



# TOPSHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

*a community center for all*

## Annual Report July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

### Celebrating 20 Years and Beyond

#### Library Staff

Susan M. Preece,  
\*Katherine Webber,  
Director

Cyndi Burne,  
Assistant Director and  
Teen Services

Emma J. Gibbon,  
Adult Services Librarian

Mariah Sewall,  
Children's Librarian

Emily Muttel,  
Head of Circulation

Tami Santos,  
Bookkeeper

Dale Morgan,  
Tech Support

Monique Marchilli-Barker,  
Gallery Coordinator

Jennifer Balsler,  
Cataloger

Linda Meadows,  
PR

Lynne Morgan,  
Volunteer Coordinator

Sam Jamison,  
Shantelle Vye,  
Circulation

Annette Uschmann,  
Custodian

Topsham Public  
Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday and  
Thursday  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\*Newly hired director

Katherine Webber, Director, Topsham Public Library

When the Foreside Road location of the Topsham Public Library (TPL) opened in 2004, Sue Grafton was about to publish *R is for Ricochet* from her alphabet mystery series, *This Love* by Maroon 5 was a top hit playing on the radio, Ken Jennings was just starting his historic 74-episode streak on Jeopardy, and *Spider-Man 2* starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst was entering theaters as a summer blockbuster.

There was fresh drywall and paint in our entire building and a stunning cobblestone entryway. The shelving was new, the books lovingly placed by our dedicated volunteers, and the DVD collection was just getting started. We had state of the art computers, a beautiful community room, and plenty of parking.

By the end of that first year, we could lay claim to the following statistics:

- 4,090 active cardholders
- 32,912 annual library visits
- 33,001 items owned
- 70,915 circulation of materials
- 211 programs offered

Twenty years later, nearly all of these statistics have increased by 50% or more. As of the end of June 2024, these are the numbers:

- 4,949 active cardholders
- 49,249 annual library visits
- 49,647 items owned
- 111,882 circulation of materials
- 359 programs offered

The population of Topsham has remained roughly the same over these two decades, increasing by about 300 people, since we changed locations. And our number of active users has moved steadily upward, with about 50% of our residents being cardholders. We have added a flourishing garden and wooded

walking trail, lovingly maintained by both volunteers and professional services. Our staff have a dedicated space where they can eat lunch and chat on their breaks, and the director's office moved from the back of the administrative wing to right in front of our service desk. The children's department outgrew some of its space and now uses the community room to read, sing, play, and learn during large programs.

Twenty years can bring great changes to a building and its staff, but also to its users and wider service area. With the help of our community, we have weathered many storms, literal and figurative, and been a shelter to our patrons in return. We have offered both educational and just plain fun programs and events to delight and distract. We have expanded beyond the times of VHS and cassette tapes and ventured into lending Nintendo Switch games and wi-fi hotspots. The Topsham Public Library has created a lasting legacy that will ripple forward as we continue to bring connections to the forefront and make improvements on our services.

In 2004, I was experiencing my high school era less than 25 miles away, expanding my worldview and not yet knowing that libraries would be as formative in my life for the next two decades as they had been for

my entire life previously. I am so proud to be a part of a library that never stops providing legendary customer service, in addition to the materials on the shelves and our digital offerings. I am excited to be a part of the future in this space that welcomes people from all walks of life and supports their information needs so they can achieve dreams, work towards goals, and enjoy escapism.

My hope is that Topsham Public Library continues to be an anchor in this community and pulls people in to wander the stacks, meander the gardens, participate in programs and events, and know that their perspectives and experiences are valued. I want the library to be a found home, a third place, a safe space for everyone to read, listen, play, explore, research, and connect. I hope we will be known as a center point of educational activity, civic engagement, and conversations between neighbors. I want us to continue to bring joy and knowledge to people of all ages. I hope the community knows that we are always here to help however we can and trusts that we have their best interests in mind.

In this year's annual report, you will find reflections and stories from staff, trustees, friends, and community members alike. There has been a lot to celebrate in the last twenty years and even more to look forward to experiencing in the future.



