The magic of bringing people together
The way a library should be

It is said that we in Maine live life the way it should be. To me, a big part of the way we live our “best” lives is having access to a good library. And at this moment in time, when access to learning and to information is even more vital, our libraries are more important than ever. It helps in life to have things that we can count on.

What I hear, from those all around me, is a longing for a place of connection in our divided country. As a center of public life in Camden, your library provides that safe place to not only be heard, but also to listen to each other. Please join in as we at the Camden Public Library help to build community, preserve history, and nurture the life of the mind in this, our chosen spot on the coast of Maine.

Nikki Maounis
Executive Director
Financial Review
July 2018 - June 2019

Income

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ANNUAL APPEAL and GRANTS</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>$229,485</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROGRAM AND BOOK REVENUE</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>$138,221</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENDOWMENT INCOME</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>$126,469</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOWN OF CAMDEN</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>$458,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>$952,175</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

 Expenses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BOOKS, PROGRAMS, and OPERATING</td>
<td>$199,055</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FACILITY MAINTENANCE and IMPROVEMENTS</td>
<td>$97,474</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7-DAYS-A-WEEK PROFESSIONAL and SUPPORT STAFF</td>
<td>$601,380</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AMPHITHEATRE and HARBOR PARK</td>
<td>$50,159</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$948,068</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Net $4,107

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, annual independent audits and reviews are performed to provide an outside examination of both the library’s accounting procedures and the resulting financial reports.
Historic parks receive grant

The library has been awarded a $12,000 grant by the Belvedere Historical Preservation Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. With this support, work has begun to repair and refinish the wrought iron railings of the Fauns Garden outdoor double staircase. The brick piers that support the staircase will also be re-pointed.

Children’s Programs

The library continued five weekly story hours and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) programs, offering more than 500 programs to nearly 9,500 participants, including Girls Who Code, Tinker Tuesdays, and Creative Art Afternoons. In March, our Children’s Room transformed into a farm for kids to read, play, and explore. During “A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program, families discovered the sky in a Planetarium in the Reading Room. Monarch madness in the fall reared, tagged, and released 42 butterflies!

Adult Programs

The library engaged more than 18,000 adults with nearly 600 programs in 2019. Presentations ran the gamut of interests and featured writers, scientists, wellness experts, performers, and artists from the coast and beyond. Partnerships with organizations like the Camden Conference, Coastal Mountains Land Trust, Midcoast Women, and the Camden Shakespeare Festival provided our community with intimate access to wide-ranging speakers and content.

Walsh History Center

The renovation of the Walsh History Center in 2019 refreshed the facilities while increasing storage capacity and usefulness. The work has led to ever increasing visits and requests for research, microfilm viewing, genealogical review, and as hoped, meeting space for community groups and business use, as well as work and study by individuals. Thanks to the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation and Davis Family Foundation for the charitable grants that made this transformation possible.

We bring people together to read, connect, and discover. With 229,000 visits in 2019, the library remains an anchor for the community.
Anonymous donor opens doors

A concerned community member discovered the struggle to fund an accessible door at the Atlantic Avenue entrance and made an anonymous donation to cover the cost. The automated door now makes the library even more welcoming and beneficial to individuals as well as community groups, like the Camden Brain Injury Support Group, who meet monthly at the library.

“Improvements like this can make lives a lot easier,” said Youth Services Librarian Loraine Murray. “We have parents who come in holding an infant in one arm and pushing a stroller with the other.” One young library member learned how to press the button to help his mom, her arms loaded with books.

One woman makes extraordinary gift to the library’s future

“I have heard it said that if you wait long enough, people will surprise and impress you,” said Executive Director Nikki Maounis. That was certainly the case when the library received notice of the profoundly generous bequest of more than $100,000 by Vera J. Hill.

“Wow!” Maounis added, “I wish I had known her and could thank her in person.”

The sweeping generosity of Vera Hill, who passed away in 2019 at age 92, is resonating across the Midcoast as churches, libraries, schools, and even an animal shelter will benefit from her considerate gifts. Hill worked for National Sea Products in Rockland and was active in the Episcopal Church in Camden and Rockland. She was laid to rest in Camden’s Seaview Cemetery.

