



# ANNUAL REPORT

## JULY 1, 2021—JUNE 30, 2022

During the fiscal year 2021–2022, The Cornwall Library augmented its programs and activities to provide information, entertainment, and support to our community. We expanded our downloadable collection, our programming, and added significant children’s programming. Our new technical capabilities are available to all town groups.

**Collection:** The Cornwall Library’s collection remains robust, at 29,000 volumes plus thousands of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks through Overdrive. We have three ways to request books through interlibrary loan so virtually any book in a Connecticut library is available to Cornwall Library patrons. We are researching new options for our downloadable collection that will offer more choices to patrons and allow the Cornwall Library to build its own collection of e-books and downloadable audiobooks.

**Technology:** We have enhanced our technical resources. We extended the reach of our Wi-Fi outside of the building, opening it to the public. The Town of Cornwall Economic Development Commission has installed equipment that extends our Wi-Fi even farther, well onto the green. In addition, the town, through an American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) grant, has awarded the Library funding for a hybrid live/Zoom room which will be available to all town groups.

**Circulation:** Circulation is slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels. We are on track for a 31% increase over 2020-2021 but we remain below pre-pandemic levels .

**New Patrons:** We added 87 new patrons in the past year.

**Programs:** The Library's programming has been consistently original and of high quality. We continued our very successful Zoom programming along with live and hybrid events.

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Among the programs hosted by the Cornwall Library in the fiscal year 2020-2021 were:

**Eight literary events** featuring Mark Scarbrough, Rob Dunn, Joel Simon (2 times), Greg Galloway and Jim Fishman, Anne E. Fernald with Roxana Robinson, Dani Shapiro with Roxana Robinson, and Tom Walker reading Nabokov on Boxing Day;

**Seven art shows** and sales featuring work by Camilla Busby, Curtis Hanson, Debby Jones, Mark Wilson, Nick Jacobs, Peter Cusack and Adam Van Doren;

**Six children's events** including a Halloween pumpkin carving contest, Tree Lighting, a book reading by Eva Chen, a reading challenge with an ice cream party



*Curtis Hanson artwork on exhibition.*



*The crafts table at the Goldilocks event with Lena Hall.*

reward, a Goldilocks event, and a visit with Debby Labbe's llamas; a weekly toddler group; a Thursday afterschool art group; and camp afternoons for children.

We have presented 4 events focused on nature, 7 focused on local events/concerns; 2 events on national concerns, and 2 animal events, one on puppies and one on turtles.

The Library offered 4 series of art classes and one 8-week course on Middlemarch.

In addition, the Library is once again the site for a monthly knitting group and weekly exercise classes.

We held 3 major fundraisers, the Labor Day Art Sale, the Under the Tent Book Sale, and Books and Blooms.

**Finances:** The Library's finances are always carefully monitored and are strong. Along with expanded services comes an expanded budget. The annual town appropriation supplies about 25% of our funding. We depend on contributions for the remaining 75%.

In short the Library is doing very well. We enhanced our involvement in Cornwall by expanding and enhancing our collection and our programming, especially children's programming. We are grateful for our wonderful community, our staff, and the many people who volunteer their time to help run the library and its programs.

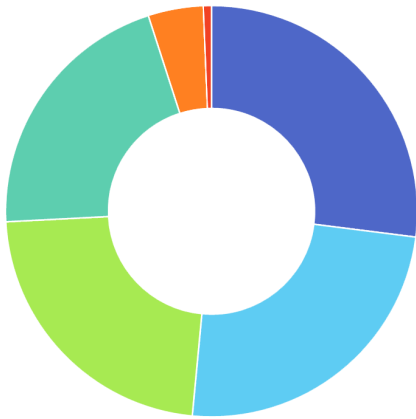


*The Cornwall Castle, open for garden tours at Books & Blooms 2022.*







## Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

The Library's major sources of revenue for fiscal year 2021-2022 were the annual appeal, the Town grant, and two major fundraising events, Books and Blooms, and the Labor Day Benefit Art Sale. The Library's programs generated a new and significant source of contributions. We received a large memorial gift in honor of Marvin L. Johnson, and two ARPA grants, one directly from the Town of Cornwall and one through the Connecticut State Library.

Some of these funds were transferred into the Library's endowment. The ARPA funds were used to expand the Library's Wi-Fi, to install touch-free bathroom fixtures, and to purchase outdoor furniture along with other Library improvements.










### Source of Funds

Annual Appeal		\$71,423	27%
Fundraising Events & Art Sales		\$64,785	24%
Town of Cornwall		\$60,000	23%
Grants & Gifts		\$55,172	21%
Other Income		\$11,434	4%
Endowment Draw		\$1,685	1%
Total		\$264,499	100%



### Use of Funds

Personnel		\$105,651	45%
Repairs & Maintenance		\$29,367	13%
Administrative		\$25,971	11%
Transfer to Endowment		\$25,000	11%
Programs, Books & Media		\$17,458	7%
Fundraising		\$16,013	7%
Utilities		\$14,525	6%
Total		\$233,985	100%



# The Cornwall Library

## BY THE NUMBERS



**21,552**

VISITORS TO OUR  
WEBSITE



**1,761**

ACTIVE  
CARDHOLDERS



**4,792**

TOTAL REGISTRATION  
FOR EVENTS



**7,998**

BOOK  
CIRCULATION



**77**

NUMBER OF  
PROGRAM EVENTS

### Library Board

Edward Greene, President

Hamilton Robinson Jr., Vice-President

Karen Beattie, Treasurer

Rebecca Hurlburt, Secretary

Arleen Barrett; Gillian Blake; Anne Coffin; Mary  
Kay Elwell; Beth Frost; Carla Herman; Simon  
Hewett; Blake Beatty Hubbard; Susan Klaw;  
Robinson Lacy; Jaimee Marano; Alison Schweizer

### Library Staff and Administrative Service

Margaret Haske, Director

Lynn Curtis, Raymonde Burke, Sari Goodfriend,  
Ben Lesch, Bronwyn O'Shaughnessy,  
Library Assistants

Stacey Marcin, Bookkeeper

Eiseley Kotchoubey, Children's  
Program Director

Cara Weigold, Webmistress/Graphic Designer

### Friends of the Library and Volunteers

Friends: Honora Horan, Chair; Co-Chair Jane Worthington Roth, Jane Bean, Jane Bevans, Raymonde Burke, Terry Burke, Tricia Collins, Barbara Ellis, MaryAnn Fox, Mary Ellen Geisser, Sandy Fiebelkorn, Simon Hewett, Priscilla Pavel, Franny Taliaferro

Volunteers: Margaret Bardot, Margaret Cooley, Julie Devlin, Mary Ann Fox, Jane Garmey, Ann Gold, Kathy Martin-Ocain, Ginny Potter, Roxana Robinson, Jane Worthington-Roth, Jerry Roth, Marnell Stover, Franny Taliaferro, Janet Walker

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