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## Board of Trustees

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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.

## Friends Board

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<td>Membership &amp; Marketing</td>
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<td>Jayne Berghorn</td>
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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

Children’s Programs

Talks/Presentations

Film Series & Documentaries
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
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.

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 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!”

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.

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.

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 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.

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