

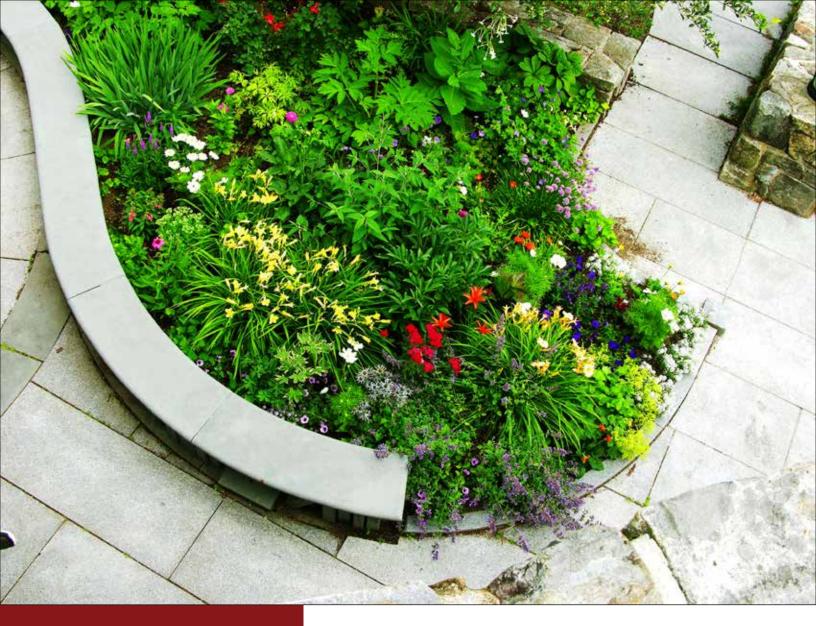
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Leonard Lookner

1940 - 2017

In Memory of Leonard

We are honored to dedicate this Annual Report to the fond memory of Leonard Owen Lookner, who passed away on February 5, 2017. During his frequent visits to the library, Leonard would express his great love of books. He would often suggest special, out-of-the-ordinary titles to add to the collection for others to enjoy – and that tradition will live on in his memory.



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Did you know?

In 2017, the Camden Public Library was again named a Five-Star Library, ranking your library among the top 85 in the U.S.

- America's Star Libraries, Library Journal Index of Public Library Service, 2017

Before the Camden Public Library was built, the Ocean House Hotel stood at the corner of Route 1 and Atlantic Avenue on the hill where the library now stands (1880 photo).

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An Enduring Partnership

It all began more than 100 years ago.

When the Ocean House Hotel burned down in 1916, philanthropist Mary Louise Curtis Bok purchased the hotel land and gifted it to the Town of Camden for the purpose of building a library. The library opened its doors in 1928, only after building funds were raised. But Mary Louise wasn't done yet. She began to purchase plots of land all up and down Atlantic Avenue, and by the early 1930s, her vision for today's Amphitheatre and Harbor Park, as an extension of the library grounds, began to take shape. All three properties, the library land, and the completed Amphitheatre, and Harbor Park, were given to the Town with the provision that they always be kept under the full authority of the Library Board of Trustees. And so began the public/private partnership we still function under today, at a time when these kinds of partnerships were rare. Again in the 1990s, the public/private partnership was on full display when the Centennial Wing was built, expanding the original building into what we see today.

Fast-forward to the 21st century. Today's library has lived up to and surpassed Mary Louise's vision, and even the vision of those who planned the Centennial Wing in the 1990s. Each year, some **230,000** walk through our doors and use our facility. Those aren't 230,000 different individuals – this is Camden using its library on a regular basis. Today, 80% of Camden residents have a library card, and two-thirds of them use it regularly.

This year, the Town is funding the library at the 48% level. The rest – 52% of what is needed to sustain the Library, Harbor Park, and Amphitheatre – is earned in one way or another by library trustees, library volunteers, and library staff. That 52% doesn't come easy; instead it comes from donations, business support, grants, used book sales, wedding and grounds use fees, postcard sales, art sales, photocopies, endowment, and anything else we can think of to add to the mix.

With your help, we will continue to dedicate ourselves in support of Camden, and all the readers to come. With your help, we will continue to make magic happen here on a daily basis. With. Your. Help.

