

ANNUAL REPORT





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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.

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Board and Friends Board members as of June 2019

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Warwick Public Library. We are proud to offer our patrons state-of-the-art equipment along with exceptional services and programs.

I am pleased to report we have added two more meeting rooms to our Central Library thanks to the generous support of the Champlin Foundation, in response to numerous requests from users. We set up a new Tech Lab in one of the new rooms which contains maker-space and VR (virtual reality) equipment. We also purchased additional VR equipment and added a record player thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Library. The Idea Studio now offers more computer classes and is available to more arts and craft users.

Further, we obtained a grant that allowed us to present, "Revisiting the Founding Era," a series of educational programs concerning important events in the 18th century that molded the United States.

This year, the Hogwarts® Open House drew a crowd of over 2,000 people! Veterans Memorial Middle School allowed us to use their parking lot and the Pilgrim Senior Center arranged for a shuttle bus so people could park off-site. The University of Rhode Island's Quidditch® Team came to demonstrate how to play the game, staff and patrons donned costumes, and the Library was converted to Hogwarts®. It was such a magical day!

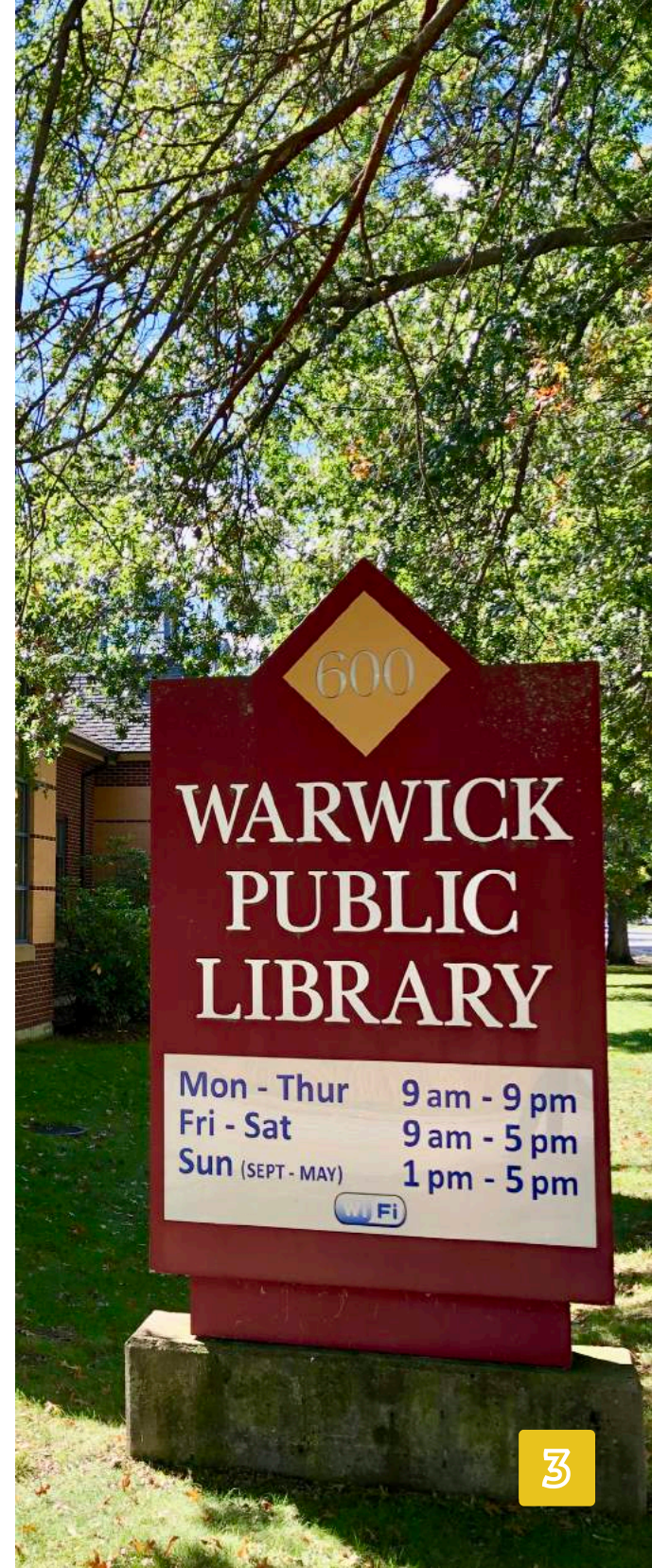
The Library Board of Trustees eliminated fines on children's and teen materials allowing 619 card holders to be cleared for summer reading programs. Warwick joins Cranston Library, Providence Public Library, and Providence Community Library in removing fines from youth materials. Our services are made possible by a dedicated Library Board of Trustees, incredible staff, generous and hardworking Friends of the Library, donors, volunteers, Warwick City Council, and Mayor.

