



Erving Public Library

Annual Report 2017



What people say about the Erving Library!
"Staff goes above and beyond"
"Everyone is helpful in finding what I want to find."
"Always welcoming"
"Everyone is so very helpful and friendly!"
"Love our library."
"Wonderful people, excellent community resource."

10 Year Comparison of Erving Library Service	FY07	FY17	FY07 vs. FY 17 (ending 6/30/17)
Hours Open per week	21	30	30 % increase
Staff Hours per week	30	39	23% increase
Visits to the Library	4856	6392	31% increase
Physical Items on Shelves	6951	11208	50% increase
Erving Residents with C/W MARS cards	537	856	60% increase + The Library serves many non-residents
Circulation = Item Checkout or Electronic Download*			
At the Erving Library Desk	9671	13365	38% increase
Digital Downloads	0	3240	Service did not exist in FY07
Interlibrary Loan to Other Libraries	20	2699	Service barely existed in FY07
Interlibrary Loan from Other Libraries	467	2811	500% increase
All Circulation	7843	19416	137% increase
Programs	9	38	320% increase
Attendance at Programs	261	758	190% increase

****Statistics do not include Erving residents use at other libraries or downloads of items from Boston Public Library. Circulation at the Erving Public Library is ever-changing. Ten years ago a significant amount of VHS tapes and audio cassette tapes were still in demand. Now gone, the demand for streaming video, ebooks, digital Audiobooks continues to increase.***

Value of Erving Items over the Erving circulation desk = \$207,184.73

*Calculated by the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing (C/W MARS)

Value of Items received from other libraries \$66,759.65

Value of Items owned by Erving Public Library \$140,425.08

TOTAL \$207,184.73

New Services added in 2017 – FREE WITH AN ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD

Freegal (FREE digital music)

<https://ervingma.freegalmusic.com/homes/index>

Hoopla (FREE ebooks, digital audiobooks and streaming videos)

<https://www.hoopladigital.com>

Links to other digital resources* supported by federal, state and local funding:

For FREE ebooks, digital audiobooks and streaming videos

<https://cwmars.overdrive.com/>

For FREE research databases:

http://www.galepages.com/m/lin_w_erving

Find FREE library materials in the Central and Western Massachusetts Libraries:

<http://bark.cwmars.org>

For all library items in the state of Massachusetts

<https://commonwealthcatalog.org/MVC/>

New titles at the Erving Library

<http://wowbrary.org>

*Digital Content adds hundreds of thousands of items to the Erving Library Collection

Programs during calendar year 2017

The Library staff continued to place a high emphasis programs that bring science to the Erving residents of all ages. For small and school-aged children, Library Lego Lady (aka Jean Daley) offered Lego Days, coding sessions using Little Bits, Makey-Makey and a Muttbot robot. Jungle Jim brought his Minecraft show with high intensity balloon tricks.

The Erving Cultural Council supported the following library programs:

The Curious Giraffe Show: Building A Better World	\$240
Learn to Play the Harmonica	\$450
Minecraft-Hack Your Library	\$300
Architecture for Kids	\$100
Workshops, Makerspace 3D Design & Printing / Robotics Workshop	\$325

Also offered were STEM programs for adults: Neuro-Fitness for the Mature Brain and a series of sessions on Eating with Mindfulness, one supported by a grant from New Salem Academy and one from a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library

Services (IMLS). Also supported through IMLS funding is a telescope that will circulate to families in Erving. The Museum of Science (Boston) brought their Night Sky traveling planetarium program for people of all ages at no cost to the town.

Eclipse Day (August 21st) was the highlight of the summer when more than 150 people gathered to watch and learn about the eclipse. Viewing glasses were distributed and author visits, eclipse related crafts were part of the fun. Prizes for best summer readers were given in a late evening ceremony. More than 200 readers participated in the summer reading program in 2017.

Programs offered in cooperation with the Erving Elementary School included the annual first-grade first library card visit and several kindergarten visits. The Library also offers resources for the Extreme Reading Program. Librarians Barbara Friedman and Jane Urban of Erving Elementary School meet on a regular basis to share resources.

