



Stonington Free Library

Annual Report

2013 - 2014

As we conclude our 2013-2014 fiscal year on June 30, we wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts on behalf of the Library. To our staff, our volunteers, our Board members and our committees, we applaud your dedication and your hard work throughout the year. To our members and supporters, we thank you sincerely for your financial contributions and patronage.

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The smiles on the young faces engaged in the many children's programs, the enthusiastic participants in the annual *Mystery Dinner*, the appreciative audiences at the *Sunday Evening Lecture Series* and the grateful patrons who enjoy the welcoming atmosphere and the chance to find a peaceful corner in the Library are all testimony to the importance of this institution to the community.

We are particularly gratified by the enthusiastic response to our *Sunday Evening Lecture Series* this year. We were fortunate to have lined up some engaging and interesting speakers, including Nathaniel Philbrick, and welcomed large attendance at each talk. We are looking forward to yet another fantastic series this coming year.

With the approval of Capital Improvement Funds from the Town we will be able to install an automatic generator to insure our sump pumps will operate in the event of flooding. This should avoid the kinds of damage sustained during previous stormy weather and will be an important cost-saving upgrade to our infrastructure.

We were the grateful beneficiaries of three bequests this year. One from the estate of Owen Sherry in the sum of \$50,000, one from the estate of John Michael Bass for \$8,650, and the other from the estate of Elizabeth Holliday Ramsey for \$10,000. Bequests made to the Library are added to our endowment fund which provides us with long-term, stable income for years to come.

It is with regret that we accept the resignation of Pam Alexander from the Board. Pam has been a stalwart of the organization, contributing much of her time and talent, with particular emphasis on development activities, but also offering guidance and thoughtful insight and support to staff and board along the way. We wish her and Jim fair winds and following seas in the next chapter of their lives.

Once again our Annual Appeal reached a new high - \$183,384 from over 430 donors. We could not have done that without the tremendous support of this community - from river to river. In addition, we received several grants this year that will allow us to make our Teen Space more inviting to encourage teens to see the Library as a place for social and educational engagement. This space will be a natural continuation of our excellent children's program and we look forward to sharing the results of the redesign with you in the late fall when we have a grand opening.

Margaret Victoria
Library Director

and

George R. Sylvestre
President of the Board

Babcock-Phelps Society

The Babcock-Phelps Society, named for the two founding donors of the Library building, recognizes those individuals who have chosen to remember the Stonington Free Library in their wills or other estate planning documents. Just as the Babcock and Phelps families thought of generations to come when building the Library, members of the Babcock-Phelps Society are also helping to ensure the future of the Stonington Free Library.

*John Michael Bass**
*Mrs. Helen Brewster**
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore N. Danforth, Jr.
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Janet and Charles Hatton
*Priscilla F. Hodges**
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Joyce and Francis P. Pandolfi
*Santo Puglisi**
*Elizabeth Holliday Ramsey**
Carol and Edward Sauers
*Owen Sherry**
*Anne T. Stevens**
Judith and Andrew Westwood

If you have already made a provision in your will for the Stonington Free Library, please let us know so that we can recognize your generosity.

**indicates deceased*

Report of Contributions

This Report of Contributions is published annually by the Stonington Free Library. It is a listing of all donors to the Library during the past fiscal year – July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Gifts are received through the Annual Appeal, the Mystery Dinner, or made in memory of or in honor of members of our Stonington community. Recognition is also given to the members of the Babcock – Phelps Society and to the people who volunteer their time. Without a variety of contributions from the members of our community our Library could not provide the services that are a signature of a dynamic and thoughtful community.

The Pediment Society

The Pediment Society recognizes those donors who give \$500 or more to the Annual Appeal. Annual Appeal gifts support the annual operating budget and account for nearly forty percent of the Library's income. Leadership giving is the cornerstone of the Annual Appeal.

