



# 2017 Annual Report

## Your Open Door To Learning



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## Board of Trustees

Stephanie K. Carter	Chair
Gerald M. Carbone	Vice Chair
Nancy Dorsey	Secretary
Paul McNeil, Jr.	Trustee
Cheryl A. Cotter	Trustee
Mary Johnson	Trustee
Grayce J. Moorehead	Trustee

The Warwick City Council appoints the Library Board of Trustees to three-year terms. Trustees control the budget and are the legal guardians and custodians of the library buildings, books, and materials.



## Friends Board

Sandy Hartley	President	Jayne Berghorn	Newsletter Editor
Mary Dalton	Vice President	Loretta Furtado	Board Member
David Dupéré	Treasurer	Alfred P. Mullaugh	Board Member
Judy Gordon	Recording Secretary	Evelyn O’Hearn	Board Member
Cheryl Cotter	Corresponding Secretary/Book Sales	Stacey Popules	Board Member
Dana Ryan	Membership & Marketing	Suzanne Wiggins	Board Member

# Library Director's Message

Welcome, the Warwick Public Library is “your open door to learning” and we strive to offer something to everyone. We are a repository of and a portal to information, providing free access to books, audio and visual materials, computers, high-speed Internet, databases, and maker space equipment. Our staff trains people to use computers, tablets, electronic reading devices, and smart phones, as well as guiding people using library equipment. We are a community center providing spaces for people to connect, collaborate, discuss, and learn. Our meeting and unique glass study rooms are heavily used. We offer programs for all ages, both educational and entertaining, and introduce the very young to reading through programs and Storytimes aimed at instilling the love of reading in Warwick's youth. Our summer reading program engages all ages, and we run adult Book Clubs throughout the year and share our Book Club bags with other libraries around the state.

This past year we found more ways to connect to the community through expanded outreach to schools, and providing materials to the home bound through the state's only library by mail service. We bring the community together with such popular events as the Hogwarts® Open House and the Quahogger Jamboree.

Credit for these offerings go to the Library Board of Trustees, dedicated and tireless staff, Friends of the Library, donors, volunteers, and the support of the Mayor and City Council. We are excited about the accomplishments of 2017 and look forward to another productive year in 2018.

Sincerely,

Chris La Roux

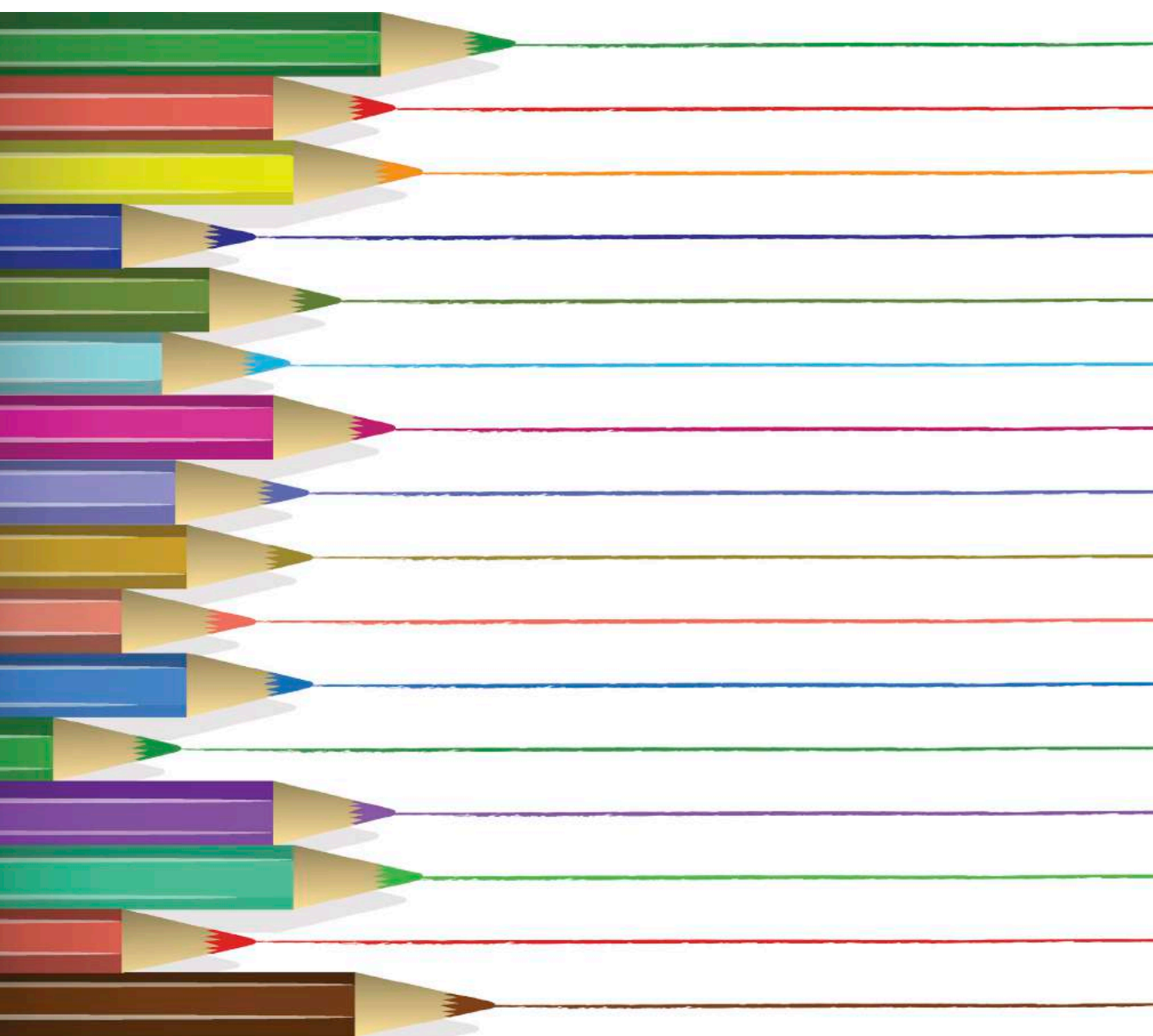
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## Mission Statement

