

WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

2016
Annual Report

Total Materials Loaned



314,868

Number of books, magazines, and newspapers loaned

573,079

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a large collections of DVDs, BluRays, music CDs, and audio books

146,134

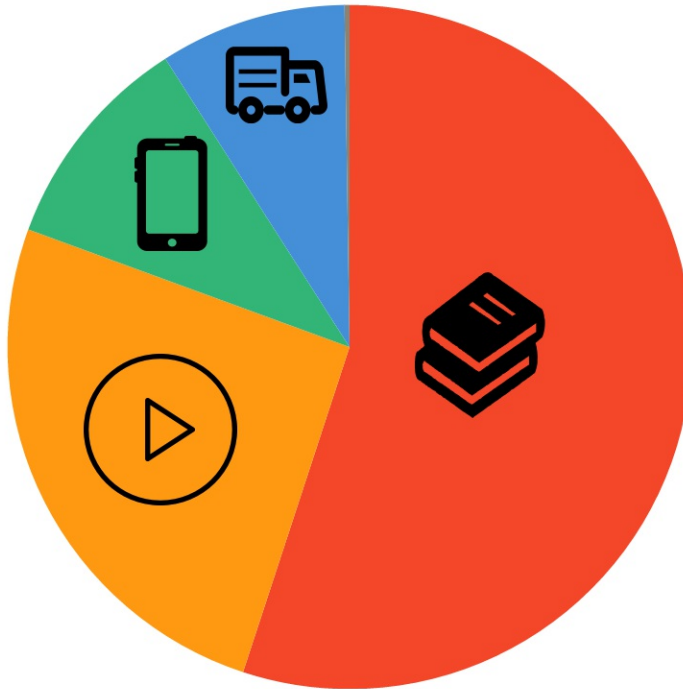
Number of DVDs, BluRays, Audio Books, and Music CDs loaned

59,316

Downloadable Ebooks, Movies, Music, and Audio Books loaned

50,406

Items loaned to other libraries in Rhode Island



Items loaned per
active card holder

11
items

Collection Size compared to Circulation



215,185 Collection Size



573,079 Checkouts in 2016

Collection turnover rate is at nearly 3 times per item. Warwick Library has a well used collection.

Collection
Increase

43,264 Items

395,128 Visitors to the Warwick Public Library



509 Adult Programs
8,767 Attendees



460 Children's Programs
9,849 Attendees



37,022 Reference Questions



68,363 Computer Usage

44%

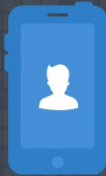


Warwick Residents have a Library Card



67 classes
549 attendees

From Computer Basics Bootcamp to advance Excel Applications, our computer classes are always fully booked



162 Tech Help
Appointments

Scheduled one-on-one time with a technology expert



Every Thursday the Studio is open to the public with access to all of the tech equipment

263 Open Studio
Visits



ideastudio

The Warwick Public Library celebrated the 50th anniversary of being the first city-wide public library in Warwick with a community party in September 2015.



The Reference Department has begun a digitization project to make 50+ years of the Warwick Beacon available online.

The library purchased 7 mobile hotspots which circulated 147 times in the past year. 10 more hotspots were purchased in July 2016 to help keep up with demand.

Vending machines were added in response to many requests for coffee and snacks.

Accomplishments



The Library hosted a year-long movie series Applauding James Woods: a Year of Brilliant Film Performances. Mr. Woods attended the first film showing and was awarded a citation of recognition by Mayor Avedisian.



A new logo was designed for the library to better represent what the library has to offer to an ever changing population.

The Library received over \$95,000 in Grants

A Champlin Grant funded the remodel of the small and large meeting rooms. New chairs, carpet, and audio/visual equipment were installed.



A Champlin Grant funding the completion of the remodel of the Children's Room allowed the space to be reorganized into a more user-friendly configuration. Many patrons have commented on the ease of use.

Energy saving shades were installed in the main lobby and the window facing Sandy Lane.

The Rhode Island Foundation awarded a Centennial Community Grant to the library to begin a Home Delivery service for the home-bound patrons of Warwick.

The Home Delivery program will begin in August 2016.

Raise community awareness of Library services and programs



Support Warwick youth and families in the love of reading and learning

Deliver superior customer-centered library services

Support the economic vitality of the community through access to computers, the internet, and innovative technology

"Warwick Library has done such a great job at meeting so many more needs of the community than what is expected from a library. Movies, board games, meeting space, and more"

Patron Comments

"The Library is a place to meet others with similar interests, a place to escape and loose oneself in another world, or even to apply for a job. Best of all, it is all for free."

"The library has expanded my world enormously in the past 3 years. Computer classes taught me how to use mine. Writing from Memory class lead me to learn to love writing. Hoopla has given me more music and movies. I have gone from living in a 3 room apartment to being a world explorer - all through the Warwick Public Library on Sandy Lane. Thank WPL."



The Warwick Public Library is supported through tax dollars paid by the Citizens of Warwick, state funds and grants, and donated materials sold by the Friends of the Library. We sincerely appreciate the support by the City of Warwick and the citizens of Warwick.

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