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Nikki Maounis

Director's Report

Financial Review

July 2016 – June 2017



Income

ANNUAL APPEAL and GRANTS	24%	\$212,298	
PROGRAM AND BOOK REVENUE	15%	\$126,424	
ENDOWMENT INCOME	13%	\$116,545	
TOWN OF CAMDEN	48%	\$415,000	
Total Income		\$870,267	
Expenses			
BOOKS, PROGRAMS, and OPERATING		\$187,565	
FACILITY MAINTENANCE and IMPROVEME	INTS	\$94,313	
7 DAYS-A-WEEK PROFESSIONAL and SUPPORT STAFF		\$533,099	
AMPHITHEATRE and HARBOR PARK		\$ 48,801	
Total Expenses		\$863,778	
Net Total		\$ 6,489	

Financial Reporting

The library follows procedures that ensure ongoing reviews of financial reporting during the fiscal year. The Finance Committee meets regularly to understand the details of the library's financial status. In addition, periodic independent audits are performed to provide an outside review of both the library's accounting procedures and the resulting financial reports.

Children's Program Highlights

The Camden Public Library has expanded its offerings for children and families related to STEAM, **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering**, **Art**, **and Math**, as well as geography. We offered 428 youth programs, including Girls Who Code and Creative Art Afternoons – all of which come back to books and creating young readers!

Technology-oriented youth programs are in high demand, as technology and computational thinking — the capacity to process large amounts of data each day — is in need and will continue to be.

In addition to Tinker
Tuesdays – STEAM programs
that focused on fourth to
eighth graders – we taught
preschool "Tiny Tinkers" and
kindergarten to third grade
"Little Steamers." Recent
projects included infinity
tiles, storms in a jar, and
symmetrical snowflakes.

We also conducted the Summer Reading Program with the



theme "Read Across America," with support from the Camden Rotary Club and Rose and Samuel Rudman Library Trust of the Maine Community Foundation.

Children pored through 878 books, learning about diverse geography and cultures during a virtual road trip from Maine to Hawaii. Nine kids even read a book from each of the 50 states!

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Offering
100 pairs of
free viewing
glasses,
the library
ultimately
attracted
hundreds
of people to
watch the
Aug. 21 solar
eclipse.





Adult Program Highlights

- First-ever fire performers in the Amphitheatre, thanks to Dark Follies
- First international potluck meal, shared by more than five nationalities
- Successful Movies & Music summer series
- Zachary Fowler, a local celebrity who won the TV show "Alone," shared his stories
- 400 attendees for a ballet performance in the Amphitheatre, "Beauty and the Beast" by the Atlantic Ballet Company
- Programs highlighted environmental concerns, gave women a spotlight (like the Craftswomen of the Midcoast series,) and celebrated local authors and artists
- Hosted the Camden Garden Club, Quarry Hill, Camden Conference, Audubon, and Coastal Mountains Land Trust for ongoing speakers series
- Successful Coffeehouse concerts continued

Year-Round Engagement

- Winterfest: Our Community Ice Carving
 Festival kicks off what has become a town wide, week-long Winterfest celebration. We
 are proud to have begun the tradition and to
 see it grow to include the whole town.
- Summer Music Series takes place in July and August in the Amphitheatre, with additional concerts sponsored by groups such as the Camden Rotary Club.
- **Summer Movies Series** is held July and August in the Amphitheatre.
- The Camden Shakespeare Festival played to appreciative audiences, performing "Romeo and Juliet" in the Amphitheatre.
- Midcoast Mini Maker Faire brings family fun with everything from hands-on to hightech interactive learning.
- The Millay Society learned about the life experiences of foreign correspondent H.D.S. Greenway at the summer social.
- Harbor Arts & Books juried arts fair, also featuring the library's huge outdoor book sale, runs twice a year, summer and fall.
 It is supported by the Reny Charitable Foundation, along with First National Bank.
- Camden Library Coffeehouse brings live traditional and acoustic music to Camden's appreciative audiences.
- Maritime Month is much anticipated by our local salts, who find it is a perfect program "between ski season and varnishing season." Sponsored by Allen Insurance and Financial.
- Jumpstart January was again a popular series offering crafts for adults. Why let kids have all the fun? Grown-ups want to get their hands on the art projects, too!
- Discover History Month brings well-known historians and local legends to life annually. The Smiling Cow helped make it possible.

Walsh History Center



History Center Highlights

The Walsh History Center hosts a stream of visitors and research requests. People ask about photos and genealogy, and pose fascinating questions that give us an opportunity to show off our trove of local history with topics such as:

- The famous inventor of the hole in the donut, Captain Hanson Crockett Gregory
- Camden's yacht designer Geerd Hendel
- Landscape designer Hans Heistad and the CCC camp of the 1930s
- Air raid preparations during World War II
- The film "Peyton Place"
- For whom was Arey Avenue named
- The Schooner Helen Barnet Gring, launched by the Bean yard in 1919
- Model makers researching plans for two different boats, the *Lyndonia* yacht and the Navy ATRs built by the Camden Shipbuilding and Marine Railway Company in World War II

