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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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Welcome, the Warwick Public Library is “your open door to learning” and we strive to offer something for everyone. Our staff are professionals who are known for their excellent customer service. This year, we began loaning telescopes, virtual reality equipment purchased with a grant, Playaway® audiobooks on digital devices for loan at two branches, reference chat service on the Library’s website, and children’s Book Buddy Bags (containing books, puppets, etc.). We added new online services to our lineup including a food database and a collection of over 500 video-based courses for patrons interested in personal or professional growth. For those interested in e-books, e-audio, and streaming movies, we offer eZone© and Hoopla©, giving patrons free access to thousands of electronic items.

We are fully engaged with our community. We had a table at the Goddard Park Farmers’ Market during the summer, participated in the National Night Out on Oakland Beach, and had a booth at the annual RI Robot Block Party. We provided glasses for the solar eclipse and an educational program during the event. During a winter storm we stayed open as a warming center, and following a four-day power outage in the fall, we arranged charging stations for the public to charge phones and computers. We rendered extensive outreach to Warwick’s elementary schools, provided children’s programs, and gave tours to students bussed to the Library.

Building improvements included new carpet in the Children’s Library and new carpet and paint in the Teenspace, paid for with a Champlin Foundation grant. The Apponaug and Norwood Branches had interiors painted, and the Conimicut Branch received a new outdoor sign, thanks to the grandchildren of Beatrice Paul.

The Library’s accomplishments must be credited to the Library Board of Trustees, dedicated and tireless staff, Friends of the Library, donors, volunteers, and to the support of the Mayor and City Council.

Sincerely,

Chris La Roux
Library Director
Accomplishments

- 43,470 wireless sessions
- 30,897 library cards in use
- 28,062 attended a library program
- 574,553 materials borrowed
- $78,000 Champlin Foundation Grant & a $9,300 Studio Rhode Grant
- $17,680 donated by the Friends of the Warwick Library
- 4,394 children attended Storytimes
- 2,481 new cards issued
- 1,451 summer readers earned a prize
- 1,338 summer reading completions
- 2,519 summer reading sign ups
- 743 community meetings
- 46,374 questions answered
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Our patrons enjoyed an array of services including glass study rooms, free access to computers, and high speed Internet. This past year, patrons appreciated the special glasses to observe the solar eclipse and the accompanying information. There were Storytimes for children, including reading aloud to a therapy dog. There were film series, concerts, and arts and crafts programs. Patrons enjoyed free access to electronic media via the eZone© and Hoopla©, a vastly updated Children’s Library technology area and the ever popular Teenspace. Of course, we offered traditional print books, audiobooks, and movies. The Friends of the Library generously supported library programs through their successful book sales.
A generous grant from the Champlin Foundation allowed us to replace the carpeting in the Children’s Library and Teenspace. A Rhode Island architectural firm designed the carpet pattern that creates a coastal theme in the Children’s Library.

Virtual Reality

We were excited to receive a Studio Rhode Next Generation Library Challenge grant to buy two virtual reality stations and educational software. Patrons can now visit other countries and experience other cultures using virtual reality, as well as exploring and learning. This technology will be shared with local schools and libraries throughout the state.
Community Engagement

We participated in and supported several events, including Warwick’s 375 Year Anniversary with Warwick’s Historical Society. We featured Gamm Theatre’s Executive Director, Tony Estrella, exhibited artwork by Irish painter Yvonne King, participated in the National Night Out event and the RI Robot Block Party, held the annual Quahogger Jamboree, hosted a Pumpkin Walk, participated in a clothing drive with Goodwill Industries, and supported food truck events. The Library Free Comic Book Day event was attended by many characters including R2D2! The Board of Trustees honored former Trustee and benefactor, Anne Kayarian, with a cherry tree planting and plaque in the Library’s garden.
HomeBound Program

The HomeBound program, utilizing the U.S. postal service to deliver library materials to our homebound patrons, has been a great success. Started with a RI Foundation Centennial Grant two years ago, the service has grown to over 60 users who receive monthly deliveries of books and movies free of charge. We have mailed over 4,100 library materials to thankful Warwick residents over the past year.

Outreach To Schools & School Visits

The youth services librarians visited all 14 elementary schools to promote our Summer Learning Challenge. We partnered with the Warwick Public Schools to fight the learning loss that occurs during the summer months. The Warwick School District accepted our Summer Learning Challenge as an assignment. Over the past two years, we have seen a 122% increase in student completion rates, as well as an increase in parent participation.

We welcomed students and teachers who visited us with a field trip tailored to meet their needs. A visit can include, but is not limited to, a tour, scavenger hunt, library cards, book checkout, and a read-aloud. We also bring our Storytimes program on the road with monthly visits to Child Inc.’s preschool classroom.
Our state-of-the-art Idea Studio is a maker space with the latest technology. Whether you are a student working on a 3D project or someone who wants to convert your wedding movies from videocassette to DVD, we have something for you. The room is also used for computer classes, arts and crafts programs, and houses the virtual reality equipment. We invite everyone to come and explore.
Storytimes are offered for different ages in the Children’s Library. Our Book Buddy Bag program, started in the fall of 2017, has been a great success. Currently, we have 19 totes or backpacks to check out for three weeks. Each set contains a favorite plush book character and theme book to enjoy at home. Our goal is to instill a love of reading in young children that will last a lifetime.

Book Groups

We create book club bags containing multiple copies of the same book that patrons can borrow and use for their own book clubs and discussion groups. We also conduct several book groups for people with many different interests. For more information on each group and to join one, ask a reference librarian at our main branch or check out “Reading” on our website, WarwickLibrary.org.
2018 Operating Budget: $4,227,528

- Staff: 47%
- Books, Media & Programs: 9%
- Benefits: 25%
- Computers & Internet: 4%
- Operations: 13%
- Support Services: 2%

Expenses

Income

- City Funding: 79%
- Grants, Donations & Endowment: 20%
- Fines & Lost Item Payments: 1%

Budget figures: July 2017 to June 2018
We Are In Your Community

Find us on:

WarwickLibrary.Org

Central Library
600 Sandy Lane
(401) 739-5440

Norwood Branch
328 Pawtuxet Ave.
(401) 941-7545

Apponaug Branch
3267 Post Road
(401) 739-6411

Conimicut Branch
55 Beach Ave.
(401) 737-6546