She is remembered for “her cleverness and quick wit, her natural ability to listen and engage others in conversation, and her great sense of humor” in her obituary. Her legacy is truly an example of how one person’s thoughtful philanthropy can make a radical difference in a community.

“In a town the size of Camden, a library is truly the center for public life,” Maounis said. “In our community, it’s the place you come to get something to read, meet a friend, learn about local history. It’s a hub and an anchor. So much happens here.”

The library has honored Vera Hill with a dedication engraved on one of the stones in the pathway leading to the library’s entrance: Vera Hill – Your Gift is Our Future.
Library volunteers move mountains and sea!
Volunteers raised an astonishing $36,147 in book sales!
That Herculean effort was part of the 3,211 hours that volunteers gave, from shelving to staffing Harbor Arts & Books.
Rita Grinnell Elliott
Jane Grohs
Dr. Eric Grossman
Nancy Haley
Ronald and Franziska Hart
Lucinda Hathaway
Robert Lee and Robert Heald, in memory of Gianpaolo Gentle
Aaron Henderson
Marthe M. Henning
Elizabeth R. Henry
Roberta Heyn
Deborah and Roy Hitchings
Dottie Hokkanen
Albert Holland
Geoffrey Horlick and Sally Sherwood
Susan Horlock, in memory of Carl Rotman
Andrea Itkin
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ives
Dave and Nancy Jackson
Nancy Harmon Jenkins
Donald B. Johnson
Leo and Lyra Kalajian
Joseph Kalo
Jack and Evelyn Kane
Susan and Ted Kanellakis, in memory of Gianpaolo Gentle
Robert Gentle
Deb Kaufmann
Dr. Virginia Kaufmann
Alan and Carol Larson
Joan M. Losee
Pamela MacBrayne
John and Betty Ann Mahoney
Susan Manning, in honor of Marti Wolfe
Mike, Lisa, Noah, and Allie Marshall, in honor of Roy and Jennifer Marshall
James and Jean Matlack
Mrs. A. McConnell, in memory of Gianpaolo Gentle
Dennis and Judith McGuirk
Martha* and Todd McIntosh, in memory of Martha Wilson McIntosh
Nathaniel S. and Sally Ann Merrill
Sandy Millar
Cheryl and Tom Mitchell
Dennis Morand
Kathleen Morgan
Susan and Dave Morrison
Becky Anderson and James Nickelson
Arthur Norton and Jennifer P. Marks
Patricia O’Toole
Bob Olfenbuttel
Elizabeth C. Parker
Thomas Peaco
Mike and Missy Perls
Graham and Joan Phaup
Leilani Poland
Patrick and Marie P. Powell, in memory of Gianpaolo Gentle
Cyndi Prince
Linda Radonsky
Adam Rawn, in memory of Gianpaolo Gentle
Joyce Richard
Susan G. Richardson, in memory of Gian Gentile
Sharon Creech and Lyle Rigg
Jamie and Heather Ritter
Philip Rivers
Denyse Robinson
Richard Russell
Gayle and Stu Samuels, in honor of the extraordinary work of Miss Amy Robert and Mary Saner
Claire and Jack Sanford
Paul and Linda Satkowski
Marina Schaufller and Ed Geis
Audrey Schlick
Valerie Schoek, in memory of Janan Vaughn
John Scholz and Meg Barclay
Barbara Schrade
Gayle B. Shaw
Thea Shute, in memory of Alan Frey
Matthew Siegel
Marilyn Smith
Brenda and George Squibb
Christine St. Cyr
George Stadler
Geraldine Steele
Raymond Swan
Bibi Talebi
Lynne and Martin Taylor
Jennifer, Brooks, Liefe, and Haydee Temple
Dawn Tennant
Charles and Lois Thomsen
Robyn Tierney
Adam J. Tober and Gwendolyn L. Smith
Barbara Todd, in memory of Gianpaolo Gentle
Nicky and Peter Turek
Bill and Danielle Vallee, on behalf of Marti Wolfe
Andrew Walker, Patti Garcia, Avery and Collan, in memory of Carl Rotman
Michael F. Walsh
Nina Lynn Wheeler
Don and Jean White
Gabrielle and Joseph Wicklow
Martha L. Wolfe

(From left) Camden Firefighter Clint Beveridge engages a young library member in fire safety. “Finding Our Voices,” an exhibit by Patrisha McLean, opens courageous conversations.