Building the building

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## Mission Statement

Topsham Public Library's mission is to connect resources, programs, and services to the community and to stimulate personal growth and enrichment.

# From the Board President

by Kelley Glidden,  
President, TPL Board of Trustees

The past year has been an exciting time for the Topsham Public Library (TPL). We celebrated twenty years at our current location, and it was wonderful to see so many of our community members turn out for TPL's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party! As the president of the board of trustees, I believe I can speak for all of our board members in saying that we serve on the board because we love our library, and it means a lot to see that love shared by so many Topsham residents.

This year has also been one of change, as our long-time library director, Susan Preece, began her well-deserved retirement. Susan's role in making the TPL what it is today cannot be overstated, and we are so grateful for her contributions to the library's success over the past twenty years. At the same time, we were fortunate to welcome Katherine Webber as our new director this year, and we look forward to seeing her ideas for the library's future.

As I look back on the past year, I am very grateful for the support our library has in the community. I am also grateful for my fellow board members, who have helped guide the library through this time of transition. As we look ahead, I am confident the next twenty years will be as successful and full of growth as the last twenty.

## Reflection

by Phil Dostie, Trustee

At the start of this summer the Topsham Public Library celebrated its 20th birthday in its current location, and I started my second three-year term as a trustee of the library. Reflecting that my start of volunteering in service of the library came at the peak of the pandemic as vaccines were starting to roll out, I recalled that we first started meetings masked and socially distanced. It seems like such a distant memory, despite the fact that it happened so recently. Even during unprecedented times, I was bolstered by my fellow trustees' commitment to perseverance in the mission, however challenging. Working with fellow trustees to help support the library's efforts advancing literacy, a love of learning, a love of books, and a love of our community has been immensely rewarding.

Great libraries, like ours, are more than just repositories of books and services; they are hubs of learning,

### Topsham Public Library Board of Trustees, FY24 Members:

**Kelley Glidden, President**  
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**Eleanor Young, Student Member**



*It seemed like the whole town came to our party!*

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**Kelley Glidden,  
President**



creativity, and connection. Personally, it's been a source of pride to be able to play even a small part. There have been many changes in the library in the past few years, new or evolving services, events, and staff, but the sense of community and connection has been a touchstone that is an integral part of everything that TPL touches. As we continue to change and adapt to our community's needs, I look forward to our next twenty years.



*We were one of the first libraries to open to the public after the COVID shutdown*

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**Phil Dostie,  
Trustee**

## EV Charging Station

In early 2023, the library applied for and received a rebate through Efficiency Maine towards installing an electric vehicle charging station in our parking lot, with additional funding coming from The Nature Conservancy. Over the course of the next nine months, we fundraised for the remaining cost and finally, in September 2023, installed the equipment.

Since then, we have been the proud owners of two level 2 chargers to give our patrons

the option of a little extra boost while they browse the shelves or attend a program at a low cost. To date, this system has saved 10.64 trees, reduced 191.38 kg of greenhouse gas emissions, and replaced 21.51 gallons of gas.

If you need to charge your vehicle, whether we're open or not, the stations are located in the left parking lot near the gardens and handicap parking spaces.





# Friends of the Topsham Public Library

Lori Aliberti, President, FOTPL

Looking back over the past 20 years, it's almost impossible to list all the successes we've achieved. One thing that remains undeniable is the overwhelming support from the members of the Friends organization and our mission to assist with the various programs offered by the library. Many influential people have contributed to where we are today.

The Friends organization was founded in December of 1998, with Cyndi Burne being part of the founding board and remaining an integral part of all the behind-the-scenes activities. Her efforts, commitment to the library, and "can do" attitude have strengthened the organization and its ability to thrive.

As time has passed, library resources have evolved to keep up with patron needs and preferences. Through our fundraising efforts, we have assisted with the budgetary needs to provide support for the many offered programs, with the annual book sale remaining our primary fundraiser over the years.

Ruth Mlotek, recently honored as the recipient of the Sarah Whitten Community Award in 2023, handed over her coordinating responsibilities after 17+ years to Turner Huston as the Sorting Coordinator. This position oversees the coordination of the many sorting volunteers and manages the day-to-day tasks leading up to the annual sale. Kim Fletcher, Book Sale Coordinator, remains a valuable asset in bringing together each year's sale. She moved from Topsham some years ago but continues to be a key player in supporting

our library and community center. We have many dedicated Friends who have generously given over the years.