\$10,000 and above

Alexander J. Roepers
The Chester W. Kitchings Family Foundation
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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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\$1,000 - \$2,499

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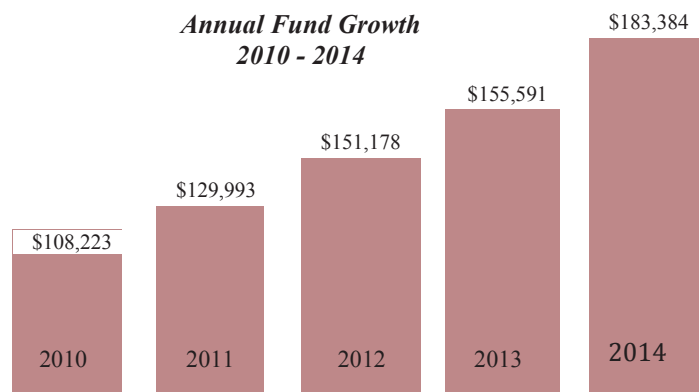
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Pediment Society Reception at Stillmeadow Farm

Annual Fund Growth 2010 - 2014



***Our mission is to enrich the Stonington community with a welcoming place to gather and learn by offering books, programs, and state-of-the-art information resources appropriate for all ages.
Adopted May, 2010 by the Board of Trustees***

Annual Appeal \$250 - \$499

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Annual Appeal \$100 - \$249

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 Import Auto, LTD
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 Helen Jankoski

Annual Budget*

Ordinary Income

Annual Appeal	\$183,383.95
Endowment Income	39,375.00
Other Fundraising	20,900.96
Foundation Grants	35,655.00
Memorials/Bequests	68,013.00
Town of Stonington	125,000.00
Borough of Stonington	22,000.00
State of Connecticut	1,532.00
Library service fees	<u>10,153.91</u>
	\$506,013.82

Ordinary Expenses

Building Maintenance	\$ 12,379.77
Business exp/conferences	6,858.49
Insurance	21,269.50
Library Materials/programs	55,788.27
Miscellaneous	1,578.45
Payroll/professional fees	271,806.06
Property	4,226.79
Publicity/PR	12,444.15
Supplies	3,867.18
Utilities/electronic access	<u>33,187.80</u>
	\$423,406.46

* unaudited figures

A special thank you to the following businesses and organizations that have contributed to the Annual Appeal

Bank Square Books
 Battle of Stonington Road Race
 Bob Valenti Auto Mall
 Import Auto, LLC
 Cask and Keg
 Charter Oak Federal Credit Union
 Coastal Dermatology
 Dime Bank
 Dog Watch Cafe
 Hungry Palette
 Starkweather and Shepley Insurance
 St. Mary Frances Circle
 Stonington Garden Club
 Stonington Players, Inc
 Stonington Veterinary Hospital
 Terra Firma Gardening
 Zuchermann Harpsichord Music Festival

Annual Appeal \$100 - \$249 cont.

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Martha Snyder
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Neal and Jane Lassen Bobruff
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Dorothy from *Simply Enchanted* leading a Story Time

Annual Appeal - All Other Gifts cont.

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Stonington Players
Stonington Veterinary Hospital
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Susan and Jeff Stritar
Barbara Van de Vusse and Dr. Kenneth P. Sunshine
M. and Mrs. Richard Surprenant
Mary M. Thacher
Nicole and Kevin Torres
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Timothy Tyler
Lissa van Dyke
Ms. Susan Verhoeff
Catherine Wade
Mrs. Harriet Watsky
Jill and Jack Woodlila
Janet Zwarg
Zuchermann Harpsichord Music Festival

Grants Awarded to the Stonington Free Library

Each year we submit proposals to foundations and grant making organizations to either enhance existing programs and services or to launch new ones. We are grateful to the support we received last year from the following grantors.

*Chelsea Groton Foundation
The Community Foundation of Eastern CT
CVS Pharmacy
Leslie Buck Memorial Fund
Mystic Rotary Club
Mystic Women's Club
Pfizer Community Vibrancy Grant
Rotary Club of the Stoningtons
Sea Research Foundation*

Corporate Matching Gifts

The following companies have matched the charitable contributions their employees have made to the Stonington Free Library.

Exxon Mobil	C. Lawson Willard
Goodrich	Robert Perkinson
IBM	Jane Charbonnier
Pfizer	Joseph Basile Arindam Bose Stephane Caron Rosemary Contin David Dresbeck Monika Dreslin Michael Mirsky Jeffrey Stritar Lawrence Turney



Partnering Organizations

Often we collaborate with other organizations to bring programs to the community. We thank them for helping to foster a spirit of cooperation and sharing in our mission.