*In Memoriam

GRANT SUPPORT
Belvedere Historical Preservation Fund of the Maine Community Foundation
Camden Rotary Club

BUSINESS SUPPORT
Lea Sponsor
The Reny Charitable Foundation

Anniversary Special Gift | Event Supporter
TREEKEEPERS LLC - Johnson’s Arboriculture

Multiple-Event Supporter
Camden Riverhouse Hotel
Lyman-Morse

Event Patron
Hawthorn Inn
The Smiling Cow

Additional Business Support
Brimstone Consulting Group, LLC
Camden Island
Mount Pleasant Dental Care
Rockport Automotive
Stone Soup Books
Viking, Inc.

In-Kind Support
Fresh & Co.
Maine Street Imprints
Subway of Camden
Wallace Events
Anonymous (2)  
Donald and Penny Abbott  
David and Liz Albertson  
Dr. and Mrs. Terence Albright  
Skip and Kate Bates  
Christopher and Charlotte Beebe  
Diane Blizzard  
Connie and Bob Bock  
Elizabeth J. Boogusch, M.D.  
Reade and Martha Brower  
John Burns and Natalie Travia  
Silvio Calabi and Sue Bramhall  
Camden Brain Injury Support Group  
Julie Cavley*  
Susan Stasiowski and Dan Cheever  
Sheila and Thomas Clark  
John and Ellen Claussen  
Dianne R. Conover  
Samuel Crouch  
Leslie Curtis and Don Peccei  
Cheryl Oliveri-Daly and Dan Daly  
John and Barbara Davidson  
Davis Family Foundation  
Kathy and Jack Deupree  
Phil Dinkins and Ed Lally  
Deb and Jeffrey Dodge  
Dave and Kate Doubs  
Ed and Vicki Douders  
Toni Federle  
Jay and Antonia Munroe Fischer  
Abigail and John Fitzgerald  
Des Fitzgerald and Lucinda Ziesing  
Susan and Peter Fitzgerald  
Susan and Shane Flynn  
Don and Molly Foster  
Jacob and Terry Gerritsen  
Lisa Gorman  
Janny Goss  
Susan* and Bob Griffin  
Claudia and Michael Griffiths  
Jennifer Gromada and John Cummings  
Nir and Molly Harish  
Estate of Vera J. Hill  
Bob Carter and Sue Hopkins  
David and Lucinda Hutchinson  
Rich and Hildy Itkin  
Dave and Nancy Jackson  
James and Betty Jacobs  
Family Charitable Trust  
Patricia and Rendle Jones  
Janis and Peter Kesser  
Ben Kimball  
Jim and Catherine Kinsella  
Jeff Tucker and Leonard Kizner  
Kathryn and Andrew Klaber  
Elinor Klivans  
Nancy and Parker Laite, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Lane  
Robin and Tamara Lloyd  
Estate of Leonard Owen Lookner  
Colleen Lowe  
Nikki Maounis  
Martha Martens  
Rosalee and David McCullough  
Dennis and Judith McGuirk  
Alison McKellar and Vincent Jones  
Patrisha McLean  
Mitchell and Jan McMillen  
Joseph D. Messler, Jr.  
Allison Middleton  
Andrew and Elizabeth Moran  
Caroline Morong, in support of the Ann H. Symington Endowment  
Taylor Mudge  
Jim and Pat Nelson  
Donald and Alice Noble Foundation  
Arthur Norton and Jennifer P. Marks  
Paul O’Brien  
Gerald and Kimberly Opiela  
Jennifer Parmalee  
Keith and Priscilla Patten  
Mike and Missy Perlis  
Betsy Perry and Neale Sweet  
Sue Penberthy Pfau  
Gale Picker and John Larsen, Brant Foundation  
Mike and Kate Pierce  
Rothwell and Leigh Pool  
Theodore and Filomena Raia  
Rick Rector  
John and Cynthia Reed  
Diana Rigg  
Robert V. Shotwell Estate  
James Rockefeller, Jr., and Marilyn Moss Rockefeller  
Chris and Heather Rogers  
Paul and Martha Rogers  
Amy and Peter Rollins  
Sarah Ruef Lindquist  
Mary R. Saltonstall and John K. Hanson Jr.  
Mario and Sarah Serafini  
Ellen C. L. Simmons and Family  
J.P. and Kaki Smith  
Tyler and Kristen Smith  
Brian Smullen  
Tom and Jo Ellen Stammen  
Keiko and Matthew Storin  
Charles and Lois Thomsen  
Benjamin Todd, on behalf of Susan Todd  
Galen and Susan Todd  
Leslie Tranchell  
Peter C. Van Alstine  
Fred and Ann Waigand  
Peter and Deborah Warren  
Lucinda Watson  
Don and Jean White  
John and Lucy Williams  
Martha L. Wolfe  
Katherine Young

