Concord Free Public Library Corporation

Your window into the Library

2015 Annual Report
Dear Citizen of Concord,

We are pleased to send you this Annual Report for fiscal year 2014-2015 from the Concord Free Public Library Corporation.

We are especially grateful for the strong support of our Annual Appeal. We are pleased to report that we exceeded our goal and enjoyed increases in total amount, size of gifts, and number of donors. We take this strong show of support as a challenge to meet and exceed our services to the Town and greater community.

The Library Corporation contributed almost $600,000 to the Library in FY 2014-2015, including $125,000 to the Town for books and materials. The balance of our contribution was spent on the maintenance and improvement of the Buildings and Grounds for all three Library properties and for acquisitions, exhibitions, and cataloging for the William Munroe Special Collections. We are thrilled to see our facilities come alive with literacy activities, theatre, music, art, exhibits, poetry, film, meetings, and lectures for all ages free and open to the public.

It has been about two years since we purchased the property next door to the Library at 151 Main Street. During this time we have been busy doing research and gathering information about how libraries are evolving and what would be best for our community. We are creating a plan to meet our future needs as well as how to reach these goals. You can look forward to improvements and enhancements in children’s services, teen services, technology, and special collections, as well as many other areas. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Warmest wishes,

Sherry Forman Litwack
President, CFPL Corporation

- Exceptional books this year

**Fiction**
- A Brief History of Seven Killings by Marlon James
- The Fishermen: a Novel by Chigozie Obioma
- A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson
- In the Unlikely Event by Judy Blume
- Euphoria by Lily King

**Non-Fiction**
- The Brain’s Way of Healing: Remarkable Discoveries and Recoveries From the Frontiers of Neuroplasticity by Norman Doidge
- The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert
- On the Move: A Life by Oliver W. Sacks
- Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande
- The Road to Character by David Brooks
- The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
- Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

- Comings and Goings

**Retirements:**
- Milda Comoyannis, Senior Library Assistant, 32 years of service
- Patty Diotte, Library Assistant, 14 years of service

**New Employees:**
- Greg Carter, Circulation Assistant
- Irene Cunningham, Library Page
- Sally Ducha, Library Page
- Olivia Hanselman, Library Page
- Nathalie Harty, Head of Reference Services
- Yvonne Medina, Library Assistant
- Laurie Toussignant, Development Assistant
- Emma Patterson Ware, Library Page

- Williams Scholarships

Each year, as a result of a generous bequest by Charles H.S. Williams, the Library Trustees offer scholarships to Concord students studying the Arts. The Library identifies qualified candidates for the scholarships through a collaboration with the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund. This academic year, the Corporation will grant four scholarships, each in the amount of $2750, as follows:

Our newest recipient, Timothy Collins, is a freshman at Dennison College. Our returning scholars include Edward Pioi who is attending the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, class of 2016; Siena Yerby who is attending the Pratt Institute, class of 2017; and Kayleen Honan, who is attending Syracuse University, class of 2018. Our current scholars are all graduates of Concord-Carlisle Regional High School. The Library Corporation is proud to support these young people as they pursue their studies.

We encourage high school seniors who reside in Concord or attend secondary school in Concord AND who are intending to pursue further study in the Arts after graduation to consider applying for the scholarship in the spring. Please visit ccsholarshipfund.org for more information.
Library Director’s Report

The Concord Free Public Library (CFPL) enjoyed another busy and productive year. Community engagement around future library services was one of the most rewarding activities. Last fall we spoke with residents in 12 separate focus groups regarding future library services in the areas of technology, collections, programs, and space. This feedback was incorporated into a 5-year service plan and submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, which is a requirement in order for libraries to qualify for Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds. Other noteworthy accomplishments included: the expansion of service hours at the Fowler Branch Library with the earlier opening time of 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays; a summer reading program for adults; and the implementation of wireless printing and expansion of wireless broadband service at the Main Library in order to keep up with the growing demand.

Several special events took place during the year including a celebration of Korean Family Month and Asian-Pacific Heritage Month in partnership with the Korean Cultural Society of Boston and the Umbrella Center for the Arts. Program highlights included an art exhibit in the gallery. Korean arts and crafts and a festive concert of contemporary and traditional Korean music, followed by a beautiful fan dance complete with traditional costume. The library also hosted a very successful series, "Concord Reads about Abraham Lincoln," which coincided with the Special Collections exhibit, "This man grew according to the need": Concord and Abraham Lincoln and included programs and activities for all ages.

In late January the library hosted our first Food for Fines program, where residents were able offer a food product in exchange for fine amnesty. We collected and delivered approximately 6 boxes to Concord’s Open Table food pantry and are grateful to the Concord community for your support.

Staff development has remained a priority with colleagues attending both national and regional library conferences, an in-house refresher training on customer service, and a technology fair sponsored by the Minuteman Library Network. We were also pleased to send two supervisors to the six-week MMPA/UMass Supervisory Leadership Program for local government managers and employees.

We are looking forward to the forthcoming launch of a new library logo and complete redesign of the library’s web site. Please subscribe to our online newsletter in order to receive progress updates throughout the year. Thank you to my colleagues at the Concord Free Public Library for their dedicated service to the Concord community, to the Library Corporation Trustees, Friends of the Concord Free Public Library, and our many volunteers and supporters.