The Warwick Public Library is the hub of community learning where every child can be a reader; every resident can connect to the digital world; and lifelong learning enriches every life. The Warwick Public Library is your open door to learning and everything online.



# Accomplishments



- 570,575 materials borrowed
- 394,779 library patron visits
- 55,972 computer users
- 43,452 questions answered
- 37,507 wireless internet sessions
- 34,895 library cards in use
- 32,883 attended a library program
- \$25,650 Champlin Foundation Grant
- \$16,402 donated by the Friends of the Warwick Public Library
- 6,741 children attended Storytimes
- 2,651 new cards issued
- 2,391 summer reading sign ups
- 1,435 summer readers earned a prize
- 978 summer reading completions
- 781 community meetings

# Programs For All Ages & Interests

Music



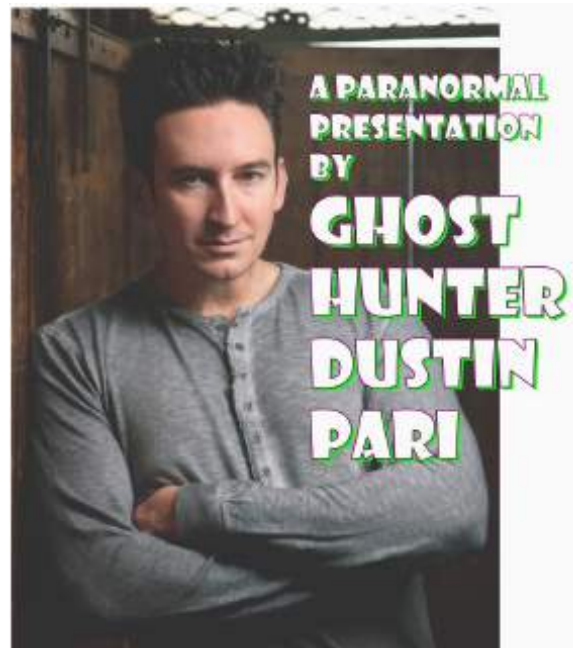
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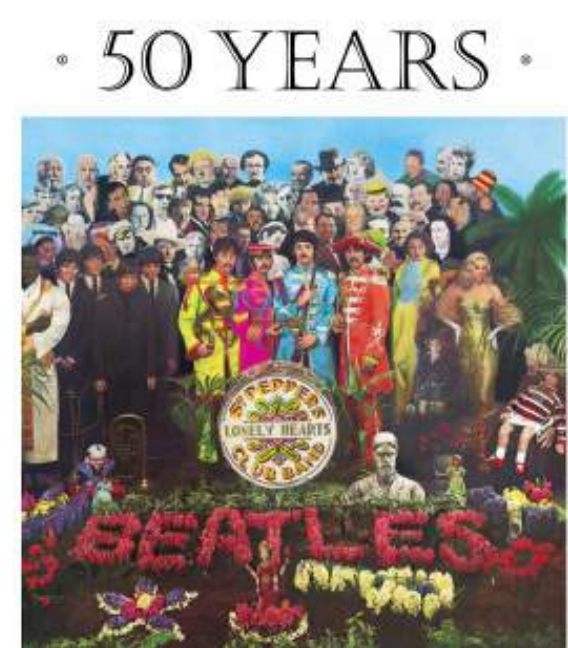
Self Help



Children's Programs



Talks/Presentations



Film Series & Documentaries

# Hogwarts® Express



A community event that attracted over 5,000 people in one day!