Many thanks go to our Friends members, volunteers, and board members. We encourage you to become a member if you aren't already. Our website is [friendstopshamlibrary.org](http://friendstopshamlibrary.org). If you haven't visited us recently, we welcome you to find out more about us. We offer Individual, Senior, Family, and Business memberships. All membership fees and donations collected are solely for the support of the Topsham Public Library. As always, thank you for your support!

## Friends Signature Programs

The Friends host several signature programs and events:

- Book Sale
- Joy of Series
- Music in March
- Museum Passes
- Big Truck Day
- Annual Fishing Rally
- Summer Reading Program for children, teens, and adults

Join the Friends of Topsham Public Library: Annual membership runs July 1 through June 30 the following year.

Join online: [friendstopshamlibrary.org](http://friendstopshamlibrary.org)

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Lori Aliberti, President,  
Friends of the  
Topsham Public Library

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This year the Friends collected \$2,133 in bottle donations through this program

The Friends' book sale netted \$9,138 for library programs

friends  
of The Topsham Public Library  
programs for all - that's what Friends are for

## An Era Ends: Thank You Susan and Cyndi



Susan Preece

Over the years, the Topsham community has watched the library grow and change, both internally and externally. From an entirely new building, staff retiring, and new faces being hired on, to providing

new technologies and points of access, so much expansion has occurred.

Many of these changes have been made possible because of two essential people that decided in FY24 that they were ready to move on to retirement: Director Susan Preece and Assistant Director Cyndi Burne. While both are technically leaving in the new fiscal year, we didn't want that much time to lapse before we recognized their many years of hard work and dedication and thanked them heartily for all they have done for TPL.

Cyndi saw the library from the perspective of a parent and volunteer back when it was located in Sarah Whitten's former house. She was part of the team that helped design the new building as well as the crew that moved books to the annex and moved them into our current home. Cyndi has worn many hats over the years, including teen librarian, and has always been the supportive hand keeping the library afloat.

Susan uprooted her life and joined the team in 2005, just after the new building was opened. Her guidance has kept the library moving forward, even in turbulent times such as recession and pandemic. Susan was rightly named Outstanding Librarian of the Year by the Maine Library Association in 2019 and has been a cornerstone of our organization, fighting to give us a solid foundation on which to build our future.

Both of these extraordinary women have touched the lives of so many families and individuals during their tenures. Even in the short time I have come to know them,

I respect and appreciate them beyond measure. They are well loved by the patrons and also by the staff and volunteers whom they have supported and led for these last two decades. The Topsham Public Library



Cyndi Burne

will continue to move forward as an essential part of our community because we had two solid leaders who have worked tirelessly for years to provide a safe, welcoming, and educational space for all residents.

Thank you, Susan and Cyndi, for all of the hours you put into the library to make it what it is today. We look forward to continuing to see you both on the other side of the desk as library users.

# Development: Your Support Is Key

Kelley Glidden,  
Board President and Development Committee Chair

This year, the Topsham Public Library celebrated a milestone birthday, and the library would not be the community hub it is today without the generous support of our donors. Our donors help us provide the programming and resources that people in our community enjoy every day.

Who have our donors been over the past twenty years? They have been as varied as our community. From young children to senior citizens, from one-time gifts to yearly contributions, people give to the library because they place value on what it offers. Maybe they like being able to access the latest bestselling novels, or having a place to get help with technology, or maybe their family enjoys storytime, or checking out board games and telescopes.

Maybe they like the sense of community that the library offers. The common thread is that they appreciate what the library provides to our town.