Happy reading,

Chris La Roux

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.

MISSION STATEMENT



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

48,069 QUESTIONS ANSWERED

49,722 COMPUTER USERS

394,269 PATRON VISITS

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM USE: 771

2,412

SUMMER READERS

WIRELESS

SESSIONS

44,701

SMILES?
THOUSANDS

FRIENDS DONATIONS
\$17,795

STORY HOUR ATTENDANCE
6,421

MATERIALS BORROWED

650,124

\$86,200
In Grants

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE
26,146



29,490
Active Library Cards



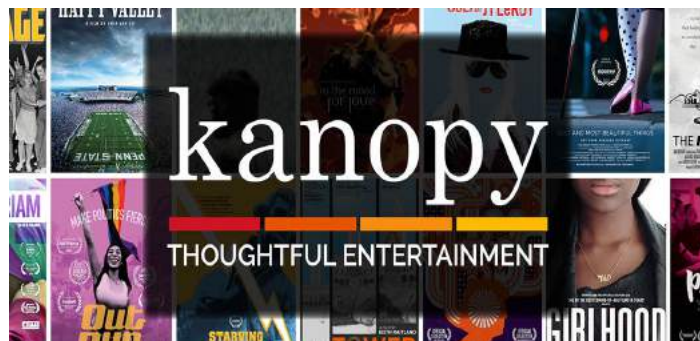
PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR ALL AGES & INTERESTS



The Children’s Library celebrated “A Universe of Stories” this summer, offering space themed learning activities with something for everyone. These activities included daily drop-in crafts, star gazing lessons, movies, theater, S.T.E.A.M. workshops, book discussions, animal shows, and musicians.



Hoopla®, a web and mobile library media streaming platform for audio books, comics, books, movies, music, and TV, allows library patrons to download or stream media content at no cost. Kanopy®, an on-demand streaming video platform, offers award-winning films and documentaries for everyone in the family. Both digital programs have been extremely well received and their demand keeps growing.



Our Summer Learning Challenge continues to grow thanks in part to our partnership with the Warwick Public Schools. The program is designed for all ages, giving families the opportunity to complete it together. This past year, participation in the program increased exponentially for children, teens, and adults.



A new service at the Apponaug and Conimicut branches is the Playaway digital audio-books.

This year, we offered 1,141 programs for all ages which were attended by 26,146 patrons.

 A promotional graphic for "World War II in the Pacific" featuring historical black and white photographs of war scenes.

World War II
in the PACIFIC

See WWII through the eyes of Dr. Stanley Carpenter, Professor of Strategy and Policy at the U.S. Naval War College.

TUESDAYS AT 7 P.M.

