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
Mildred Page Bequest	\$ 9,139.00	\$	8,000.00
Transfer from Invest. Portfolio	\$ -	\$	4,000.00
Earnings from Investments	\$ 123.23	\$	250.00
Subtotal	\$ 25,762.23	\$	28,750.00
Fundraising Income			
Book Sales	\$ 984.00	\$	800.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 4,895.00	\$	2,500.00
Donations and Grants	\$ 1,726.25	\$	3,000.00
Fundraising Programs*	\$ -	\$	2,500.00
Total Fundraising Income	\$ 7,605.25	\$	8,800.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 34.00	\$	225.00
Print and Photocopy	\$ 11.00	\$	45.00
HHS Rental	\$ 3,000.00	\$	1,500.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 36,412.48	\$	39,320.00
OPERATING EXPENSE			
Utilities			
Water	\$ 451.79	\$	500.00
Electric	\$ 635.25	\$	1,000.00
Heat	\$ 1,985.30	\$	3,250.00
Total Utilities	\$ 3,072.34	\$	4,750.00
Personnel			
Payroll	\$ 18,037.71	\$	15,800.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,212.07	\$	2,900.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 208.00	\$	220.00
Professional Development	\$ -	\$	250.00
Total Personnel	\$ 20,457.78	\$	19,170.00
Books and Periodicals			
Downloadable Books	\$ 608.00	\$	500.00
Audio	\$ -	\$	100.00
Book Purchases	\$ 2,740.43	\$	3,500.00
Periodicals	\$ -	\$	70.00
Videos	\$ -	\$	50.00
Creative Bug	\$ -	\$	425.00
Total Books and Periodicals	\$ 3,348.43	\$	4,645.00
Total Public Programming	\$ 1,503.80	\$	800.00
Computer and software	\$ 3,300.00	\$	800.00

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	YTD	Budget
Building and Grounds Maintenance		
Repairs	\$ 642.50	\$ 500.00
Cleaning	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Other	\$ 395.00	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Total Buildings and Grounds Maintenance</u>	<u>\$ 1,637.50</u>	<u>\$ 2,700.00</u>
Administrative		
Bookkeeping	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 250.00
Telephone and Internet	\$ 1,299.76	\$ 1,210.00
Insurance	\$ 1,809.00	\$ 1,809.00
Filing Fees - SNh & IRS	\$ 204.35	\$ 80.00
Supplies	\$ 767.59	\$ 250.00
Postage and Delivery	\$ 72.59	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 885.96	\$ 650.00
<u>Total Administrative</u>	<u>\$ 6,459.25</u>	<u>\$ 4,299.00</u>
<u>Total Fundraising Costs</u>	<u>\$ 210.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<u>Total Operating Expense</u>	<u>\$ 39,989.10</u>	<u>\$ 37,664.00</u>
Excess	<u>\$ (3,576.62)</u>	<u>\$ (254.00)</u>