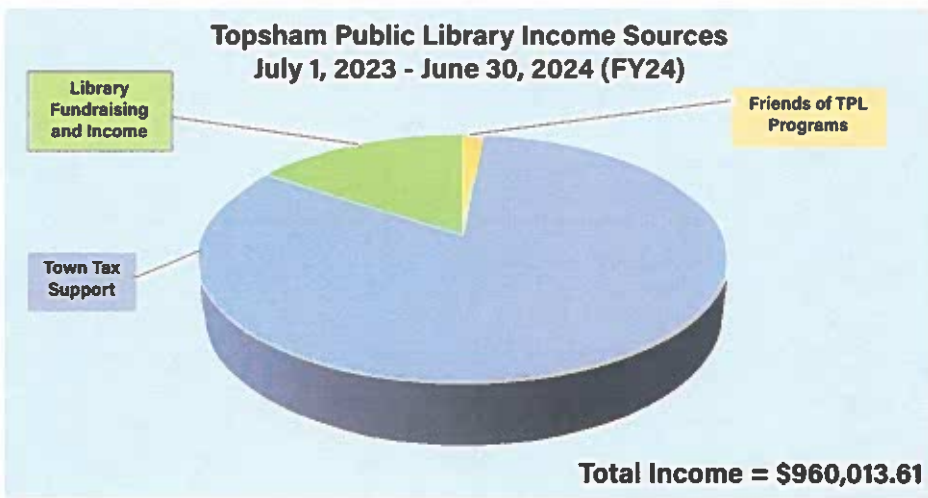
In turn, we appreciate our donors. If you are already a donor, we thank you! If you haven't made a donation to the library before, we invite you to consider making this the year you do. There are lots of ways to become a donor. Perhaps you'd like to contribute to this year's annual campaign, or maybe you prefer to go to our website and set up a monthly donation.

Our donors have helped us make the Topsham Public Library thrive for the past twenty years. As we look ahead, we continue to rely on your support as we

keep evolving to meet the changing needs of our community. We hope that you will join us in making the next twenty years as successful as the last. Thank you for all you do to support the library.



Your next book is always easy to find



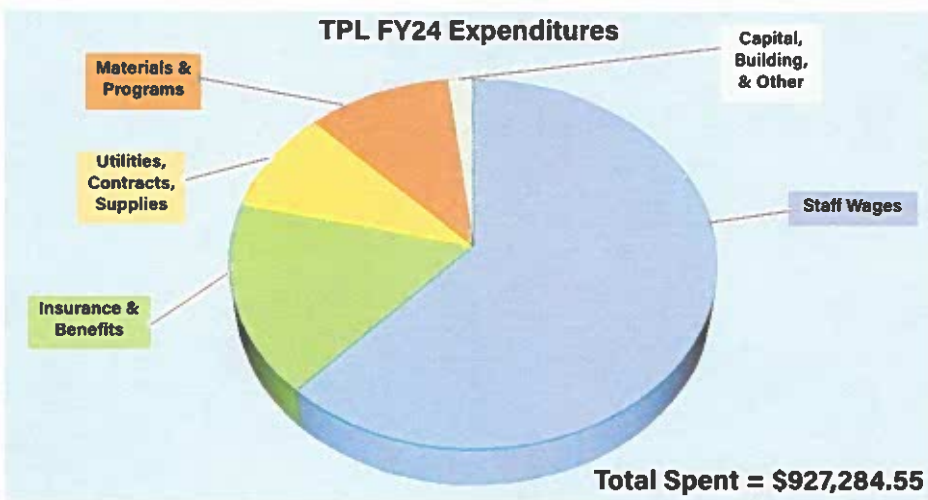
\$1 = \$21.22

Each tax dollar given to the library creates \$21.22 of value to the community based on the Maine State Library Use Value Calculator



In FY24:

- 11,909 e-books downloaded
- 10,834 e-audiobooks downloaded
- 14,456 people used our Wi-Fi
- 2,743 people used the computers in the library
- 12,124 people watched our online author webinars
- Our tech expert helped 378 people with their tech issues



- 9,847 patrons attended programs
- 192 museum passes were checked out



## Teen Services

Cyndi Burne, Assistant Director/Teen Services

Let's start at the beginning of the story—the start of teen services here at the library.

