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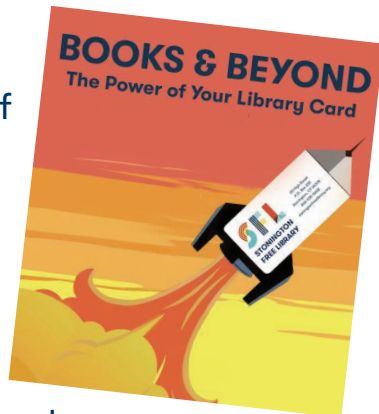
**STONINGTON  
FREE LIBRARY**

**2022 - 2023  
ANNUAL  
REPORT**

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



This year, our focus was to make the community aware of the power of a SFL library card and the access it provides to Books & Beyond. I am happy to report that this campaign led to a 14% increase in library cardholders year over year. We, of course, offer a wide selection of print and digital books and your SFL card also provides access to a wealth of materials, programs and services that you might not know about. Did you know that you can check out Nintendo Switch video games and the systems to play them? Or a WiFi hotspot for free internet access anywhere? If you need a laptop, we have you covered too. You can check out one of our Chromebook laptops for free. These are just a few examples of the power of your SFL card. Please read on as Assistant Director Karla Umland and Youth Services Director Cathy Taylor have highlighted our many offerings in their reports.



In February, we wished longtime Youth Services Director Maris Frey all the very best in her next chapter. Maris touched the lives of countless children, teens and families during her nearly seventeen years of bringing creative, innovative and fun library services to the youth of Stonington. We are incredibly lucky to have Cathy Taylor as our new Youth Services Director. Cathy and her team's nonstop creative energy and new ideas for the Youth Services Department are inspiring.

We created a new full-time Youth & Adult Services Librarian position to support many new and improved programs and services. This position brought back our popular One-on-One Tech Help sessions, for the first time in three years, and began our pilot homebound delivery program "SFL at Your Door," which we are looking to further expand this coming year.

We deeply appreciate being awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the Town of Stonington. This funding allowed us to purchase a self-checkout station, a solar powered charger for our popular outdoor seating area, new makerspace items for the Children's & Teen Room and more.

Thanks to our talented and dedicated Development & Communications team, the SFL Board, and all of our supporters, volunteers and patrons, we continue to meet and exceed our Annual Appeal and fundraising goals. We rely on private donations for over 40% of our annual budget, while our municipal funders, the Town of Stonington and the Borough of Stonington, provide just over 30%. Your support ensures the power of each and every SFL card and the access each provides to Books & Beyond!

On a personal note, I feel so incredibly fortunate to be part of such a thriving, thoughtful and supportive institution and community. This year, I got married and

had my first child, a son named Leon. I am still overwhelmed by the outpouring of kindness I received in response to both of these life events. Thank you to everyone who reached out with kind and supportive words for my growing family. I can never thank Assistant Director Karla Umland, SFL staff, board and volunteers enough for keeping the library running smoothly during my maternity leave.

Warmest wishes,

*Micayla*

Micayla Hall  
Director

*Dear Micayla and the whole library team,  
We would give you the moon if we could for we love libraries.  
We especially appreciate all of you and all you do to help literacy grow. Reading and writing have been the greatest joys in my life.*

*So glad you all enjoyed the puzzles. We will be sure to bring more to you.*



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



When I first heard that the theme for this year's Mystery Dinner was Books & Beyond, I thought it was too vague. I was used to seeing a theme that was related to a specific book or author. As I thought it over, I shifted my thinking completely. We keep getting stuck in a historical mindset about what a library is, or was. We need to keep reminding ourselves that the world and everything in it, including libraries, are not static entities. We need to keep evolving with the times in order to stay relevant.

The Library's Mission Statement is "to enrich lives and build community by bringing information, ideas and people together," which the theme "Books & Beyond" fits perfectly. Our amazing Mystery Dinner volunteers came up with the idea of creating rocket ships to represent thirty different services that the library offers our community. Many of these services are technology or digital related, and several are outside the library's physical space and even in the cloud. I am embarrassed to say that at first I did not believe that the library offered thirty different services. I had to confirm this was in fact correct. It was,

and in the end, I was convinced that our theme of Books & Beyond was wholly appropriate.

