

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY - 2024

The Tucker Free Library is dedicated to fostering lifelong learning, providing free access to resources, and creating a welcoming space for everyone. We connect our community through diverse programs and intentional partnerships with inclusive services that inspire curiosity, celebrate culture, and enrich lives. In 2024, the library welcomed 165 new library card holders, adding them to the list of 2,900 other Henniker library members. Together, our library patrons checked out 34,000 print and digital materials in 2024; made nearly 14,000 visits to the library; printed out 4,000 pages using our library business services equipment and participated in 272 library programs.

A key to the library's success is the Friends of Tucker Free Library, who support our mission through vital memberships and donations. It is because of Friends support that a wide variety of programs were offered and a few special projects were completed in 2024, at no additional expense to the Town taxpayers.

Committed to building a new circulation desk for the Youth Department for example, the Friends raised funds to pay for the project. Sized appropriately for the folks who use the department, the desk includes a large area to display new books and a checkout space that caters to kid-sized patrons. Consideration of an ergonomic workspace for staff was also included in the design. To round out the project, the Robert N. Fitch Technology Fund was utilized to purchase an interactive messaging board that provides information on programs, word of the

week and math puzzle slides, and book recommendations for kids by kids!

For many years, community members have sought space at the library to show their artistic creations. Coupled with the growing demand for meeting and programming space, the need to realign the Main Floor became an agenda item for discussion over the last 18 months. Tasked with fitting these new functions into the existing space, staff designed a plan which the trustees set into action. Books were moved, Henniker-related artwork was relocated to the Historical Society, and the Main Floor received a fresh coat of paint. The many projects in this multifaceted effort were completed in October and our first gallery opening in November included quilts, origami, photos, water colors, and pencil prints by five very excited residents.

The new community area has been used for meetings, tutoring sessions, game times, presentations, craft programs, and book discussions. An interactive white board is available for use. The area includes another long sought after amenity, a hot beverage service. Many generous donations were received in memory of Janine Bates, a long-time library patron and friend. Those donations were used to create Janine's Cafe, which offers a wide variety of flavored coffee, tea and seasonal hot chocolate.

An eclectic variety of programs was offered in 2024, and on many days, multiple programs were held simultaneously or back-to-back. New initiatives (including Toddler Time, Explore the World Book Club, and an afterschool Pokémon Club) built a loyal following of enthusiastic library patrons. Book clubs, preschool programs, knitting circles, scavenger hunts, story walks, Mahjong,

and craft lessons gave many a chance to build community connections at Tucker Free.

As we look forward to better weather, exterior projects will begin. We hope to receive the Moose Plate grant funds that we applied for in 2024. Coming from the Division of Natural and Cultural Resources for conservation and preservation of publicly owned historic buildings, these funds come from individuals who pay extra to register their vehicles under the Moose Plate program. The funds from this round of grants are earmarked for the cleaning and repointing of the stone and masonry on the East and West elevations of the library, thus completing the three-year project.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR LIBRARY IN 2024

- Executive Board, Friends of Tucker Free Library, for your countless service hours in pursuit of library excellence
- All the Friends who supported our mission through annual memberships and donations
- Martha Nemiccolo for contributions to the Mary F. Kjellman Fund
- The Grady Family for purchasing Newbery and Caldecott Award Books
- Don & Gertrude Blanchard for purchasing a book to honor our lost soldiers
- Donors who remembered Janine Bates, allowing us to create Janine's Cafe:
 - Jack Bopp
 - Maralyn Jane Perron
 - Patricia E. Clancy
 - Heidi Erdahl
 - Cathy Mayne

- Vincent & Elizabeth Bartolotti
- Anonymous
- Mary & Bruce Corsetti
- LINEC for their contribution to the General Fund
- Matthew & Jessica White for their contribution to the General Fund
- Carolyn & Rodney Patenaude for their contribution to the Robert N. Fitch Technology Fund
- Darby & William McGraw for their contribution to the General Fund
- Spencer & Linda Bennett for donations made to the Marjorie B. Bennett Fund in the names of grandchildren, William & Margaret Bennett

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Merrimack Savings Bank Foundation Community Grant to purchase cooking equipment and supplies to support nutrition and healthy living programs
- Henniker Community School, New Life Thrift Shop, Western Ave Pizza, Henniker Pharmacy, Abigail Bakery & Cafe, Davis & Towle, Sonny's Main Street Restaurant, Daniel's Restaurant, and Super Scoops for hosting our Story Trail Program throughout the year
- Western Ave Pizza, Henniker Pharmacy, Abigail Bakery & Cafe, and Sonny's Main Street Restaurant, for providing discounted incentives for our Summer Activity Program
- Hillsboro Masons Harmony Lodge #38 F & AM's for providing two bikes for us to give away to promote reading and literacy in our

community during the summer activity program

- The Henniker Lions Club for hosting three recycled craft events at the library this fall