In 2002, the library moved to our temporary location in the Annex, and we had our first official summer reading program for kids and teens that year. The Annex's location between the middle and high schools was perfect for building our teen patronage. The tweens and teens could walk to the library after school and we were allowed to issue late bus passes, so transportation was not an issue. The first teen book discussion group was held in November of 2003, and a teen volunteer program was established. The library's first designated "teen section" was a run of shelves along one wall. In 2004, we hired a fulltime children's librarian, and I kept the teens.

By 2005, we were settled into our new home here on Foreside Road, and the large meeting room opened the door for new programs: movies and murder mysteries, game nights, video game tournaments, and teen cafes. The most successful program at that time was Topsham Teen Idol. This program was suggested, organized, and run by teen volunteers. We ran annually for four years and averaged 73 teens per show.

This year our most popular picture books were:  
*The Pigeon Wants a Puppy* and *The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster*, both by Mo Willems

## Children's Services

Mariah Sewall, Children's Librarian

This summer we celebrated the library's birthday; 20 years in this beautiful building! Twenty years is a span of time that seems to throw me. It feels LONG! Twenty whole years! And at the same time, twenty years ago feels not long ago at all. (Yes, I am one of those people who is ALWAYS astonished by the "this song turns 20 years old today" puff pieces. I was JUST singing that song the other day, right? But now it's somehow on the oldies station? Bizarre!) However, working with kids definitely puts the passage of time in full view. This year saw my original storytime attendees learning how to drive and my original kids book club members following their dreams to college.

Thinking about time makes me aware of everything that has changed, but also everything that has remained steady. Trends in literacy for kids are definitely different now. The wealth of reading material for all ages and interests is wonderful! Do you want a beginning chapter book of a unicorn and a yeti that are best buddies? We've got it! Do you want a picture book about two pickles, one dill and one bread and butter, learning how to be friends? We've got that too! Through the years, children's services have grown and changed, but the core ideas have remained: that children are whole beings in their own right and that they deserve materials and programming designed just for them. Over the last many decades, the library has always been, and hopefully will continue to be, a space that offers children the chance to see themselves in stories and the chance to see someone completely different from them, too. A space that can provide knowledge and learning, and a space that can provide escapism and books that are just for fun. A place that encourages deep listening, but also wild dancing!

Over the years, I have hosted Tween and Teen book groups and taught numerous teens the secret art of galaxy spray painting. There have been showings of really bad movies, raffles, art projects, chocolate wars, and the ever-popular grab and go kits.

I truly believe my statement on the teen page of our website: "The Topsham Public Library is a welcoming, accepting, and safe environment for teens. The teen collection and programs constantly evolve to reflect suggestions made by teens. We select a wide variety of young adult material to provide a choice for every teen who walks through our door. We aim to provide the materials teens want, not the materials adults want them to want." The teen room has moved to dynamic (front facing) shelving and been arranged by genre to make the teen collection more browsable. In an effort to preserve the space for teen use, I have placed a sign at the front of the teen room asking adults not to linger in that room. I have seen my role as a conduit between what the teenager is before they walk through our door and what they might be after. I have tried to give them the materials needed to aid them in the journey of self-discovery through books, programs, and creativity. The goal of teen

Which brings me back to the timelessness of libraries and one of my most favorite things about them: that they create and nurture a community and a sense of connection. This past year, an informal lunch bunch sprang up after the toddler programs. Kids and caregivers would gather after singing and dancing to share snacks and some unstructured time together. After one such gathering, a father mentioned to me that one of the other caregivers had brought a sandwich especially for him, that when they were packing snacks that morning they thought of him, and made an extra sandwich just to be nice. The sandwich was nice, I'm sure, but the fact that someone thought of him, that his baby AND him were valued members of a community; that is truly powerful in a world where too many of us often feel alone.

I was not around for the beginning of the Topsham Public Library, or to see its evolution into this building. I was busy discovering how to write papers for college, where I discovered that only Kurt Vonnegut is allowed to write like Kurt Vonnegut, but as I flipped through the photo albums that document those early days, I was struck by one thing: the sense of community that surrounds this library. I saw familiar faces breaking ground to build, surrounded by piles of boxes full of books, organizing shelves; all of the details that go into creating a library from the ground up. Twenty years of involvement with a library is no small thing! Looking into the future, I have no idea what type of materials we will be reading (books beamed directly into our brains?!), but I am confident that the library will remain what it has been so wonderfully for the past twenty years, a space that allows each of us to be valued, a place that brings us all together!

services is to build up teens!