The Library Board has been spending time reviewing our performance with goals outlined in the Strategic Plan that was completed in 2017. The goals are still relevant and we have made substantial progress with many of them. Our focus is to expand upon them where we have the opportunity. Community outreach and sustainable fundraising are our priorities for next year.

As you will see from our financial report, we surpassed our Annual Appeal goal. We are profoundly grateful to our many generous donors who continue to support the library irrespective of economic ups and downs. We do not take your generosity for granted and have created a stewardship program to reach out to our largest long-standing donors. We want to express our gratitude more personally and provide an opportunity to discuss the latest library news and services we are offering to our community. We hope to make substantial progress in having these one-on-one meetings over the next 12 months. If you would like to initiate a one-on-one meeting with one of the Board members involved in the stewardship program, please contact me at [kevinjbowdler@gmail.com](mailto:kevinjbowdler@gmail.com).

We were all excited to celebrate the birth of Micayla's baby boy Leon, in April of this year. I would like to extend a big thank-you to Karla Umland who stepped in as Interim Library Director for the three months that Micayla was out on maternity leave. Karla did an excellent job of managing the day-to-day as well as annual events such as the Book Sale, Mystery Dinner, and the Battle of Stonington 5K. We are so lucky to have such capable staff who can step up and make sure that everything runs smoothly.

We greatly appreciate the generosity and commitment of all our supporters, volunteers, patrons, and municipal funders (the Town of Stonington and the Borough of Stonington). Without your support the projects, services, programs,

and accomplishments outlined in this report would not have been possible. Thank you for recognizing the vital role of the library in the community. It is because of you that the library is the trusted, beloved, and vibrant institution that it is.

With much appreciation,



Kevin Bowdler  
President



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*\*As of June 30, 2023*



# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Stonington Free Library welcomes every person who comes through our doors. Many library visitors use our accessible entrance which features a sturdy ramp and access to a spacious elevator. Community members visit our building seven days a week for a wide variety of reasons. In addition to looking for library materials, folks come to the library to:

- Print, copy, scan and fax documents
- Use a laptop
- Get community information
- Connect to wifi
- Read the newspaper
- Relax in a safe and climate-controlled environment
- Work on the community jigsaw puzzle

Even when we are closed, members of the public make the most of our outside space to use the outdoor wifi, device charging station, seating and table space.

Since programs are central to our mission—to *enrich lives and build community by bringing information, ideas and people together*—this year we have added a staff member specifically dedicated to library programming.

We have made our events as accessible as

possible by going the extra mile to offer them in person, streamed live online, and recorded for future viewing. All of our programs and services are free to the public. We now offer weekly Tech Help appointments, when a library staff member assists community members with their smartphones and laptops. We also offer monthly Take & Make activities for adults. Some of the most popular Take & Make kits this year have been origami folding, yarn crafting, and bookmark projects.

We now offer a full spectrum of library materials for loan, from digital books and magazines to good, old-fashioned jigsaw puzzles. Thanks to our faithful supporters, we have been able to purchase some of the newest and best ebooks, which currently cost three times as much as print books. In addition to offering online periodicals through PressReader, we have added a few print magazine subscriptions, including Soundings. Our very popular Switch Game program has been expanded with more games and additional consoles. As always, a broad collection of print books are available for browsing and borrowing. We also received a grant from the Mystic Woman's Club toward starting a homebound delivery service called SFL at Your Door.