La Grua Center

Look it Up Program

Leslie Buck Memorial Fund
Mystic Rotary Club
Rotary Club of the Stoningtons

Merrill House

Stonington Community Center

Mystery Dinner

The Mystery Dinner brings together members of the Stonington Community for the benefit of the Stonington Free Library. The dinner, held on April 26th, was the 6th such event, netting over \$11,500 for the Library Annual Fund.

The theme this year was "*Hemingway in Spain*." Guests, many in Spanish attire, entered through the front door hung with a Spanish flag and flanked by miniature orange trees. They were met with Spanish guitar music and chilled rebojitos. The Library had been transformed into the *Café Misterioso* where guests enjoyed cocktails and tapas style hors d'oeuvres before learning at whose beautiful home they would be spending the rest of the evening for dinner and lively conversation.

The Library Board wishes to extend a very special thank you to the hardworking committee led by chairs, Anne Fix and Christine Turrentine. And a heartfelt thanks to the dinner hosts who graciously open their homes and make the evening a pleasant experience for their guests and a successful fundraising event for the Library.

Mystery Dinner Attendees and Supporters

Pam and Jim Alexander
Sally and Damon Ball
Anne Bartholet
Robert Baum
Randall Bean
Ann and Alan Bentz
Stephen Bessette
Anne Rivers and David Black
Jane Dixon and John Boone
Anne Fix and Kevin Bowdler
Josephine R. Bump
Molly Burton
Cask and Keg
Jeffrey and Karen Christian
Susan and David Clapp
Lois and Richard Cole
Denise and Jonathan Collins
Merrily and Michael Connery
Helaine and Matthew Coudert
Harriet and Tony Crane
Cheryl and Charles Danis
Cornelia Dickenson
Barbara and Christopher Dixon
Alessandra Devine and Patrick Dorsey
Judith duPont
Wendy and David Eck
Carole and David Enfield
Cheryl England
Marcia and David Erskine
Elizabeth Bowman and William Fasnacht
Jeffrey Kuchenbecker and Thomas Fay
Jim Fayal
Barbara and Marc Ginsberg
Aline Glorieux

Mystery Dinner Hosts

Frances Ashley with Dennis Palmer & Gerry Klender
Lisa and Scott Bates
Lynn and Jeff Callahan
Kathy and Tig Conger
Dorothy and Declan Doogan
Geraldine Griffin with Josh & Alejandra Welch
Allegra and Brian Griffiths
Alice and John Groton
Ann and Spike Lobdell
Kate and Tim Love
Susan and Harry Martin
Caroline and Scott Muller
Joyce and Francis Pandolfi
Jane and Tony Pellegrini
Cheryl and Dave Purvis
Kim and Mark Spano
Helen Garten and Michael Wiseman

Mystery Dinner Committee

Chairs

Anne Fix
Christine Turrentine

Committee

Ann Buffum
Denise Collins
Nan Danforth
Melissa Floyd
Barbara Ginsberg
Allegra Griffiths
Janet Hatton
Sibby Lynch
Ruth Saunders
Claire Sheridan
Alejandra Welch
Margaret Victoria

Kathryn Bowling Graham
Beth and Charles Harding
Sandy Murray and William Hargreaves
Janet and Charlie Hatton
Tim Harrington
Barbara Heuer
Alice Houston
Timothy Hogen
Elizabeth Hopkins
Peyton Horne
Chris Jussel
Mary and James Kelley
Nicholas Kepple
Saren Langmann
Sara Lathrop
Alicia Lazaro
Nancy and Robert MacMillan
Iris and Louis Meyer
Cynthia Lichtenstein and Charles Miller
Rita Nason



Mystery Dinner cocktail reception at
Café Misterioso - aka, the Library

Co-Chairs Chris Turrentine and Anne Fix



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Maureen and James O'Connell
Elizabeth Osha
Laura and Donald Paige
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Beverly and Geoffrey Phillips
Robert Pittaway
Chris Zhang and James Quinn
Joan Richards and James Quinn
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Youth Services Report



Fairy Party in the Children's Room

Gifts for Youth Services

The following businesses, organizations, and individuals have made monetary or in-kind donations to help fund programs and services for children and teens throughout the year. Many of our programs could not happen without their generous support.