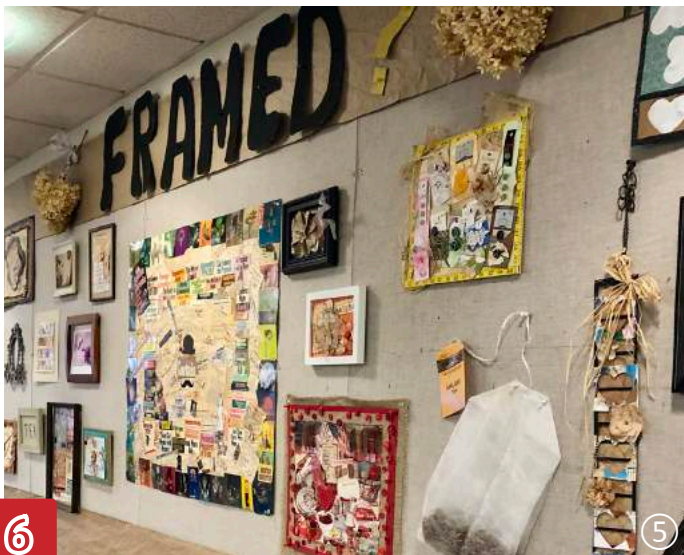
- SEP 11 **TORA, TORA, TORA!**—Pearl Harbor and the Coming of War
- SEP 18 **MIRACLE AT MIDWAY**—Turning the Tide
- SEP 25 **PALM TREES, JUNGLE, and BUGS!**—War in the South Pacific
- OCT 2 **ON to JAPAN**—Island Hopping Across the Pacific
- OCT 9 **Feature Film: Tora! Tora! Tora!** (1970)
See the events that led to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor—told from both the American and Japanese sides.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



① We were excited to show the film, *Tre Maison Dasan*, with financial support from the Warwick Ocean State Urgent Care and the Friends of the Library. The documentary is about RI boys with parents in prison. Maison, one of the boys in the film, along with filmmaker Denali Tiller, a RISD faculty, attended the screening and answered questions. ② Stanley Carpenter, Professor of Strategy and Policy Development

at the US Naval War College in Newport, presented a lecture series on World War II. ③ We participated in Food Truck Nights and the ④ National Night Out celebration at Oakland Beach. ⑤ Local artists show their works on a regular basis at the Library. ⑥ We obtained the Alexander Hamilton Traveling Exhibit, which uses reproductions from the Gilder Lehrman Collection and the Library of the New York Historical Society.



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HOGWARTS® EXPRESS



A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Over two thousand patrons joined us for our second annual Hogwarts® Open House in March. The entire library was transformed into the magical world of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter® books. The day included Quidditch® lessons with the University of Rhode Island's Rhody Ridgebacks,

dueling tournaments, quill making and other crafts, a lively scavenger hunt, a convenient shuttle bus for parking, and an exuberant library staff dressed as characters from the ever-popular novels.

SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG & HOMEBOUND



The youth services librarians welcomed over 300 students and their teachers to the library for field trips.

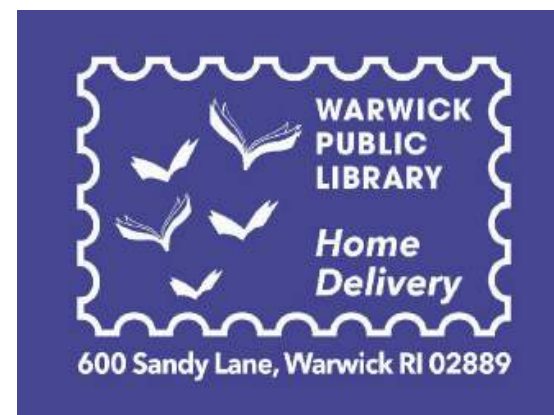
Some students visited to do research on specific assignments using online resources and books, while others came for an introductory tour which sometimes included a scavenger hunt, applying for and receiving a library card, and book checkout.



SCHOOL OUTREACH & VISITS



We offer a Home Delivery by Mail program, which utilizes the United States Postal Service to transport library materials to homebound residents and return them to the Library. Professional librarians register patrons for the program, become familiar with materials desired, select books, DVDs, and audio books based on the user's profile, and package them for shipment. There is no cost to the patron for this service.



HOME DELIVERY BY MAIL

TECH LAB & IDEA STUDIO



The Idea Studio is a computer training laboratory and innovation room. There are ten laptop computers and a trainer's work station connected to a ceiling mounted projector. In addition to computer and software classes, the room can be booked, free of charge, by groups that want to use it for trainings. The room may also be used for arts and crafts projects.