Gratefully,

Karla Boeddinghaus Umland  
Assistant Director

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

During the fiscal year: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

- Stuart Vyse: The Uses of Delusion
- John Bunker: Visiting Our National Parks (collaboration with Local Libraries)
- Jonathan Post. Elizabeth Bishop: A Very Short Introduction
- Jeffrey Korzenik: Untapped Talent
- Gretchen Dykstra: Echoes From Wuhan
- One Book One Region: Screening of Film Crip Camp
- Tom Couser: Samson Occom
- Artreach: People Like Us
- Judy Benson and Roxanne Steed: Earth and Sky
- Chaya Milchtein: Finding a Trustworthy Mechanic
- David Eichelberg: Mohegan Tribal History
- Amaryllis Display and Sale (collaboration with Stonington Garden Club)
- Jessica Cerullo: Some Stranger Somewhere
- Connecticut Historical Society. Beyond The Amistad: Black History in Connecticut
- Audubon Society: Backyard Birding Presentation and Bird Walk on Barn Island (collaboration with Mystic & Noank Library)
- Olena Lennon. The War in Ukraine: One Year Later
- Christie Max Williams: The Wages of Love
- Keith Barker: The Railroads of Southeastern Connecticut
- Noreen Kepple, Greta McGugan, Lavina Kepple: Conversations On Death & Dying
- Julie Rivkin: A Henry James You May Not Know
- Timothy Walker and Elysa Engleman: Sailing to Freedom
- Willard Spiegelman. Nothing Stays Put: The Life and Poetry of Amy Clampitt
- Tom Schuch and Lonnie Braxton: New London Black Heritage Trail
- Catherine Denunzio: Enough Like Bone to Build On
- Juliet Grames: The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna
- Roxanne Steed: Watercolor Paint Night
- Jean Baur: Stand Out Every Time You Speak



*"Thank you so much for starting the adult arts and crafts program!!! We loved making the Audubon birds!"*

## ONGOING PROGRAMS:

- Stairwell Gallery
- Take & Make
- SFL Book Club
- SFL Nightclub
- Friday Flix
- Knitting and Crochet Group
- Adult Summer and Winter Library Reading Challenges
- Tech Help

## OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

- Masonicare Book Group
- StoneRidge Book Group
- Human Services Book Group
- 6 Little Free Libraries
- Spring Fest
- SFL at Your Door delivery for homebound patrons
- Fourth of July Parade
- Stonington Farmers Market
- Pup Fest
- Village Fair Book Sale

# YOUTH SERVICES



*“At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better. It’s an enormous force for good.” Barack Obama*

## **Restart: a new start or beginning**

We pushed the restart button in the Children’s Room this year. The return of weekly storytimes brought grateful parents and caregivers in on Monday mornings. Storytime is the foundation for creating a library community: a gathering of young children and families eager to listen to stories and learn about all that the library offers. After storytime, families stay to meet, chat, and watch their children play. They form friendships and fill the room with laughter and giggles. We are fortunate to allow our community to gather here, developing lifelong learners and patrons. It all begins in the Children’s Room. This year, we offered 30 storytimes, with 687 patrons attending.

We refocused on the Teen Room this year by creating a “Makerspace.” Teens can create designs using Perler beads - over 55 projects were completed this summer and will continue throughout the year. The

addition of Buddha boards and coloring sheets provide teens with various ways to display their creativity while offering a space to meet with friends.

The Summer Reading Program also benefited from the restart button. We offered 26 in-person programs this year, with over 654 children and adults attending. Participants read 2,008 books and logged 230,971 minutes of reading. The success of this program is made possible through the generosity of our local businesses and patrons. Five of our programs were paid for by contributions from the community at Tom’s Newsstand. Many local businesses donated gift cards to make over 360 “Mystery Bags” for use in our summer reading “store.” The community’s assistance, each year, cements the importance of our library in their lives.

The Youth Services Department offered 98 programs this year, with 3,040 attending. We created 24 online storytimes with a total of 17,625 views! There is so much to be proud of, with more to accomplish, and our wonderful community continues to help make the Stonington Free Library a vibrant place.

We are thankful to push the “Restart” button!

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Taylor*

Cathy Taylor  
Youth Services Director





“SFL has programming for our 9-month old. Being able to participate and see other children is wonderful for her.”



“My boys have learned so much from the projects offered and reading books!”

# MYSTERY DINNER



You might say the library's 15th Mystery Dinner was a real blast. In keeping with this year's theme, Books & Beyond, rocket ships soared above the heads of the more than 150 guests who gathered in the library on June 3. Twinkling stars added to the backdrop for cocktails and canapés while attendees learned the details of their Mystery Dinner adventure.



