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Financial Recap
Thanks in large part to the generous support of our donors, the library is in good financial shape. The following is a high-level unaudited summary of the financial status of the library for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The operating expenses for the library for the fiscal year were $582,000. The largest operating expense was for salary and related costs which accounted for 70% of the total. Other expenses were for books and related media, utilities and maintenance, and normal office expenses.

Funding for operations came from the fall and spring appeals (30%), the Town of Woodstock (35%), and the remainder from various sources (including books sales, a restricted gift to fund book purchases, grants, and income from the library's endowment).

On June 30, 2023, the library's endowment, and related funds earmarked for major repairs and maintenance projects, stood at $3.2 million.

Planned giving is a charitable strategy that enables you to provide long term resources to the library in your will without reducing your income and assets today.

To learn how you can initiate a planned gift to support the ongoing work of the NWPL, please call or email Michael at (802) 457-2295 or michael@normanwilliams.org

The Norman Williams Public Library enriches the intellectual, cultural, and civic life of greater Woodstock by promoting a lifelong love of reading and learning, fostering the free exchange of ideas, and providing a welcoming space for people of all ages and backgrounds: and offering resources for building a more just and humane community.
The Year in Review

In Memorium
The Norman Williams Public Library community mourns the death of two outstanding men. Christopher Lloyd was a long-time editor at Countryman Press. As a library trustee, Chris was instrumental in the major renovations of our historic building two decades ago. Hugh Belton, husband of the former NWPL Executive Director Jennifer Belton, was a master furniture maker and creator of the wood sculpture that graces the Mezzanine.

Cardholders = 2,983
New Cardholders = 350
Number of Visitors = 51,202
Reference Questions = 3,290
New Books Added to Collection = 1,332
Items Circulated = 31,491
Digital Items Circulated = 26,108
Social Media Followers = 1,981
Newsletter Subscribers = 1,778
Adult Programs = 373
Adult Programs Attendance = 2,576
Youth Programs = 125
Youth Programs Attendance = 1,061
Public Computer Use = 75
Copies Made = 2,243
Pages Scanned = 248
Website Visits = 85,305

Happy 100th Birthday Ginny Christie! Ginny became director of NWPL in the late 1970s, a post she held for decades

January- Special Author Events
Geza Tatrallayay, Short Stories
Celia Ryker, Augusta- A Novel
February- Love Your Library, sponsored by the Friends of the NWPL
March- Women's History Month and what better woman to highlight than Olivia Briggs Jaquith, who served as the first librarian of the Norman Williams Public Library from 1884-1912.
April- Celebrate Poetry month. Poets of all ages invited to add a “leaf” of verse to our “poet tree”.
May- Full introduction of ASPEN, our new online catalog
June- Welcome to Sarah Muhlberg, our new assistant in the Children's Library

July- Summer Reading: An Ocean of Possibilities
August- Puppies and Pooches on Parade
September- New carpeting on the main floor, mezzanine, and admin office level
October- Family movie night
Family pumpkin carving night
November- A Voice to Be Heard, A Time to Consider: An Exhibition of Paintings Elizabeth Ricketson
December- Wassail Weekend
Rare and Vintage Book Sale, Ham Gillett, A Child’s Christmas in Wales
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