We are grateful to the staffs at the Massachusetts Library System for Interlibrary Loan delivery and for continuing education opportunities, the members of the Erving Cultural Council for their commitment of \$1415 towards programming, to the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System for their contributions to cooperation, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for their assistance in library construction planning, and to all of our participants who truly made the summer memorable. The theme *Build a Better World* is also the mission of the Erving Public Library as we continue to help make Erving *A Great Place to Live*. And to Mary Anne Antonellis, the Library Director of the M.N. Spears Library, Shutesbury, who coordinated the Institute for Museum and Library Service grant bringing an additional \$2000 to programming and services offered in 2017.

Staff

Barbara Friedman, MLIS, Library Director

- Barbara Friedman has completed her 9th year at the Erving Public Library. Among her accomplishments are:
 - Wrote successful \$2.7 million grant for new library construction
 - Enlisted and trained new staff
 - Improved technology by adding Windows 10 computers, more print capabilities, and laptops for “gamers”
 - Added nearly 1000 items to the Library’s collection & added digital services.
 - Executed grant requirements for several grant programs
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| Planning and Design Grant (2015 to 2017) | \$75,000 |
| Erving Cultural Council | \$1,415 |
| Small Libraries in Networks | \$2,100. |
| State Aid to Libraries | \$2,244 |
| IMLS Grant for STEM programs & materials | \$2,000 |

Jean Daley

- Jean Daley has completed her 5th year at the Erving Public Library.
- Developed and offered 3 unique STEM programs
- Wrote Cultural Council grants
- Supervised new staff
- Increased leadership role at the library
- “Weeded” the collection of over 500 items that were out-of-date

Shannon Compton, summer unpaid intern, Substitute Library Assistant

Judy Hall, Substitute Library Assistant

John Wheeler, Student Library Assistant, supported through Community Action grant

We want to thank our new maintenance person, Rebecca Walsh who has made a serious impact on the comfort level at the library. And our sincerest thank you to Bryan Smith and Betsy Sicard and all the folks at Town Hall who help in so many ways.

Friends of the Library

The small dedicated member group is lead by Rebecca Hubbard (President), Arlene Wonsey (Treasurer), Ann Lucas, Carol Gregory, Elaine Stafford, Phyllis Stone and the members who contribute monetarily through annual membership dues.

The Friend of the Library raised and contributed over \$3000 to support the Library in 2017. Their fundraising efforts included a Valentine Candy Sale, the Annual Book and Plant Sale, Fall Houseplant Sale, and membership drive.

The Friends were granted 501(c) 3, the federal status recognizing the group as a public charity. Members lobbied for funding at Legislative Day at the State House and raised money for their projects and the new Library by participating for the first time in *Valley Gives*, an annual giving campaign for non-profits in western Massachusetts.

The Friends coordinated and funded the following events: Pot-luck dinners, monthly craft sessions and co-sponsored a magic show held during the Summer Park program.

A major project for the year was the construction and placement of a *Little Library* in the Riverfront Park. The Friends continuously monitor and stock the Little Library with help from Annmarie Newton.

Volunteers

The Library Staff is assisted by many residents that offer countless hours of volunteerism.