The motif, Books & Beyond, was chosen to highlight the many services the library offers to community members, above and beyond providing free access to books. Just a few examples include: free computer and internet use and connection, access to digital versions of more than 7,000 newspapers and magazines in 60 languages, as well as the ability to download ebooks, music, movies, and more. The Library also provides services for children and those who are homebound or in care facilities.



Upon leaving the library, the guests proceeded to the homes and other venues generously provided by a record number of 21 dinner hosts. There, they enjoyed elegant meals designed in keeping with the evening's theme, focusing on movies or television series that might be obtained through the library (for example, The Godfather, which featured Italian fare).

An affair such as this would not be possible without the dedication and unstinting work of



our gracious hosts, the enthusiastic participation of our guests, and the months of effort by the planning committee and library staff.

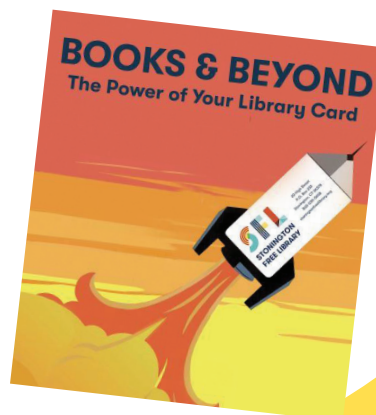
As a result, this year's dinner, our signature event, raised \$29,000 through ticket sales and donations. These funds will enable the library to continue to provide our community with Books & Beyond. Thank you for your continued support.



## Mystery Dinner Hosts

*We thank our hosts who opened their homes for this annual event.*

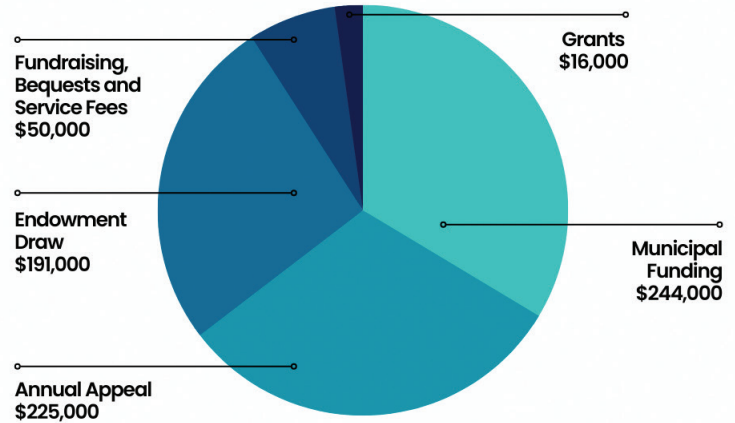
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# FINANCIALS



## Operating Income



We are pleased to report that the Stonington Free Library continues to be in good financial health and continues to make progress toward achieving financial stability with improved fundraising efforts, stable municipal funding, and a growing endowment.

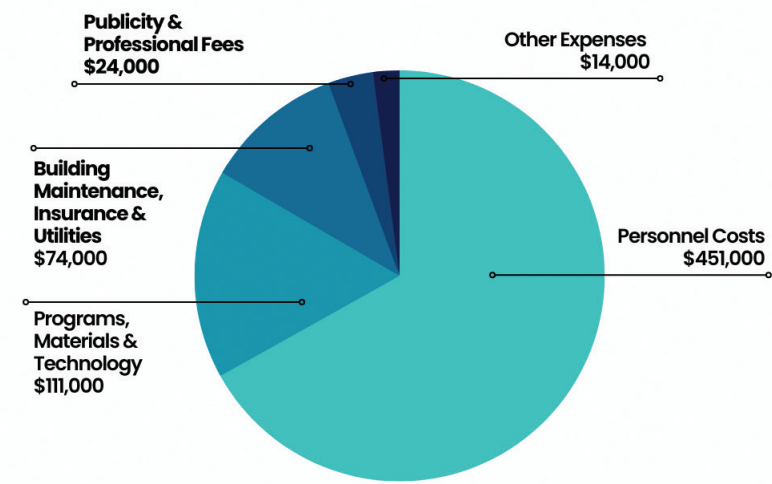
The Library recorded approximately \$726,000 in Operating Income during the year ending June 30, 2023, an increase of \$27,000, or 3%, over the previous year.