Anderson Family
Anonymous
Antiques and Interiors
Bank Square Books
Robert Baum
Bess Eaton Donuts
Big Y
BJ's Wholesale Club
Borough of Stonington Fire Department
Brown/Stoddard Grandchildren Lemonade Stand
Calobrisi Family
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Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
Dog Watch Café
Figure It Out
Fun Company
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Li's Bake Shop
Tim Love
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McQuade's Market
Mel's Downtown Creamery
Murray Family
Music Together
Mystical Toys
NEST
Olde Mistick Village Arts Cinema
Project Oceanology
Quantum Hobby Shop
Simply Enchanted
Spare Time Bowling
Stonington Marina
Stonington Pizza Palace
Stonington Police Department
Stonington Department of Public Works
Stop and Shop
Subway
Target
Terra Firma Farm
Walmart
Yellow House

The Stonington Free Library is committed to enriching the lives of youth in our community. The Library offers many different programs which promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading.

It was a record year for our popular **Summer Reading Program** with registrations of over 700 children and teens! The themes of the 2013 Summer Reading Program were *Dig into Reading* and *Beneath the Surface*. We offered a *Little Diggers* program for our youngest children. We focused on performers and activities consistent with the underground theme, with a Zombie make-up workshop for teens, *Weekend Wheels* on Saturdays and a visit from the *Wonderful World of Worms*. Shelby, Deb Burgess' wonderful therapy dog joined us each week for *Paws to Read*.

We collaborated with the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center (PNC) with our new *Read and Feed* program, which rewarded readers with a free basket raffle ticket when they brought a food donation for the PNC. I am proud to say we contributed over 500 items to the PNC.

Our "Library Store" model, in its seventh year, encouraged over 10,000 hours of reading. We offered 30 special events attended by over 850 children and were once again assisted by a fantastic staff of Teen Volunteers. We are very grateful to our contributors who are listed to the left.

Our first **Winter Reading Challenge, 50 to Grow On**, was an early literacy initiative aimed at children ages 7 and younger. Our aim was to reinforce the importance of reading aloud to children, even after they have begun reading independently. Our goal was for 50 to sign up; we had 118 register and they read 3,162 books! We will be offering this again next winter and we have already begun working to involve area schools.

New programs this year included *A Halloween Costume Swap or Drop*, a *Teen Hair Chalking*, a *Fairy Party* which brought some glitter to a dreary, snowy February, and the Home Depot's *Build a Race Car* workshop in March. We collaborated with the COMO's **IMPACT**, their Middle School afterschool group, to bring our *No Stress Book Group* to them on a monthly basis. We are working to expand the program to the elementary levels next year.

Continuing in its 10th year, the annual **Children's Opera** was another resounding success with two fabulous performances of *The Frog Prince* at the Mystic Stage performed by The Lollipop Opera. Special thanks to our anonymous donor who makes this possible!

Our *Drop In Read and Plays*, story hours for children two months through preschool, continue to be popular with our young patrons and parents. *Saturday in Stonington* offers an opportunity for a weekend activity or story time.

Overall, we were proud to present over 225 programs to over 4,800 children, an increase of 10% over the prior year. We appreciate all those who helped make our programs possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Maris G. Frey



Digital Photography Workshop with Craig Norton July 2013.

Library Volunteers

Our Library volunteers repair books, host Mystery Dinners, give lectures, lead book discussions, serve on the Library Board, help children in the summer reading program, and even wash windows! Whatever their task, their primary goal is to help the Library. In the long run and in the short term they are helping our Library patrons. We are grateful for their expertise and the hours they give.



