

SEEKONK PUBLIC LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Seekonk Public Library is to serve the information needs of the people of Seekonk in an environment that provides a cultural and civic center for the community.

SEEKONK PUBLIC LIBRARY VISION STATEMENT

The goal of the Seekonk Public Library is to be the model for excellence in public libraries by exceeding the expectations of our customers for making knowledge available, by providing a desirable and challenging place to work for our staff, by making the most effective use of public and private resources and by serving as a sanctuary of ideas for the community.

SEEKONK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FY2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The use of library services continues to grow in Seekonk. Our customers borrowed 284,388 items and we registered 945 new customers an increase over last year's 858 by 87 new customers. The amount collected in fines and fees that turned over to the town's General Fund was \$32,125. Fines remain at fifteen cents a day. Out-of-state borrowers are charged \$60.00 per year for use of the services of the Seekonk Public Library. The library contains 107,708 items.

The building is now over 30 years old and much has changed since the building was designed. Capital Improvements Plan requests include a materials handling system for next year along with new carpeting.. This past year the library did install two self-checkout stations which are being well received by the public.

The Youth Services Department offered 196 children's programs, which were attended by 5,567 children and their families. The 15% increase in programming during FY11 included outreach visits to community day care centers. This summer, 402 children, teens and their families registered for the 2011 summer reading program. Our online summer reading software program, which has been eagerly embraced by our customers over the last five years, is still very popular because of its ease of use. The Youth Services Department has discovered that, in these continuing hard economic times, families are flocking to our library to attend story times, special events and family programming.

The number of questions answered by the Adult Services, Youth Services and Customer Services departments was 10,102 in FY11. The library's website had 97,926 hits on its homepage. There were 70 adult programs held at the library with 1,770 people in attendance.

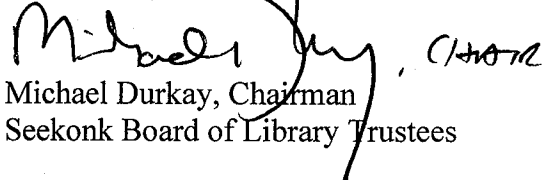
The library offered 62 computer instruction classes to 336 adults. Aside from basic computer classes the Adult Services Department taught Internet skills, Microsoft Office programs, blogging, online applications for employment, finding information on the library databases, and downloading audio and e-books from the library's network. Classes teaching Microsoft Office 2007 were introduced in June.

Computer use remains high in the library. On average, 246 patrons log in to use the computers per week.

The Seekonk Library Trust continues to work to grow the library endowment. The income raised by the Trust \$63,537.07 for the year beginning July 1, 2010 ending June 30, 2011

As of June 30, 2011 the remaining balance of the Smart Memorial Trust was \$37,449.15

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Durkay", is written over the typed name. To the right of the signature, the word "Chairman" is written in a smaller, less legible script.
Michael Durkay, Chairman
Seekonk Board of Library Trustees