



We dedicate our mission each day to you Serving our resilient community

Resilient. That's a word we hear a lot these days. Webster's defines it as "the ability to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions." And that's why the word defines 2020, the year of COVID-19.

We here at the Camden Public Library have been busy designing resilient library service for our community. Curbside pickup; curated selection; on-site graband-go; stronger Wi-Fi with outdoor seating; virtual story times and learning opportunities; and outdoor programs are now part of our daily offerings. Library service reimagined. As we've practiced our resiliency, we've become an unexpected bright spot in the middle of a very dark year. We all want to return to "normal" and have hopes that will return later this year.

At this particular moment in time, I believe the Library's mission
– its challenge – to support our community to Read, Connect, and Discover, is more important than ever before. Challenge accepted.

Nikki Maounis
Executive Director



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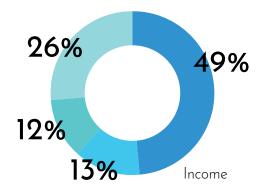
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Cover: Excerpt from "Epitaph for the Race of Man" (Sonnet XI) by Edna St. Vincent Millay, who survived the 1918 influenza pandemic. Statue photo: Peter Fitzgerald.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020

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.



INCOME		
ANNUAL APPEAL and GRANTS	26%	\$261,152
PROGRAM and BOOK REVENUE	12%	\$115,503
ENDOWMENT INCOME	13%	\$129,875
TOWN of CAMDEN	49%	\$478,000
TOTAL INCOME		\$984,530

EXPENSES	
BOOKS, PROGRAMS, and OPERATING	\$179,543
FACILITY MAINTENANCE and IMPROVEMENTS	\$117,455
PROFESSIONAL and SUPPORT STAFF	\$621,254
AMPHITHEATRE and HARBOR PARK	\$65,082
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$983,334

NET \$1,196



A program by Artist Ann Pollard-Ranco of the Penobscot Nation brought attention to our Facebook page never before seen.

Notable Programs

Camden Conference Community Event: "Adventures in Ice" with Photographer John Paul Caponigro



"Maine Bicentennial Series: Wabanaki Art and Environmentalism" with Artist Ann Pollard-Ranco



"Maine Staycation Series Travel Talk: An Insider's Guide to the Lewiston/Auburn Area" with Shanna Cox



"Staging Shakespeare, Part 1 & 2" with Stephen Legawiec



"Zoom into the Book Arts Studio," complementing the virtual art exhibit, "Structure & Narrative," by Midcoast Maine Book Arts Group

Outreach by the Numbers How we read, connected, and discovered in 2020

TOTAL PROGRAMS

1,220 Up 100 vs. 2019

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

37,275 Up 9,645 people vs. 2019



Includes in-person and online attendance: in-person programs/meetings prior to COVID-19; in the Amphitheatre; on Zoom; program views on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram; and other online platforms, like Chess Club website.

Socially Engaged

Facebook Followers

1 Portland Public Library 10,070 2 Bangor Public Library 7.587 3 Camden Public Library 3,347



5 Waterville Public Library 3,000

YouTube Video Views

Programs Channel 6,942 video views

Miss Amy's Channel 8,137 video views

Newsletter Subscribers

4,814 Underground 6,182 Total (New Materials)

*1,182 total Instagram followers, when combined with Miss Amy's account (207)

Instagram Followers

1 Portland Public Library 2 Bangor Public Library 3 Kennebunk Free Library 1,017

4 Curtis Memorial Library 996

5 Camden Public Library 975*



Books

"All the Devils are Here," Louise Penny

"Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents," Isabel Wilkerson

"The Dutch House," Ann Patchett

"One Last Lie," Paul Doiron

"The Splendid and the Vile," Erik Larson

Movies/DVDs

"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"

"Ford v Ferrari"

"Jojo Rabbit"

"Knives Out"

"Parasite"



The most popular Zoom program of 2020 was Grea Marley's "Mushroom Foraging in Maine and New England" with 100 attending and more than 1,300 views on YouTube.

JANUARY

Jumpstart January hosts lively programs like papercutting.

MARCH

Library closes on March 17, based on COVID-19 guidelines. All programs move to virtual presentations.

APRIL

Easing stay-at-home isolation are weekday Story Times and Crafts; Adult Read-Alouds; and Lunch with a Librarian.

MAY

Curbside pickup launches, May 26.

JUNE

Limited first-floor re-opening begins, June 8.

JULY

Interlibrary Loan resumes, July 13. Summer reading programs go virtual.

ALIGHST

Camden Amphitheatre and Harbor Park provide outdoor spaces for groups to meet.

OCTOBER

Discover History Month runs virtually. Miss Amy begins outdoor in-person Story Time.

DECEMBER

The Hat and Mitten Tree sparkles in the Reading Room windows. Vaccine news brings hope to the holiday season.

PROGRAMS and SERVICES

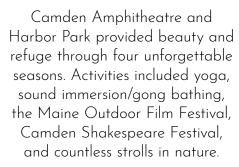


History is hoppin'

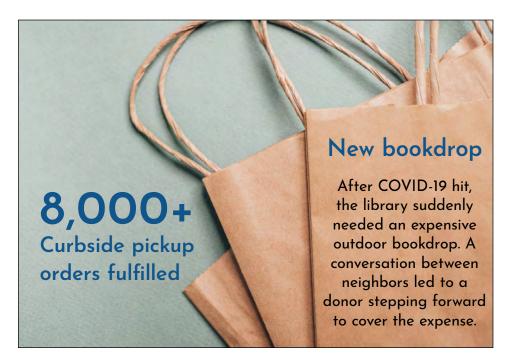
Monday's "Walsh History Hour," held weekly on Zoom, saw participation more than double through 2020.*

*The Hour got its official name in June after being part of "Lunch With a Librarian" in April and May. Photograph from the collection of David Dickey at the Camden Public Library Walsh History Center.

Oasis in a storm









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After their fundraising generated \$36,147 in 2019, book sale volunteers were faced with major limitations when COVID-19 prevented Summer and Fall Harbor Arts & Books. Their Rotunda Book Sale, which included a cash honor system, raised almost \$11,000.

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Camden's Zooms have been such a pleasant help during "stay at home, essential travel only" for the community's senior citizens. Thank you for your efforts.

– Program attendee via email



With the Amphitheatre as his studio, an artist shapes an icy creation during February's Winterfest, six weeks before COVID-19 altered the nature of community gatherings.

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Not even a pandemic could chase away Miss Amy's daily character appearances during Children's Book Week. Supported by First National Bank, May's virtual celebration brought smiles and lively storytelling to countless stay-at-home learners.



Number of book characters portrayed by Miss Amy on Read Across America Day, March 2

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