Library staff is available for 30-minute training sessions on everything from how to use a smart phone to how to download an e-book onto a Kindle®.

Warwick Public Library

Tech Lab



VHS Conversion
Photo Scanning

Convert old home movies to DVD or make using our conversion equipment. Scan old photos to digital formats. Book a time with TECHHELP to learn how to use the equipment, show while during open hours to work at your own pace.



Tech Support with LivTech

Support, Repair, Connect! Bring your tech questions to Nick and Cory on Mondays 9 am to 11 am and Wednesdays 2 pm to 4 pm.



Virtual Reality

Ride the newest technological wave: virtual reality. Visit other countries, take a walk in outer space, or just play a simple game all while learning about virtual reality and the many ways it is being used in the modern work environment. Book an appointment today.
warwicklibrary.org/idea/virtual-reality-library



Vinyl Revival

Revisit your favorite albums and make fresh musical connections with our rotating collection of vinyl treasures.



The Tech Lab is located near the glass study rooms, and it is full of equipment that can be used by patrons after being trained by staff. It contains VHS to DVD dubbing equipment, a vinyl letter cutting machine, iMac® computers with Photoshop®, and a phonograph and vinyl records for private listening. There is also virtual reality equipment that can be booked during normal library hours. Trained library staff can assist with any equipment.



FRIENDLY SERVICE AT EVERY BRANCH



There are four library buildings making up the Warwick Public Library system with a full staff of 51 dedicated employees. The staff shown in the photo for Central are supervisors. The Central Library is located on 600 Sandy Lane and is 64,500 sq. ft. All of the Library's staff work at Central and some work part-time at a branch. There are four meeting rooms at the Central Library, as well as private study rooms, quiet areas, a maker-space, and reading spots all over the building. There is a large Children's Library and a separate Teenspace.

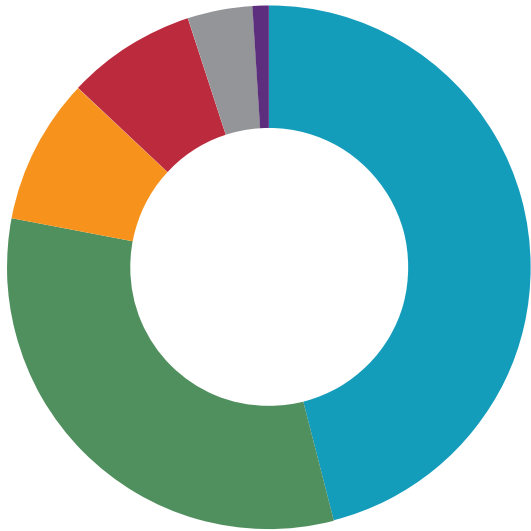


The branches had all been independent libraries at one time and in 1972 they joined the Central Library as branches. Each branch is unique and has its own history and following. Branch patrons tend to be staunch users and supporters of their local facility. They get to know the staff that serves them with thoughtful and enriching programs and services. Likewise, each branch staff gets to know the patrons and their reading and listening habits.



2019 OPERATING BUDGET: \$4,512,656

EXPENSES:



Staff: 46%



Books, Media & Programs: 8%



Benefits: 32%



Computers & Internet: 4%

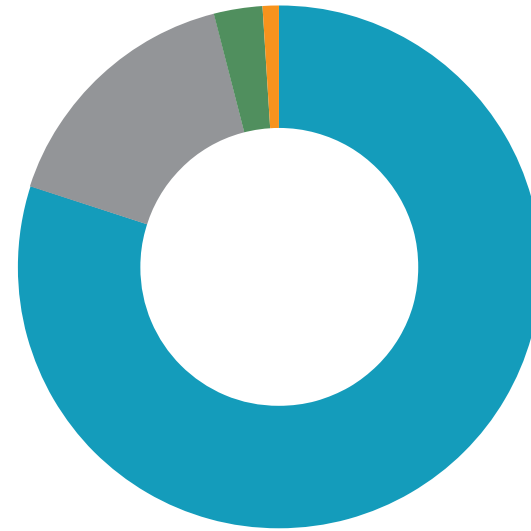


Operations: 9%



Support Services: 1%

INCOME:



City Funding: 80%



State Funding: 16%



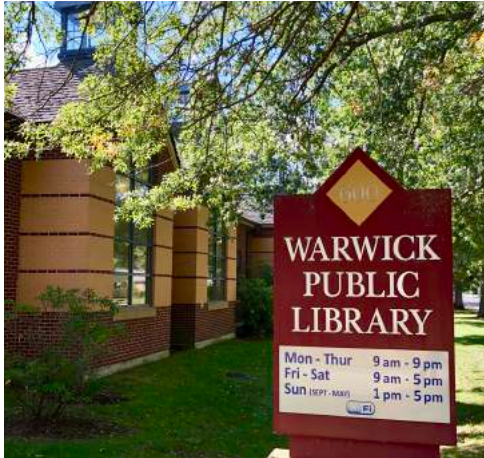
Grants, Donations & Endowment: 3%



Fines & Lost Item Payments: 1%

WE ARE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Central Library



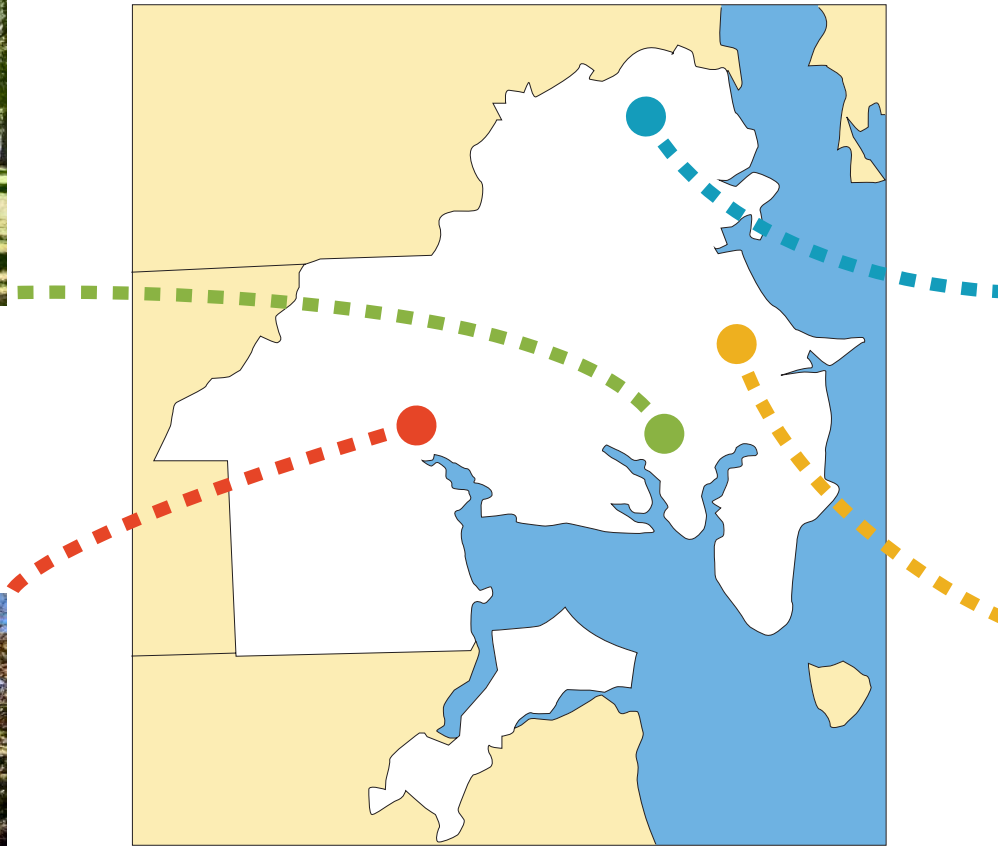
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(401) 739-5440

Norwood Branch



328 Pawtuxet Ave.
(401) 941-7545

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Apponaug Branch



3267 Post Road
(401) 739-6411

Conimicut Branch



55 Beach Ave.
(401) 737-6546

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