*In Memoriam
MARY LOUIS CURTIS BOK INVESTOR  $50,000-plus
First National Bank

FLETCHER STEELE PARTNER  $25,000-plus
Bangor Savings Bank Foundation

MEGUNTICOOK INVESTOR  $10,000-plus
Allen Insurance and Financial
Camden National Bank

HARBOR BENEFACOR  $5,000–$9,999
Camden Law
The Reny Charitable Foundation

ATLANTIC AVENUE PATRON  $1,200–$4,999
Baird Private Wealth Management
Hartstone Inn & Hideaway
Ken Gardiner, Edward Jones Investments - Camden
P.G. Willey & Co.
Peter Ott’s On The Water
Viking, Inc.

MAIN STREET PARTNER  Up to $1,200
Camden Coast Real Estate
DAAC Designs
Fresh Restaurant
Glendarragh Lavender
High Mountain Hall
Horch Roofing Inc.
Legacy Properties Sotheby’s International Realty
Maritime Energy
Once a Tree
The Smiling Cow
Waterfront Restaurant

IN-KIND DONORS
Bay View Collection
Blackberry Inn
Camden Jewelry Company
Leslie Curtis Designs
Proforma Marketing Essentials

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
CAMPAIGN FOR THE FUTURE
CAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

As of Feb. 1, 2020
Thanks to the 225-plus donors supporting the Brick Garden

Anonymous
Donald and Penny Abbott
Tyler Abbott and Kelly Murphy
Christine Adams
Kimberly Adams
Bernice Berger and Roger Akeley
Jonathan Allen
Andrew Aprill
Debbie Aylaian
Baird Private Wealth
Management
Edward Ballo
Penny Baum
Paige Beckman
Robert Bender
Lena Bengtsson
James Bennett
Rachel Bickham
Ken Bishop
Ronni Blaisdell
James and Felicity Bowditch
Karen C. Brace
Robin and Jeffrey Brown
Leo and Elisabeth Brennmeyer
Deborah and Witter Brooke
Mary Gray Brutt
Matthew Brown
Dale Bruce
Nelson Bryant
Susan Burkhart
Joy and Maureen Burnett
Ed Burns
John Burns and Natalie Travia
William and Barbara Buss
Silvio Calabi and Sue Bramhall
Camden Conference
Camden Opera House
Camden Riverhouse Hotel
Dana Cease
M. Chapman
Susan Stasiowski and Dan Cheever
Richard Chinlund
John and Ellen Claussen
Mary Conditt
and Stanley Jobe
Chris Cortese
Orion Couling
Jen Coursey
Ursula and Thomas Crosslin
Jack and Margaret Dautner
David and Mallory DeCubellis
Sabrina DeTurk
Kathy and Jack Deupree
Jamie Dishner
Ina Doban
Jo Donals and Peter Imber
Joey and Alisa Dowd
Mary Doyle
Andra Dreyfus
Patty Eddy
Whitney Ellis
Gene Ernest
Barry and Adele Faber
Fans of the Historic Walking Tours
Patty and Mick Feeney
Glen & Feli
Susan and Peter Fitzgerald
Jo Ann Fortin
Friends of Ed Shindle
Charles Gale
John Gilliland
Judy Godwin
Janet N. Gold
Blanche Goodwin
Lisa Gorman
Doug and Amelia Grant
Jennifer Gromada and John Cummings
Ken Gross
Karen Grove
Robert Gustafson
Chad Harris
James I. Heard and Dorothy D. Van Kennen
Ann Henderson
Ginger Hite
Mimi Benedict and Skip Hoblin
D. Hollander
Katie Howard
Karen Hull
Liz Ilenfeld
David Ingram
Jonathan Ives
Dave and Nancy Jackson
Kathleen Jarrell
Hilary Carr Jones and David Jones
Patricia and Rendle Jones
Joseph Kalo
Stu Kantor
Deb Kaufmann
Bud and Wendy Kellett
David G. Kern
Elizabeth Kilday
June S. Kincade
Crickett King