Kerry Cronin, Library Director

STEAM Grant

The Concord Free Public Library will collaborate with schools — public and private — in expanding hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) activities at the Main and Fowler libraries that will support the science curriculum. The library will collaborate with town departments, environmental groups, arts organizations, and recreational groups in providing indoor/outdoor learning spaces that will highlight nature and art experiences for the whole family. The STEAM grant activities will be based on the life and philosophy of Henry David Thoreau with activities based on natural and applied sciences: building, growing, cooking, constructing, creating. The STEAM theme will be literature based with the addition of StoryWalks, book bags, storytimes, and puppet shows.

The Full STEAM Ahead grant will give preschool children and their caregivers the opportunity to play and explore together at the library, indoors and outdoors, for the many hours and days open to all in the community.

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library is a nonprofit organization of more than 1,200 members. We serve the Library and the community in four ways:

First, we fund book and media purchases, special programs, and Library staff professional development. Second, we develop and present free programs at the Library, including concerts, readings, and film series. Third, we develop and present free programs at the Library for children and youth. Fourth, we do community outreach that includes providing donated books to Open Table and Concord Prison Outreach.

In 2014 we presented the annual Ruth Ratner Miller Award for Excellence in American History to Nathaniel Philbrick, bestselling author of Bunker Hill, Mayflower, and In the Heart of the Sea. Our gifts and programs are funded through memberships, sales of donated books, and sales of Historic Concord, a book published by the Friends. Online sales are managed by Empire Books, and books are for sale every day on the Friends Book Sale shelves at the Main and Fowler Libraries.

The Friends’ Holiday and June book sales are our biggest sources of revenue, and they’re also much-loved and well-attended community events. The Holiday Sale in December 2014 raised more than $8,400, and the June 2015 Book Sale on the lawn raised a record-breaking $21,000. The heart and soul of our operation is a team of over a dozen enthusiastic volunteers who sort the many volumes donated to the Friends each year and prepare them for the book sales. If you have books you’d like to donate, see the reference librarian at the main library.

To learn more, or to join the Friends:

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E-mail: friends@concordlibrary.org
Facebook: facebook.com/concordlibraryfriend
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By the numbers

| CFPL eBooks and eAudiobooks | 34,635 |

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Tanya Leverett, Library Director
In 2014/2015, through the gallery exhibition and accompanying lecture series “This man grew according to the need”: Concord and Abraham Lincoln, the William Munroe Special Collections commemorated the national Civil War anniversary. Our slate of speakers included Daniel Shealy (who opened the exhibition in November), Jayne Gordon, Rick Frese, and Len Gougeon. The exhibition and all of the programs were well attended and generated lively dialogue. The staff working with other library departments on additional public programming relating to Abraham Lincoln provided added value to this endeavor.

Growing the collections was, as always, a major focus. A number of gifts were received, among them: working papers for his books on Emerson and Thoreau donated by Robert Dale Richardson, Jr.; an early twentieth-century photograph of a Concord baseball team by Robert Dale Richardson, Jr.; and a Mavis Viles painting of a Concord basketball team by Linda Bond. Also, with the support of the Library Corporation, we made several significant purchases. In February, following a tip by one of our regular researchers, we bought a collection of Safford family letters written between 1815 and 1844. Three Safford siblings (Lucy, Ward Duren, and Mark) were Barrett descendants and sometime Concord residents who came here from New Hampshire specifically to work. In May, we purchased two lovely letters at auction, one undated by Louisa May Alcott, one written by Ralph Waldo Emerson to Robert Carter in 1852. It’s wonderful to be able to build upon the strengths of our holdings. With this ability comes the responsibility to process materials so that they are available for research use. One of the most important departmental efforts of 2014/2015 was the processing of our recently much-expanded collection of First Parish in Concord records. Funded through an appropriation by the Library Corporation to the Town, Janaya Kizzie spent a full year organizing, arranging, and describing some ninety linear feet of material (see separate report). Administration and staff are delighted that a second appropriation for her work as a processing archivist has been made for projects in the current fiscal year.

In addition to Janaya’s work, Curator Leslie Perrin Wilson and Staff Assistant Constance Manoli prepared an appendix to the guide listing every folder and box, making sure all standards maintained by Joyce T. Woodman, who served as Special Collections website: concordlibrary.org/scollect/Fin_Aids/FPC.htm

By the numbers

- Number of registered Concord borrowers: 11,889
Thanks to our donors, we raised over $165,000 this year.

This is a record high for the Library Annual Fund.

In the list that follows, we gratefully acknowledge all individuals, businesses and foundations who made gifts to the Library between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. CFPL is stronger because of the generosity of these donors – thank you!

Honor Roll of Donors

Each year, the Annual Fund dollars are applied towards a total of over $600,000 the Corporation uses to maintain and update the physical buildings and grounds as well as fund special projects, book purchases, and educational events at the Library. Some of the projects this year were:

1) Funding for archivist position for First Parish Project
2) Special Events programs on Lincoln and Alcott
3) Updates to the elevators in both Library buildings
4) Ice dam damage control
5) Exterior painting at the Main Library
6) Grounds upkeep for both Library buildings
7) Tree removal at Fowler
8) Updates to the heating system at the Main Library
9) $125,000 in book purchases
10) Carpet replacement and cleaning at the Main Library

As you know, there is a lot of upkeep taking care of historic structures. The Library Corporation, acting as stewards to the two Library buildings, as well as the new building at 151 Main Street, takes great care each year in prioritizing the funding of maintenance projects.

Louisa May Alcott visits the Library

Thanks to our strong support from our donors, the Library is in great shape to greet locals and visitors year round.

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