LIBRARY SUPERSTARS - They gave their time offering programs to our community

- Maggie Shrock
- Milli Knudsen
- Deb Keiner
- Rene Plodzik
- "Canasta Jane"
- Christopher Robert
- Avery North Winter, Pokémon Master, for having the courage to help us grow this very successful afterschool opportunity
- Kathi Gleason and Maggie for listening to our young patrons reading aloud
- Nancy Brine Frederickson and Cely for sharing your time this summer and giving kids the chance to practice reading skills
- Avery and Tino, Debbie, Carolyn Katie C and Katie M for having the courage to display your creations in our first art gallery!

LIBRARY DO GOODERS -

- Thanks to all those garden fairies who weeded and trimmed throughout the year
- Thank you to the Henniker Beautification Alliance for the seasonal planter you tended and Pat's Peak and Michie Corp for sponsoring those planters
- Thank you to the Henniker Parks Department for mowing the lawn and shoveling the snow

- To all the puzzle exchangers who brought fresh puzzles to share with the library community
- Ravensburger Puzzle Company for the generous donation of puzzles for our team puzzle competition

OVER AND ABOVE -

- Special thanks to our thoughtful patron who brought in beautiful bouquets for our circulation desk throughout the year!

Submitted on behalf of the Trustees of Tucker Free Library:

Frances Tain, Chair
E. Joseph Petrick, Treasurer
Anne Crotti, Friends Liaison
John Capuco
Deb Kreutzer

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

REVENUE		2024 INCOME
Personnel Appropriation Funds	\$	234,533.04
Cash Income & Trust Funds	\$	37,640.12
Operational Income	\$	25,191.43
Other Direct Income	\$	3,803.48
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	301,168.07

EXPENDITURES		2024 EXPENDITURES
Personnel Expenses	\$	234,533.04
Patron Service Expenses	\$	26,567.80
Facility Management Expenses	\$	29,931.70
Technology Management Expenses	\$	715.50
Other Direct Costs	\$	4,683.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	296,431.52

RESERVED FUNDS		
Total Trust Funds Reserved	\$	4,429.75
Vivian Allen Fund	\$	176.88
Beres Fund	\$	2,000.00
TOTAL UNEXPENDED/RESERVE FUNDS	\$	6,606.63

LIBRARY USE & COLLECTION SUMMARY

PATRON STATISTICS	
New Patrons	165
Henniker Residents Who Have Library Cards	3101

LIBRARY USE STATISTICS	
Materials checked out at library	22,831
Materials downloaded by patrons	10,507
Total materials checked out and downloaded	33,338
Annual In-Person Visits	13,909
Library Programs Offered	272
Library Program Attendance	2,114

COLLECTION STATISTICS	
Purchased	1,287
Gifts added	23
Lost/Damaged/Withdrawn	533

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTING

MS-9 DATA FROM 2024 DATA FOR 2025	MS-9 DATA FROM 2023 DATA FOR 2024	MS-9 DATA FROM 2022 DATA FOR 2023	MS-9 DATA FROM 2021 DATA FOR 2022	MS-9 DATA FROM 2020 DATA FOR 2021	MS-9 DATA FROM 2019 DATA FOR 2020	MS-9 DATA FROM 2018 DATA FOR 2019	MS-9 DATA FROM 2017 DATA FOR 2018
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NON-TAX APPROPRIATION REVENUE

TRUSTEES OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS MANAGED								
TOTAL OF COMMON FUND	\$ 5,149,967.39	\$ 4,835,741.34	\$ 4,468,571.92	\$ 4,344,101.46	\$ 3,926,903.57	\$ 3,731,026.35	\$ 3,568,103.92	\$ 3,440,435.25
LIBRARY PORTION OF COMMON FUND	\$ 970,428.23	\$ 831,605.48	\$ 845,877.17	\$ 819,982.81	\$ 742,304.30	\$ 706,317.90	\$ 676,062.26	\$ 649,056.30
RECEIVED FROM TOWN FUND	\$ 23,007.58	\$ 18,199.85	\$ 14,357.04	\$ 11,941.54	\$ 11,062.49	\$ 13,319.18	\$ 10,925.00	\$ 10,534.25