Over the last few years, I feel the teens have been slighted. I have done my best to fulfill the role of teen librarian, but I am also the assistant director, and the time I have to dedicate to teen services has steadily declined. If I could write the next chapter in the story of teen services here at the Topsham Public Library, it would include a staff member dedicated solely to teens. Our teens are a valued part of our community and deserve to have someone whose main focus is providing services for them. As I reflect on my 20+ years of teen service here at the Topsham Public Library, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the teens who have trusted me enough to let me into their lives; it has been an honor.



New dynamic shelving in the teen room



Chewonki Owls came to visit

We had 5,759 attendees at 219 children's programs this year



## Adult Services: What Time Is It?

Emma J. Gibbon, Adult Services Librarian

Time is a funny thing. It's slippery, hard to pin down. It can be fast or slow, gone in the blink of an eye, or lasting what feels like forever. So, what is 20 years? Again, it can be gone in the snap of a finger or feel like a lifetime. Again, what is 20 years? It is 240 months, 1,043 and a half weeks, 7,305 days, or 175,320 hours. 240 months doesn't seem like a lot, but 175,320 hours does. When I tried the calculations for seconds, it seemed like an awful lot.

The Topsham Public Library has been at our Foreside Road home for 20 years. For those of you who were here for the build, it must seem like yesterday; for others it will be as though the library has always been here. As the years go by, I find that as much as things change, there is as much that stays the same. It is true in libraries and it is true in Adult Services.

Twenty years ago, *Da Vinci Code* fever hit, and we were all reading Dan Brown. Remember that? His last book in that series was released in 2017, but looking at the rest of the bestsellers of the year, John Grisham, James Patterson, Nora Roberts, and Maine's own Stephen King, are still going strong and they had books out this year. Nowadays, online content is a staple of our libraries. The way in which our patrons can access material has changed enormously, extending far beyond the physical reaches of our library building. Remember the first eReaders? The first Sony one was released in 2006, while the first Kindle was in 2007. Now through the cloudLibrary our patrons can access eBooks and eAudios, graphic novels,

magazines, and even streaming. Our recent addition of online author talks has been immensely popular. Twenty years ago, VHS and cassette tapes were still a heavily used part of our collection.

Programming for adults was modest back then, reflecting our budget and staffing. Now, thanks to the fundraising of the Friends of the Topsham Public Library, and an expanded staff due to the town's support, we have collected a plethora of programs and events for adults over the years, including book groups and silent reading, crafts, discussion groups, lectures, author events and fairs, concerts, art and photography shows, artist talks and juried shows, writing groups, workshops, and competitions. Our summer reading program for grownups is now 15 years old!

I don't know what the next 20 years will look like. I don't know how we will read or listen or watch in the future. Who knows? Records made a comeback. Maybe cassettes and VHS will too! I can tell you what programs we have planned for this year, but as the years roll on, who knows what new and exciting events we will have for the people of Topsham. What I do know are the things that don't change. I know that we will continue to strive for patron-centered service. I know that we will meet you where you are, bringing you the books you want to read (no matter what format), the content you wish to engage in, and the community-based programming that we are known for. Here's to the next 20 years!

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Emma J. Gibbon,  
Adult Services

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111,882 items  
circulated

Answered 1,455  
Reference Questions

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## From the Gallery

by Monique Marchilli-Barker,  
Crooker Gallery Coordinator

In its 20-year lifespan, the Crooker Gallery at the Topsham Public Library has been host to many memorable exhibits, ranging from kimonos to live plants to fairy houses. Over the course of this last fiscal year, the Crooker Gallery has featured a wide array of creative exhibits such as a celebration of Maine's First Ship as chronicled by Keith Spiro for *The Cryer*, a collection of woodcut prints using various techniques, and the perennial favorite, fiber arts displays. All an amazing example of the talent that lies within our community!