# Community Involvement



The Quahogger Jamboree is a celebration of the clamming industry, which has been so important to the economy and culture of Warwick. The Library was given the fountain that honors this rich tradition in 1998 and started the Jamboree in 2012.



Oakland Beach Carousel Foundation Display

Friends Maintain Children's Room Fish Tank

Community Art Gallery

National Night Out at Oakland Beach

Food Trucks at Norwood Branch

Participate in Neighborhood Associations

Events with Rotary Club of Warwick

**QUAHOGGER STORYTIME**

Wednesday, June 21  
6 p.m.

Quahoggers Jamboree logo

**DEBRA MANN QUARTET**

Wednesday, June 21  
7 p.m.

Quahoggers Jamboree logo



# Outreach to Those Who Are Home Bound



The *Home Delivery* by mail program kicked off this year, made possible by a 2016 Centennial Community Grant from the Rhode Island Foundation. The grant provided funds to purchase canvas mailing bags and postage. We supply the professional librarians who register patrons, become familiar with materials desired, select books and DVDs, and package them for shipment. The mailing bags are posted and then the USPS delivers them to the homebound in Warwick, as well as picking them up for the return trip to the library three weeks later.

*Home Delivery* by mail is available to Warwick residents who are home bound due to a short-term or long-term illness or physical challenge.

Ms. C says, "Thank you for your help. With your new service I have enjoyed great reads. Your selections are always topical and insightful. I hope the *Home Delivery* program continues!"

Mr. K says, "Thank you for this wonderful service. I thoroughly enjoyed the books you sent and I'm looking forward to my next selections."

Ms. C has health issues that frequently make it impossible for her to leave home. She is thrilled with what the librarians select for her and enjoys calling the Library to talk about the books she has read and to ask for new ones.

## Outreach to Schools

Librarians visited 15 schools and interacted with 4,111 children. Schools brought 367 children to the Library for tours and programs.



## School Visits

Librarians visited the Child Inc. preschool and the following elementary schools: Cedar Hill, John Brown Francis, Randall Holden, Holliman, Hoxsie, Lippitt, Norwood, Oakland Beach, Park, Robertson, Scott, Sherman, Warwick Neck, Wickes, and Wyman



# Technology



We keep up with technology to serve our patrons more efficiently and to control costs. We now use Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. The service helps expedite the checkout process and helps the staff find specific books and other materials faster and more efficiently.

In addition to books, music, movies, and audiobooks on-line, we offer many services from the convenience of home, office or on the go. On-line tutors are available to assist with homework and resume writing, a variety of magazines for research and pleasure, encyclopedias in English and Spanish, test preparation books, business and employment resources, language, history and genealogy resources, reader advisor, and medical databases.



The Idea Studio is a technology laboratory and innovation room. There are ten laptop computers, a Windows® PC connected to a ceiling mounted projector, moveable computer tables and chairs. The room contains two iMac® computers with Photoshop®, to fulfill creative needs, VHS to DVD dubbing equipment, two 3D printers, vinyl letter cutting machine, and other electronic and mechanical equipment to satisfy ones curiosity. The room is used for technology training classes as well as craft groups such as the knitters.

Library staff can help you learn a variety of tech skills and are available to be “booked” for 30-minute training sessions.



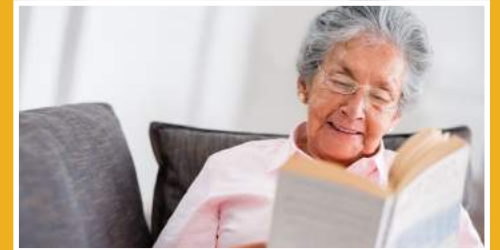
# Storytimes



We offer Storytimes for babies, toddlers, preschoolers with an adult, and preschoolers by themselves.

