Dear Readers,

2014 was a year of growth and gratitude here at the Desmond-Fish Library. In March, our Board officially hired me as the Library Director and I jumped in feet first with plenty of help from our wonderful staff. In May, our community showed their support for the work we do by passing our first referendum vote for public funding. Over the summer, we received grant support to install an energy-efficient HVAC system to keep our building climate-controlled and our patrons comfortable. The fall brought the retirement of our beloved Vivian Thomson after 22 years of service and the hire of new staff members who have brought great enthusiasm and fresh ideas to their positions on the team.

All year long, we’ve engaged with our neighboring schools and organizations to find ways to collaborate and offer new opportunities to the community we all serve. Our programs and services for adults and children have expanded exponentially with attendance up nearly fifty percent at our popular Project Code Spring after school coding club and at new programs like our New Moms and Infants Support Group, LEGO club, summer potlucks and family movie nights.

Throughout everything, I have been overwhelmed by all the generosity and support we’ve received from every aspect of our community. Our incredibly dedicated board members, our hard-working Friends group, and our talented, professional staff have all gone above and beyond to keep the Library afloat in a sea of change.

Above all, I have to say a special thank you to our patrons. Your kind words and suggestions have helped to guide us along the way and remind us every day that helping our community grow and thrive remains the core of the work we do. It’s a pleasure knowing and working with all of you. And I look forward to seeing you here at the Library again soon!

Jen McCreery, Library Director
Financial Report

TOP TOPICS BORROWED BY ADULTS:
Home Economics
Drawing
Travel
Agriculture & Pets
Arts & Architecture
European History
Psychology
Anatomy & Physiology
United States History
Social Sciences

TOP TOPICS BORROWED BY CHILDREN:
Zoology
Folklore & Fairytales
Dinosaurs & Botany
Drawing
World History
Agriculture & Pets
Anatomy & Physiology
Physics, Chemistry & Earth Sciences
Literature
Recreation & Sports

DFL Patrons by Age

2014 Source of Funds Total $594,906
- Endowment $295,655
- Payroll & Benefits $327,364
- Administration & Supplies $10,150
- Collection & Programs $37,659
- Utilities & Building Maintenance $83,136
- Capital Expense $62,125
- Financial & Excise Tax $19,385
- Contingency Fund $55,087
- School District Tax $74,695
- State & Local Government $32,453
- Grants $21,808
- Fundraising $98,900
- Capital Project Draw $43,250
- Friends $22,645
- Fines/Miscellaneous $5,500

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*Code Springer Tomas built a laptop for his science project.
*Artist, Nina Tantillo-Elton explores Hudson River art with a young library patron.
COLLECTIONS AND CARDHOLDERS
4,332 new items were added to the collection in 2014 and 41,555 items were borrowed. 149 new patrons joined our library last year.

PROGRAMS
With 379 programs from preschool story hours to digital literacy programs, from family movie nights to author events, the library entertained and inspired 4,923 children, teens and adults last year.

SHARED RESOURCES
In 2014, we shared 20,171 books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks through our inter-library loan system. The system allows the 66 participating libraries to share an overall collection of over 2 million items, ultimately a great savings to our patrons. In collaboration with our fellow Putnam County Libraries, we offered access to online resources including JobNow Resume Help, Chilton's Car Repair, Homework Help, eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, newspapers and magazines from around the world, and Practice Exams for a variety of tests and topics.

TECHNOLOGY
Our Project Code Spring computer coding club grew exponentially in 2014, with over 80 kids registered to learn essential coding skills and have fun at the same time. For adults, we continue to offer our one-on-one computer help sessions twice each week, and thanks to generous donations from the community, we added three new public use computers.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
The library expanded our services outside the building in 2014 through collaborations with local organizations including Garrison Union Free School, Haldane, the Cold Spring Farmers Market, Constitution Marsh, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson and Garrison Art Center.
Mission
… to provide access to the world of social and cultural ideas to the community by offering a wide variety of materials and programs. The Library has a special mission to young children and their parents to encourage a love of reading and learning. The Library is committed to preserving the integrity of the collections of the Curtis Desmond and Fish families.

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-5
Tuesday & Thursday 2-9
Saturday 10-4 (10-1 in August)
Sunday 1-5 (Closed June-August)

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