

The James E. Nichols Memorial Library 2021 Annual Report

This year has seen a number of challenges and changes at our library. It's been a year of transition. Though the building was not opened initially to our patrons, we did still have curbside services, and continued to offer NH Downloadable Books, and the streaming services of Kanopy and Hoopla. The library reopened to the public in May with pandemic precautions in place. Lois Brady was hired as an interim director and then an assistant librarian was on board in June, Margaret Adams. Once again we were on our feet. We are now opened 24 hours a week, 5 days a week, including Saturdays.

During October three trustees stepped down. We thank them for their service. Karen Ponton remains on board and has been an outstanding resource for the library. After the interim director left, Margaret Adams held down the fort until early November, and a new board was appointed by the selectmen. Appointed were Virginia Fisher, Stephany Marchut Lavallee, Sandy Frost and Ann Xavier. The new interim trustees will serve until the Town Meeting in March. Bette Miller remains involved with the library by chairing the Building Committee and has been invaluable doing historical research for us.

A terrific librarian/director, Aisilyn Guivens, started in early December. Aisilyn has a Masters in Library Information Science and Technology from Simmons, and earned an undergraduate degree from Plymouth State. We were fortunate to have an assistant librarian loaned to

us from Meredith, Linda Hough, who kept the library open until Aisilyn could join us. Linda will continue on staff until at least early March, 2022. The staff will be working towards updating the children's section, and implementing new programs to keep our patrons engaged, educated and informed.

The board of trustees, with the help of the selectmen, have begun investigating the best, cost effective ways to solve our water problems in the basement, as well as repair the slate roof that continues to leak.

We also have updated the library personnel policies, which were 10 years old, and by laws which are now in line with state statutes. Only residents of Center Harbor can serve as trustees

Working with the Selectmen and the Town Attorney, we have begun to straighten out financial issues that remain from when the Nichols Library Association was dissolved in 2005.

We are increasing our presence on social media and now have an instagram account, (jenichols1910) as well as a Facebook page (The James E. Nichols Memorial Library) and website (centerharborlibrary.org)

The trustees have been working hard to ensure that the Nichols Library will continue to be a resource for learning, education and entertainment for the residents of Center Harbor for the next 112 years.

Ann Xavier, Chair James E. Nichols Board of Trustees

Library Circulation, 2021

Adult Reading	3,488
Youth Reading	721
Audio Books on CD-ROM	484
Films, series and documentaries on DVD	994
Interlibrary loans from other NH Libraries	441
Total Circulation from Collection, 2021	6,128
NH Downloadable Books	2,112
Streaming Services (Hoopla and Kanopy)	777
Total Adjusted Circulation	9,017

Library Holdings, end of 2021

Total Volumes at the end of 2020	15,593*
Titles Added, 2021	+857*
Titles Removed, 2021	-1497
Adjusted Total Volumes, end of 2021	14,953
Net Change	-640

*Adjusted less ILLs

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Annual Report of the Treasurer
2021

Balance on Hand January 1, 2021

James E. Nichols Memorial Library

Meredith Village Savings Bank

\$ 38,828.04

Receipts

Town of Center Harbor	\$ 61,303.95
Nichols Trust	\$ 8,351.70
Donations & Gifts	\$ 835.00
Copier & FAX Fees	\$ 193.00
Lost Books	\$ 62.00
State of NH: ARPA Sub-grant for Equipment	\$ 1,120.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 71,865.65

Expenses

Town of Center Harbor - Reimbursement for Equipment	\$ 1,120.00
Gross Wages	\$ 35,065.40
Furnishings & Equipment	\$ 1,177.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,673.43
Office Supplies & Postage	\$ 2,638.80
Telephone	\$ 1,477.82
Books, Periodicals & DVD's	\$ 12,917.38
Special Projects from Gifts	\$ 400.00
Professional Development	\$ 210.00
Program Projects	\$ 56.37
Miscellaneous	\$ 438.00
Computer Maintenance, Software Updates & Licenses	\$ 3,249.75

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 62,423.95

Balance on Hand December 31, 2021

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\$ 48,269.74

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Ponton, Treasurer