- “Regular” municipal funding from the Town and Borough was \$244,000 (34% of Total Operating Income), about \$7,000 up from the prior year. However, municipal funding was down in total by about \$35,000, or 13%, because of special dedicated COVID relief grants of \$41,000 that were received or committed in the prior year.
- The Annual Appeal (31% of total operating income) increased 9% or \$19,000 from \$206,000 to a record-setting yield of \$225,000.
- The Endowment draw of \$191,000 (26% of Operating Income) was up \$44,000, or 30%, over the prior year due to the increased value of the Endowment.

Operating expenses, excluding depreciation, were \$674,000, an increase of \$22,000 over the previous year’s total of \$652,000. The increase was mainly due to higher payroll expenses associated with expanded operating hours.

- Personnel costs were the largest expense category. At \$451,000, payroll represented 67% of operating expenses, and were \$35,000 over the prior year.
- The next highest category, at 16%, of total operating expense were library materials, programs, IT and digital resources of \$111,000 (5% less than last year).
- Building maintenance, insurance and utilities of \$74,000 were 11% of operating expenses, and about \$3,000 over the prior year’s total of \$71,000.
- All other expenses accounted for the remaining 6%.

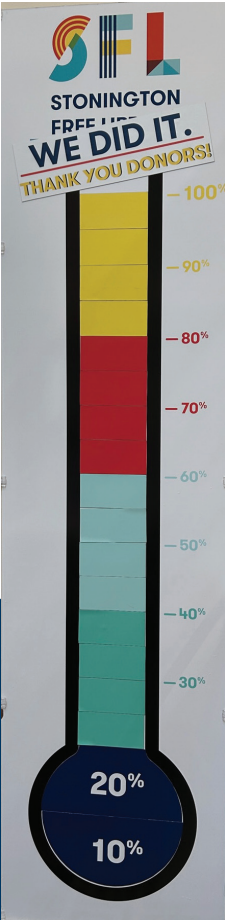
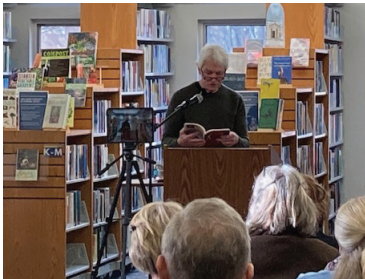
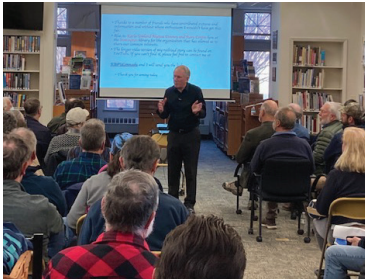
# Operating Expenses



The Library had \$257,000 in the bank as of June 30, 2023. During the year, about \$28,000 was spent on capital improvements, such as a sump pump, skylight and roof repairs. These improvements were funded by the Library’s Capital Investment Fund. The endowment was \$4.7 million as of June 30, 2023. The net return on the endowment was 9.5% for the year. The Board does not see any reason to change the investment strategy or our 4% spend policy. Unrealized gains and losses on investments are not included in the Operating Income figures stated in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betsy*  
Betsy Bowman  
Treasurer



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The Babcock-Phelps Society, named for the Library's two earliest benefactors, recognizes individuals who have chosen to remember the Library in their estate planning documents.

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*"My husband and I love our many hours spent at your library. The selection/breadth of books is wonderful and the physical space is perfect. Many thanks."*

## Grants Received

### **The Chester W. Kitchings Family Foundation**

Awarded \$15,000 to support library operations

### **Mystic Woman's Club**

Awarded \$600 to support Homebound Services Program - SFL at Your Door



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4,300+ people attended  
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549 Reading Program registrants

74% participation rate and  
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6 Little Free Libraries  
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Other 8%



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