



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2023—JUNE 30, 2024

The Library continues to enrich the Cornwall community through its broad array of services and programs.

Collection: The Cornwall Library's collection remains robust, at 29,000 volumes as well as thousands of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks through our digital platforms, Overdrive and Hoopla. Magazines have been added to our digital collection with thousands of titles available instantly and for free. We have three ways to request books through inter-library loan so virtually any book in a Connecticut library is available to Cornwall Library patrons.

Please note we are always looking for book recommendations, especially for children and young adults.

Circulation: Circulation remained very consistent with the previous year with just over 11,000 items circulating. The biggest increase was in the Library's downloadable collection through Overdrive and Hoopla, and children's books.

New Patrons: We added 112 new patrons in the past year for a total of 1,313 Library patrons.

Programs: The Library's original programming continued to expand. In the past year the Cornwall Library hosted eight literary events including three poetry events, and six art shows. We saw an increase in our children's programming which included a weekly toddler program and a weekly afterschool art program, a weekly plus once a month Story Book Hour, and two full weeks of summer camp conducted at the

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Library. We held three family events, a jack-a-lantern carving contest, a gingerbread house contest and a Turkey Trot Fun Run on Thanksgiving. The Library offered four programs on current events, and six series of art classes. In addition, the Library was once again the site for a weekly bridge class, and a weekly Zumba class, plus the site for 59 community meetings. Altogether, the Library received over 20,000 visits during the past fiscal year.

We held three major fundraisers, the Labor Day Art Sale, the Book Sale, and Books & Blooms.

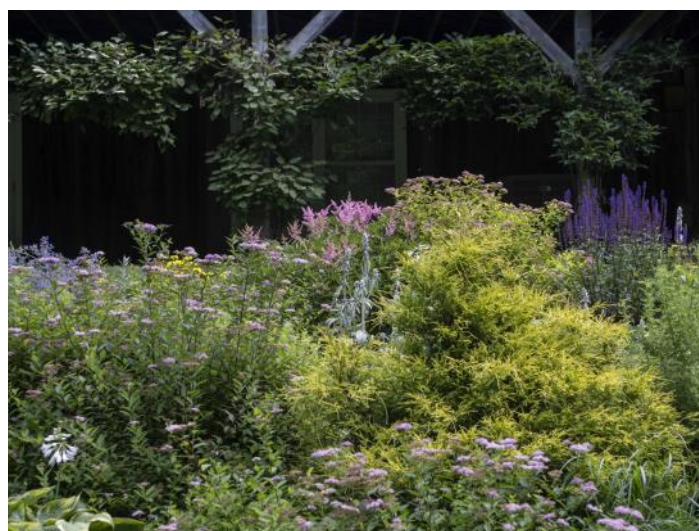
Building and Grounds: This past fiscal year we incurred considerable capital expenditures, including replacing the furnace and one air conditioning condenser. We upgraded the carpeting in the community room and the area behind the circulation desk. Future planned capital expenses include enhanced landscaping for the front of the Library, upgrades to the children's area, and further carpet replacement.

Finances: The Library's finances continue to be strong and are monitored by our Board of Directors. Along with expanded services comes an expanded budget. The annual Town of Cornwall grant funds approximately 25% of our budget. We rely on contributions for the remainder.

The Library offers simple business services, copying, printing: faxing, and meeting space.



Joelle Sander artwork on exhibition.



The Daifotis garden open for Books & Blooms 2024 garden tours.



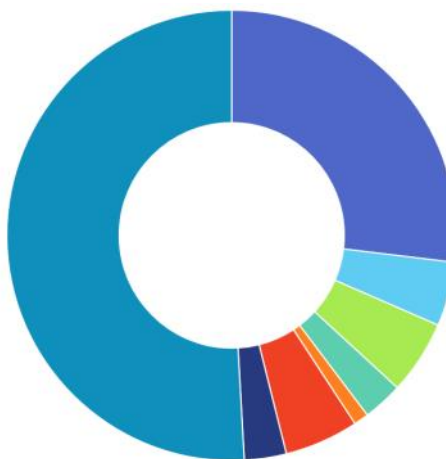
An entry from the 2022 Gingerbread House Contest.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



Source of Funds

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| Annual Appeal | \$61,696 | 11% |
| Bequest | \$274,827 | 49% |
| Town of Cornwall | \$60,000 | 11% |
| Grants and Gifts | \$26,182 | 5% |
| Fundraising Events and Art Sales | \$86,873 | 15% |
| Other Income | \$5,297 | 1% |
| Endowment Draw | \$47,346 | 8% |
| Total | \$562,221 | 100% |



Use of Funds

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| Personnel | \$145,345 | 27% |
| Administrative | \$24,874 | 5% |
| Programs, Books and Media | \$28,670 | 5% |
| Utilities | \$15,520 | 3% |
| Repairs and Maintenance | \$5,730 | 1% |
| Repairs and Maintenance—Capital Purchases | \$28,779 | 5% |
| Fundraising | \$16,274 | 3% |
| Transfer to Endowment—Bequest | \$274,827 | 51% |
| Total | \$540,019 | 100% |

Net Income \$22,202*

*This profit reflects a grant of \$20,000 which was received in 2023-2024 fiscal year and will be spent in 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Cornwall Library

BY THE NUMBERS



19,747

VISITORS TO OUR
WEBSITE



1,313

ACTIVE
CARDHOLDERS



6,257

TOTAL REGISTRATION
FOR EVENTS



11,524

BOOK
CIRCULATION



155

NUMBER OF
PROGRAM EVENTS

Library Board

Rebecca (Becky) Hurlburt, President
Hamilton Robinson Jr., Vice-President
Alison Schweizer, Treasurer
Mary Kay Elwell, Secretary

Robert Becker, Gillian Blake, Anne Coffin, Jane Garmey, Beth Frost, Ed Greene, Carla Herman (Landy), Blake Hubbard, Robinson (Rob) Lacy, Jaimee (Marano) Lunderborg, Doc Simont

Library Staff and Administrative Service

Margaret Haske, Director
Lynn Curtis, Raymonde Burke, Bronwyn O'Shaughnessy, Library Assistants
Ben Lesch, CRM Software Tech
Stacey Marcin, Bookkeeper
Eiseley Kotchoubey, Children's & YA Programming
Kirk Van Tassel, Publicity
Cara Weigold, Webmistress/Graphic Designer

Friends of the Library

The Friends of The Cornwall Library is a committee formed of community members who support the efforts of the Library staff and trustees. Friends' projects vary from supporting the Board's fundraising efforts by "staffing" and providing hors d'oeuvres for the annual Books & Blooms event in June, to creating and running a Winter Film Series and other weekend programs, or even writing, editing and proofing the newsletter and Library materials. Friends care deeply about the Library and are a reservoir of strength and talent for the trustees, staff and the larger Cornwall community. If you are a Cornwall resident (full-time or part-time) who would like to be involved with the Library and learn more about the Friends, contact the Library director.

Friends: Karen Beattie, Jane Bevans, Dara Burke, Raymonde Burke, Terry Burke, Lynn Carano, Barbara Ellis, Sandy Fiebelkorn, Mary Ann Fox, Mary Ellen Geisser, Honora Horan, Ali Lesch, Marina Muñoz, Priscilla Pavel, Mary Louise Rubin, Franny Taliaferro, Jane Worthington-Roth, Margaret Haske, director of the Library

The Cornwall Library also benefits from the efforts of volunteers who provide help on an occasional basis. We are grateful to them for their generous help.

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