Thank you pizza party for the teen summer volunteers

Megan Albamonti	Allegra and Brian Griffiths
Pam Alexander	Mac Griswold
Candice Anderson	Kelle Groom
Frances Ashley	Alice and John Groton
Lisa and Scott Bates	Vera Harsh
Stephen Bessette	Janet and Charlie Hatton
Alli Berk	Sally Hinckley
Lily Bockowski	Margot Hutchins
Aiden Borsher	Justin Johannsen
Casey Boumenot	Mary Kelley
Connor Boumenot	Cassidy Kendall
Pam Brewster	Zoe Kendall
Brenda Bright	Nick Kepple
Ann and Charles Buffum	Susan Kietzman
Alexander Calder	Gerry Klender
Lynn and Jeff Callahan	Ken Knott
Alan Chappell	Janneke Kovoov
Heidi Chappell	Lisa Leach
Lois Cole	Trinity Lennon
Denise Collins	Morgan Lestinsky
Kathy and Tig Conger	Ann and Spike Lobdell
Grace Conti	Kate and Tim Love
Ben Cook	Sibby Lynch
Barbara Corbeil	Susan and Harry Martin
Erin Craig	Leslie McGrath
Natalia Cullen	Brenna McNeil
Nan Danforth	Hannah Middleton
Haley Delmonaco	Caroline Morehouse
Jenny Dixon	Bryn Morgan
Dorothy and Declan Doogan	Caroline and Scott Muller
Andrea Edwards	Christine Nickerson
Anne Fix	Mary O'Brien
Lily Flack	Lindsey Orr
Jacob Freeman	Dennis Palmer
Faith Gately	Joyce and Francis Pandolfi
Barabara and Marc Ginsberg	Jane and Tony Pellegrini
Geraldine Griffin	Pyan Pereira
	Nathanial Philbrick

The list of donors contained in this Report represents those who gave between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014. We checked and rechecked in order to create an accurate list. If your name is missing or spelled incorrectly please contact the Library (860-535-0658). We want to know. Our donors are very important to us and we want to get it right.

The Library hosted two lecture series during the year - *Books Sandwiched In* and the *Sunday Evening Lecture*. Listed below are the guest speakers for these events.

Books Sandwiched In

Susan Kietzman
Ken Knott
Lisa Leach
Leslie McGrath
Lisa Saunders
Tom Verde

Sunday Evening Lecture

Alexander Calder
Jenny Dixon
Mac Griswold
*Kelle Groom
Tim Love
Nathanial Philbrick
Mark Rubenstein
Ray Uzasan
Tertius de Kay

* Merrill House Writer-in-Residence

Cheryl and Dave Purvis
Wesley Rea
Lisa Saunders
Ruth Saunders
Claire Sheridan
Kim and Mark Spano
Dominique Strafach
George Sylvestre
Mark Rubenstein
Jamie Taylor
Patricia Tucchio
Chris and John Turrentine
Ray Uzasan
Tom Verde
Iris Wainston
Abby Wang
Kathy Weinberger
Josh and Alejandra Welch
Daisy Williams
Sage Williams
Helen Garten and Michael Wiseman
Gail Woodrow
Caitlyn Wrang



Nathanial Philbrick featured as part of the Sunday Evening Lecture Series

Addendum

Our deep appreciation for everyone who contributed to our 2013-2014 Annual Appeal which was our most successful to date! We raised over \$182,000 to support Library operations.

Our sincere apologies for a number of omissions in the Report:

The Pediment Society should have included **Harry and Susan Martin** who contributed at the \$2,500-\$4,999 level and **Charles and Janet Hatton** who contributed at the \$1,000-\$2,499 level.

Annual Appeal donors in the \$250-\$400 category

Richard and Kathleen Daniele

Annual Appeal donors in the \$100-\$249 category:

Elizabeth Tobin Brown

Meredith and Sylvia Brown

Joan Burchenal

James and Jacqueline Burgess

Robert and Carole Callahan

Lori Calobrisi

Austin and Susan Chambers

Sylvia Christiansen

David and Susan Clapp

Coastal Dermatology

Frank and Virginia Colassano

Anne C. Connerton

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Kurt Cramer and Lynne Lawrence

Anna T. Crandall

Deborah Dear

Cornelia Dickenson

David and Sherry Dresback

Judith duPont

David and Donna Elks

G.W. Elks

Annual Appeal donors in the Other Gifts category:

Henrietta Mayer

Valentina Marchenkoff

Sibby Lynch and Michael Schefers were Mystery Dinner attendees.

Joanie diMartino should have been listed as a *Books Sandwiched* In speaker and **Barbara Zabel** was a *Sunday Evening* lecturer speaking on Alexander Calder.

We appreciate our donors and all of the ways they support The Stonington Free Library!