

2015 Annual Town Report of the Blackstone Public

Honorable Selectmen:

On June 11, 2015, the Blackstone Library entered its eleventh year in its present location at 86 Main Street. The library ended 2015 with the continued dedication to be an integral part of the community where people of all ages can meet in a friendly, accessible, and comfortable environment.

For the second year in a row, the Blackstone Public Library was fully compliant in the requirements for State Aid, and did not need to apply for a waiver in order to remain certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Certified libraries are eligible to receive State Aid grant funds from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and are also eligible to apply for other state grants, such as the Library Services & Technology Act grant.

As a member of The Massachusetts Library System (MLS), the library benefits from sharing among member libraries of all types. In addition, the Blackstone Library supports an annual membership to Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc. (CW MARS). This online library consortium allows patrons access to thousands of material from libraries throughout Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cheever, Library Director



Blackstone Public Library

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- ◆ **MA Statewide databases**
- ◆ **Eventkeeper online calendar**
- ◆ **E-books . E-audio books, & eVideo**
- ◆ **Tix Keeper: Museum Passes**
- ◆ **MA Commonwealth eBooks**
- ◆ **Atomic Training**
- ◆ **IndieFlix Free movie streaming**
- ◆ **OneClickdigital**
- ◆ **Boston Library eCard**

Staff Members:

Director

Lisa Cheever

**Assistant
Director &
Children’s
Librarian**

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**Substitute Library
Aides:**

Karen Miller
Ana Mendes
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Custodian

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In FY16, the library’s warrant article for building repairs was approved. Several of these projects were completed and repairs will continue to be made throughout 2016.

On-going activities for adults:

Library Book Group, Knitting Group, and the Coloring Group

On-going activities for children:

Lego Club, Toddler Story-time, Storytime & Craft, Wag & Read with a Therapy Dog.

Please call the library for more information at (508) 883-1931 or check the library's webpage at <http://blackstonepubliclibrary.org>

Please find us on Facebook and Twitter.

CIRCULATION

General

The library is open 1,820 hours per year. (35 hours per week)
There are 6,649 registered borrowers to date.

Visitors

Approximately 49,754 people visited the library in 2015.

**Interlibrary loan in a twelve month period –
Calendar Year 2015**

ILLs received = 7,670
ILLs sent = 11,580

**Circulations in a twelve month period-
Calendar Year 2015**

(This includes all circulations and renewals from the library regardless of who owns the material)
68,820

Meeting Room Usage in 2015

Large meeting room	122
Quiet Study #1	246
Quiet Study #2	197
Historical Room	57
Total	622

PROGRAMMING

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. In 2015, the children's librarian held 180 children's programs with 2,818 in attendance. A summer reading program was held with several performers and activities. Seventy-six children completed the 2014 summer reading program. Several popular children's programs were *Touch the Trucks*, *Super Hero Night with Heroes from the community*, and a visit from *Anna & Elsa*.

The library offered 33 programs for adults with 590 in attendance. Some popular programs were *400 Years of Love Songs*, *Ribbons and Greens Workshop*, *Gravestone Girls*, *Southwick's ZooMobile*, *Intro to Yoga*, and several concerts, writing workshops, and author visits.

The library offered 8 Young Adult programs with 112 in attendance. The library held its first Young Adult Summer Reading program. Twenty-six young adults completed the summer reading program and participated in fun, educational, and cultural events.

These programs were possible due to grants/donations from UniBank, Dean Bank, The Friends of the Blackstone Public Library, the library's gift/grant account, the law office of Daniel T. Doyle, and other sources.

Grant funds are used to provide programming, materials, and staffing not covered by the operating budget.

UniBank	\$ 2,500.00
Dean Bank	\$ 250.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,500.00
State Aid to Public Libraries 1st installment	\$ 6,201.01
State Aid to Public Libraries 2nd installment	\$ 6,267.90
LCC-Young Adult Art Class	\$ 175.00
LCC-Ireland: From Tribe to Nation	\$ 300.00
LCC-Swords through the Ages	\$ 300.00
LCC-Dr. Sues Tribute Show	\$ 300.00
LCC-Yes, Eating Bugs	\$ 300.00
LCC-How to draw Super hero faces	\$ 200.00
LCC-Greg and Axel Show	\$ 300.00
LCC-Maichack Arts-Gift Account	\$ 140.00
LSTA Pathways to Success Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 5,000.00