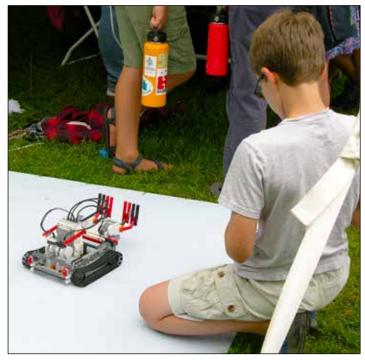
- Lily Pond ice harvesting
- The Elm Street School playground
- The Camden Hills Theater of the 1950s

In-Progress Projects

- Organizing our map collection so it is accessible in-person and online
- Co-hosting the Winter History Series with the Camden-Rockport Historical Society
- Hosting the Camden Historic Resources Committee, and reviewing their collection, which is housed in the History Center
- Adding new donations to the collection, such as the Megunticook Golf Club Collection and various private photo collections

Technology







Girls Who Code

Last fall, the Camden Public Library became the first public library in Maine to offer the *Girls Who Code* club, part of a national effort to close the gender gap in technology.

Technology Highlights

- Offered weekly workshop technology classes to keep members device-savvy
- Began monthly one-on-one tech appointments for hands-on learning
- With generous support from Kepware, started a Girls Who Code club for 6th to 12th grade girls; its mission is to help close the gender gap in technology
- Added wireless printing capability for guests' laptops and mobile devices
- Began streaming events through Facebook Live video
- Offered additional laptops for in-house circulation
- Started offering the new on-demand video streaming service Kanopy, which includes classic,

independent, and documentary films







Harbor Park and Amphitheatre



Camden Harbor Park and Amphitheatre Highlights

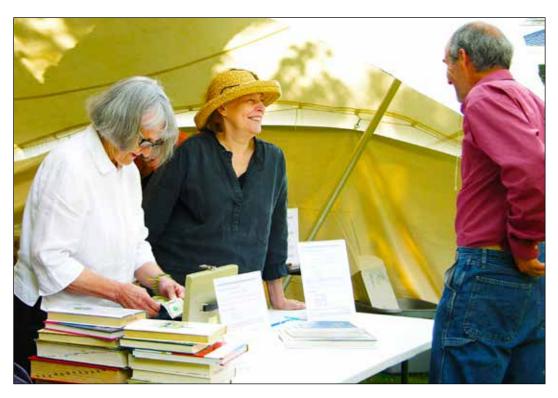
- February 4: Winterfest Ice carving in the Amphitheatre, a special children's program, and a continuous concert inside. Attendance topped an estimated 1,000, and food sales set a new record.
- May 24: Key Bank's volunteer Neighbors Day. Five Key Bank personnel worked all afternoon raking, pruning, and weeding Harbor Park.
- June 30 September 15: Historic
 Walking tours of the Amphitheatre and
 Harbor Park, the Great Fire District,
 Village Green, and Camden Opera
 House. Attendance averaged 17 walkers.

I do. I do. I do.

The historic Camden
Amphitheatre served as the
beautiful setting for 18 weddings.

- June 24 October 14: Eighteen weddings in the Amphitheatre
- July 4: The Camden Rotary Club annual Music by the Sea festival, followed by fireworks
- All summer long: Outdoor movie series
- All summer long: Thursday night concerts
- July 14 16: Camden Harbor Arts & Books
- July 26 August 14: Nine Shakespeare performances in the Amphitheatre
- September 2 4: Windjammer Festival
- September 9: Midcoast Mini Maker Faire
- September 30: Camden Harbor Arts & Books

Volunteers



3,215 hours

Library
volunteers gave
more than 3,000
hours of their
time, doing
everything from
shelving to
raising \$26,611
through indoor
and outdoor
book sales.

Thank you to our incredible volunteers

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Making it all happen

The Camden Public Library is grateful for the strong network of funding support it receives from the Town of Camden, combined with significant contributions generated by yearlong fundraising efforts from foundation grants, business underwriting, and individual community members of all ages.

Annual Giving

Every year, gifts directly support essential programs, services, and resources in this community.

Grants

The library applies for projectspecific funding from several organizations each year.

Millay Society

Friends of the library provide operational support with annual gifts of \$1,200 or more to ensure that the library continues to educate, serve, and empower residents and visitors.

Planned Giving

Several generous donors have chosen to *Leave It to the Library*

by making a planned gift, strengthening the library's longterm viability. This legacy is in keeping with the Camden tradition of communitybuilding gifts.

Stock the Stacks

This fund is specifically designated for acquiring new books. Gifts of any size help. With each \$25 contribution, the library places a special plate in a new book with the donor's name, or the name of a family member or friend.

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Gifts provided in funds and in-kind donations support programs and services, as well as facility upkeep.

We appreciate our generous business community

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