Jenny King
Elinor Klivans
D.E. Knowlton
Michael Koryta
Nancy and Parker Laite, Jr.
Ann Lape
Ivy Lapides
Diane Lebson
Sherri Levine Smith
Paul and Susan Levine
Steven Levine
Kristen Lindquist and Paul Doiron
Julia Lipton
Martin Lloyd
Robin and Tamara Lloyd
Loriman Looke
Patricia Lynch
Lynne Brown and Associates
Judi Male and Irving Stenn
Susan Manning, in honor of Marti Wolfe
Nikki Maounis
Cynthia Margeson
Michael Margeson
Victoria Marshall
Martin Family, in memory of Ed Shindle
Eleanor Masin-Peters
Carolyn May
Allan P. McCobb
Judy McCoy
Susan McGovern
Dennis and Judith McGuirk
Lydia McKee
Hugh McKellar
Patrisha McLean
Pat Messler
Stephanie Miller
Susan Miller
Ute Malior
Alison Montgomery
Kathleen Morgan
Elizabeth and David Mortlock
Judith Moses
C. Mudge
Becky Anderson and James Nickelson
Elizabeth Nobel and Colin Page
James Nolan
Debi Ohara
Owl & Turtle Bookshop Cafe
Peter Palermo
Cathryn Parker
Stephen Peats
Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce
Andrea Perko
Allyson Perleoni
Mike and Missy Perls
Betsy Perry and Neale Sweet
Anthony Peterman
Graham and Joan Phaup
Cathy and Jim Pierce
Tom and Dawna Pine
Joe Plambeck
Jeremy Pratt and Ellen Simmons
Brad Purdy
Scott D. Rackiff
Elizabeth Redman
Susan Reider and Rob Wasserstrom, Ph.D.
Melinda Reingold
Carley Ridgway
Sharon Creech and Lyle Rigg
Mary Anne Riley
Linda Ritter
Margaret Rizzio
Gabriele Roden
Carol Rohr
Chris Sady
Ian Sady
Mary R. Saltonstall and John K. Hanson Jr.
Anita Sandefur
Max Schulte
Beverly Scott
Leamon and Suzanne Scott
Joan and John Sebastian
Patricia Shannon
Gayle B. Shaw
Mark Siegenthaler
Hildy Simmons and David Sprafkin
Michael Simonton
Wendy Sirchio
Pat and Mike Skaling
Julie Slade
Kim Smith
Lucinda Speno
Geraldine Steele
Karina Steele
Susan Storer
Steven Sullivan
Kristen Surbey
Susan G. Taylor
John and Gail Teller
Jennifer, Brooks, Liefe, and Haydee Temple
Michael Thompson
Pam Tibbetts
Galen and Susan Todd
Michele Turner
David and Dody Urquha
Chris and Lori Van Dusen
David Vaughn
Paul Vellemann and Susan Michlovitz
Melissa Wallace
Elinor Weissman
Garth Wells
West Bay Rotary Club
Sarah Whitcher
Suzan Wiemers
Glenn Williams
Dianne Winston O’Connell
Kristen Wolf
Martha L. Wolfe
Dr. Thomas Wright
Olga Zimmerman

As of Feb. 1, 2020
Campaign for the Future kicks off during 2019 National Library Week

A week-long celebration of the library’s future began with our first Edible Books Festival (top), featuring more than 20 teams competing for prizes. (Right) During Historic Building and Parks Day, sculptor Andreas von Huene describes his work to restore the 1930 front-steps message, “Erected by The United Effort and Generosity of the Community.” (Above) Youth Services Librarian Amy Hand steps back to 1930 to join Mary Louise Curtis Bok, as re-enacted by Library Trustee Marti Wolfe, at the Walsh History Center Grand Re-Opening.

Look how far we are today!

Less than $500,000 to go to secure the future of the Camden Public Library

80%