The Crooker Gallery, however, is so much more than a physical place that displays examples of the talent found throughout Topsham and neighboring towns. It is a safe space where personal stories can be told, where passions can be portrayed, and where strangers can come together in support of one another and feel a part of something larger. It is a shining example of what it means to be a part of a community.



Keith Spiro shares his work on Maine's First Ship



Director, Linda Prybylo and Corinne Nickerson break ground for our new building in 2003



We added a rear patio for outdoor programs in 2016

## 20 Years Later

by Emily Muttel, Circulation Supervisor

My parents raised my three older sisters and I to look forward to a trip to the library. I can't remember the Whitten house or the annex. This building on Foreside is all I can recall.

Younger me became increasingly aware that this place didn't just supply books to read. It gave a sense of autonomy to a young person, in making my own decisions, giving me the choice of what I wanted to read. There was a lasting impact of friendly faces who enforced that sense of freedom. I could read all the manga I wanted to without being told to open a 'real' book.

Twenty years later, I'm watching a new generation of people make their own choices from the other side of the counter. I'm happy to be a part of a thoughtful community where we believe in the mission that a library is a place for all people.



We gave away 500 pairs of eclipse glasses for the 2024 eclipse

## Thanks for the Memories

by Mt. Ararat High School Students

Eleanor Young:

Even though I wasn't born until after the start of the new Topsham Public Library, the building is now a home away from home that has seen me grow up! I started going there before I could remember and soon grew accustomed to immediately running to the movie rack to look for the newest DVD of *Backyardigans* while my mom picked out my picture books for me. DVDs turned into looking for the next *Babymouse* or Raina Telgemeier graphic novel, then to my first steps into the teen room. Sooner or later, Covid dropped in, but that didn't stop the library from providing my family and me with our weekly book pickings. Now, I have the honor of being on the library board. Looking back as a senior, I realize just how much the Topsham Public Library has been there, growing along with me through life, and it is something I'll always have with me in years on as a community-seeking reader.



Students from the Bowdoin International Music Festival played for us

Falon Doyle:

As a kid I visited the library often. I remember vastly enjoying playing there and listening to the books being read. It is now a great place for me to browse for books and check out the arts and crafts in the teen room. I hope the library will continue to increase the variety of the books over time!

Miriam Patterson:

Topsham Public Library was one of my favorite places when I was a kid. My parents took me several times a week, but I would have gone every single day if I was able to. As an avid reader, I got new books each time, and the staff let me talk about what I had read recently. They extended their kindness by giving me book recommendations, listening to me, and cultivating a space where I and other kids could learn. I hope that kids continue to visit TPL and grow up in a positive and encouraging environment just like I did.



We had a Super Mario Party

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Miriam Patterson,  
Mt. Ararat High  
School Student



Lindsay and her puppet pals are always a big hit

## Business Supporters: Partners in the Community

To all the local businesses that support our mission, THANK YOU!

Visionary Champions – \$5,000 and higher

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DIRECT ~ RELEVANT ~ COMMUNITY

**Keith Spiro Media**

<https://about.me/KeithSpiro>

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A GRACE MGMT COMMUNITY



**Casco Bay Title, LLC**



Business Champion – \$500 - \$999



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## Technology Over the Years

- 2004 - 9 public computers were purchased for the new building
- 2006 - Converted to a new integrated library system: Sierra
- 2013 - Added multi-use copiers
- 2014 - Purchased our first AWE children's learning computers
- 2016 - Introduced the Unifi Wifi access points with three connections around the building
- 2016 - 6 new security cameras added
- 2016 - A/V technology was updated and expanded for use in our community room
- 2020 - Purchased iPad to take pictures and for virtual storytime
- 2021 - New 360 degree Meeting Owl Pro for meeting in the community room
- 2021 - 3 new security cameras added and updated network video recorder
- 2022 - Xerox Multipurpose Scanners installed with higher quality and durability
- 2022 - Vibe interactive white board community screen added
- 2024 - Added Verizon Wifi hotspots for patron check out
- 2024 - Updated AWE learning computers to new bilingual versions



## Happy Birthday, Topsham Public Library! It was a great party!

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