Ann Lucas, now completing her 9th year at the Library

Mackensy Bailey created the *Eclipse* cake

Mercedes Bailey shared her origami skills

Maggie Fidanza developed and offered monthly craft days

Becky Hubbard and Arlene Wonsey offered holiday craft days

Atsuko Harding demonstrated how to make sushi

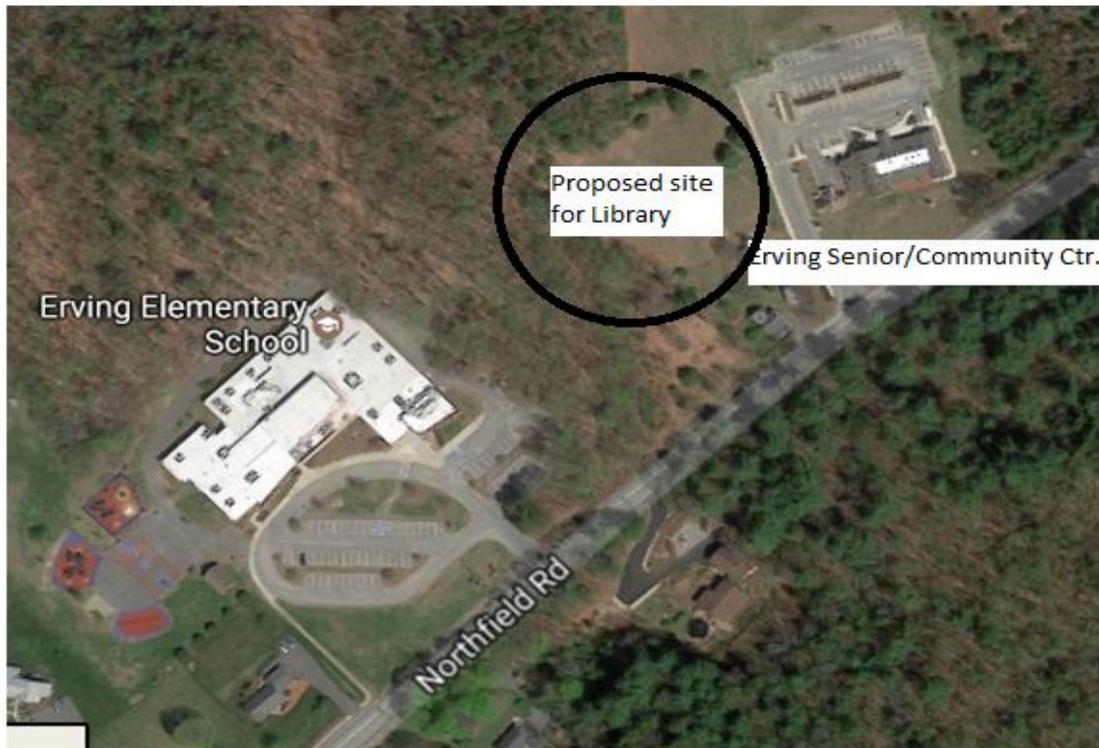
Shannon Compton served during the summer as an unpaid intern. She has started has started working toward her Masters Degree at Simmons University, School of Library and Information Science.

Committees

Library Building Committee

Marcia Bernard, Librarian, Jacquelyn Boyden, Town Assistant Assessor, Sara Campbell, Consulting Civil Engineer, Rebecca Hubbard, EPL Friends President, Peter “Rupert” Roy-Clark, Trustee and Supervisor, UMass Amherst Physical Plant, Deb Smith, Planning Board, Charles Zilinski, Telecommunication Technician/ Electrical Apprentice. Cynthia Roy-Clark, student, who will serve as an ex-officio member.

The Library Building Committee will be assisted by William Bembury, Board of Selectmen, liaison to this Committee, Mackensey Bailey, Erving Library Trustee Chairperson. Barbara Friedman, MLIS, Library Director is a non-voting member of the Committee, Daniel Pallotta, P3, Inc., is Erving's OPM (Owner's Project Manager), Phil O'Brien, LEED AP Principal, and Stewart Roberts, AIA Principal, architects with Johnson/Roberts Associates.



The Building Committee held organizational meetings, wrote informative articles for the Around Town, held public awareness meetings, created a detailed brochure which was distributed town wide and presented information at the Annual Town meeting securing funding for the \$5 million new library construction. On July 18th, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners put the Erving Library at 7th on their waiting list of projects. However, with Town support already approved and support for more state construction money, it is very possible that Erving will move quickly up the list.

Prepared by Barbara Friedman, MLIS, Library Director

Respectfully submitted,

Mackensey Bailey, Chairperson
Rupert Roy-Clark, Secretary
Holly Fitzpatrick