# Book Groups

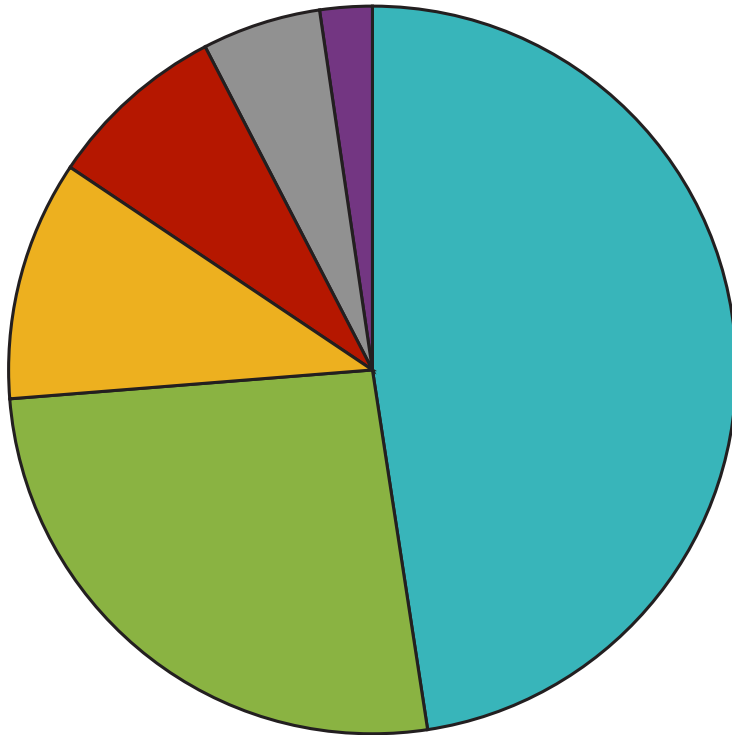
The Warwick Public Library has an exciting program called “Book Club in a Bag.” Any member of a Book Group is able to check out 10 copies of a popular book for their book group. The books come in a canvas bag with a binder, information about the book and the author, as well as discussion questions to help the conversation along. There is something for everyone!



There are seven book groups run by our reference librarians. Two are daytime fiction groups, one is an evening non-fiction group, and the others are History, Culinary Skills Swap, Social & Economic Justice, and Murder Mysteries.

# 2017 Operating Budget: \$3,964,576

## Expenses:



Staff: 48%



Books, Media & Programs: 8%



Benefits: 26%



Computers & Internet: 5%

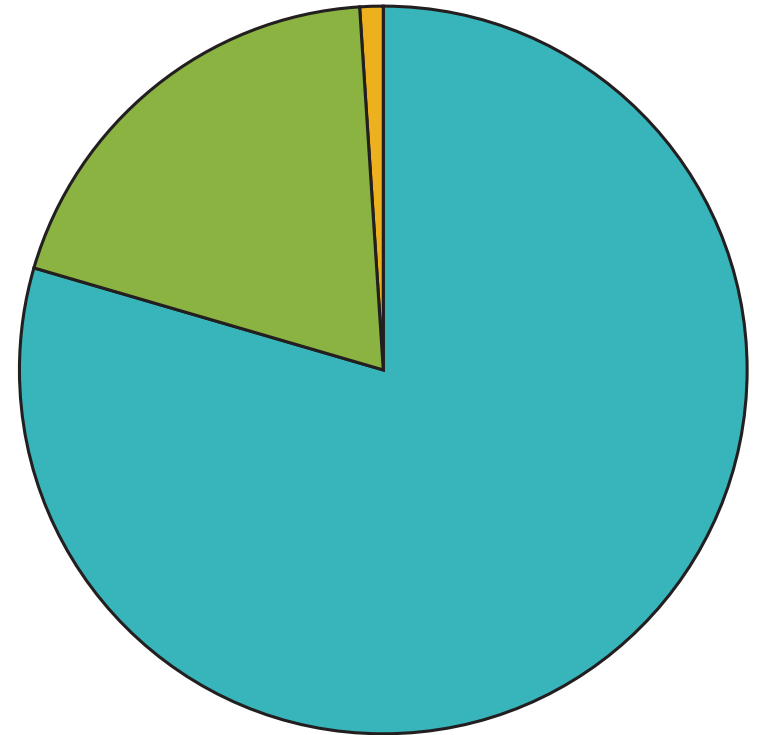


Operations: 11%



Support Services: 2%

## Income:



City Funding: 79%



Grants, Donations & Endowment: 20%



Fines & Lost Item Payments: 1%

# We Are In Your Community



**Central Library**



**Apponaug Branch**



**Norwood Branch**



**Conimicut Branch**



[WarwickLibrary.org](http://WarwickLibrary.org)

**Central Library:**  
600 Sandy Lane (401) 739-5440

**Apponaug Branch:**  
3267 Post Road (401) 739-6411

**Norwood Branch:**  
328 Pawtuxet Avenue (401) 941-7545

**Conimicut Branch:**  
55 Beach Avenue (401) 737-6546