TRUSTEES OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS MANAGED	EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	RECEIVED 2024	BALANCE 12/31/2023	APPLIED THRU 2024	DONATIONS TO 2024	DEPOSIT TO TRUST FUND	BALANCE 12/31/2024
L.A. Cogswell*	LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 2,420.62	\$ -	\$ 2,420.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dr. Francis O. Holmes*	MEMORIAL BOOKS	\$ 188.45	\$ 99.87	\$ 293.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5.11)
D.W. & E. Cogswell	LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 1,568.52	\$ -	\$ 1,568.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
A.D. Huntoon*	LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 107.34	\$ -	\$ 107.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Marjorie B. Bennett*	MEMORIAL BOOKS	\$ 1,042.59	\$ 919.71	\$ 1,037.94	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 924.36
Scott J. Berry*	MEMORIAL BOOKS	\$ 186.31	\$ 788.53	\$ 153.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 821.83
Mary F. Kjellman*	MEMORIAL BOOKS	\$ 299.95	\$ 636.08	\$ 450.09	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 485.94
James W. Doon*	MEMORIAL BOOKS	\$ 86.79	\$ 600.72	\$ 37.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650.46
Preston Fund	LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 1,091.90	\$ -	\$ 1,091.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Alice V. Colby*	LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 32.28	\$ -	\$ 32.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
George W. Tucker	LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 10,262.23	\$ -	\$ 10,262.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Robert N. Fitch*	MEMORIAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 732.15	\$ 1,057.96	\$ 234.48	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,555.63
Walter K. Robinson	MEMORIAL BOOKS	\$ 180.72	\$ 109.38	\$ 293.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3.36)
		\$ 18,199.85	\$ 4,212.25	\$ 17,982.35	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 4,429.75

*Trusts that list Trustees of Tucker Free Library with fiduciary capacity

LIBRARY TRUSTEE MANAGED FUNDS	EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	BALANCE 12/31/18	BALANCE 12/31/19	BALANCE 12/31/2020	BALANCE 12/31/2021	BALANCE 12/31/2022	BALANCE 12/31/2023	BALANCE 12/31/2024
TD Bank								
Willis Cogswell	LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 341,727.77	\$ 387,192.97	\$ 407,824.58	\$ 432,088.02	\$ 339,950.70	\$ 333,113.16	\$ 373,072.02
Bar Harbor (1)	LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT							
SUBFUND	Starting Balance	% of Fund						
Cammatt, Helen (2)	\$ 5,001.13	3.15	\$ 7,217.58	\$ 8,399.62	\$ 8,969.98	\$ 9,997.81	\$ 8,555.54	\$ 9,574.78
Childs, Anna (3)	\$ 7,247.14	4.41	\$ 10,104.61	\$ 11,759.47	\$ 12,557.97	\$ 13,996.94	\$ 11,977.75	\$ 13,404.69
Soderstrom, Ann (4)	\$ 189,147.45	88.28	\$ 202,275.59	\$ 235,402.82	\$ 251,387.27	\$ 280,192.63	\$ 239,772.36	\$ 268,336.88
TD Bank Refund (5)	\$ 7,111.97	4.16	\$ 9,531.79	\$ 11,092.84	\$ 11,846.07	\$ 13,203.46	\$ 11,298.74	\$ 12,644.78
Total of Funds	\$ 208,507.69	100%	\$229,129.58	\$266,654.76	284,761.29	317,390.84	271,604.39	303,961.12

ANNOTATIONS ATTACHED AS COMMENTS TO FUNDS IN THE BAR HARBOR TRUST ACCOUNT.

- The Charter Trust Account was designated as a "Board Restricted Endowment" on 09/08/2021 by a vote of 5-0. It is now known as Bar Harbor as the change in management has occurred.
- The money from the Helen Cammatt fund was received as Tucker Free Library was listed as a beneficiary of her insurance policy
- The Anna Childs has as it's intent statement: "I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library of Henniker, New Hampshire, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to establish an Endowment Fund to be known as the Anna L. Childs Memorial Fund, the income only to be used for the benefit of the Francis Lane Childs Historical Room, but if not needed for this purpose, then for the general purposes of the Library." Will of Francis L. Childs, June 4, 1974.
- Unconditional "I give my entire Estate, including any property over which I may have a power of appointment, as follows:...One-half (1/2) of my estate to Tucker Free Library, Henniker, New Hampshire." Last Will and Testament of Ann Soderstrom dated June 25, 2008.
- Library Director received a letter and a check from TDWealth Management:
The letter states that the status of our trust failed to meet new regulations so it has been changed to a private foundation. Since it is now considered a private foundation they owed us money to compensate for the incorrect status (it changed from 4% to 5%) so they sent us \$6210 09/09/2011. They later sent an additional check in the amount of \$901.97 for underpayment.