



HULL PUBLIC LIBRARY

To enlighten and enrich the community of Hull.

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hull:

The Board of Library Trustees herewith submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 2019

Mission Statement

The Hull Public Library shall be a gathering place to foster the love of literature, cultural development, lifelong learning, and the appreciation of the arts and a sense of community. The library will also provide patrons with the resources necessary to make informed decisions, as well as being a forum for the free and open exchange of ideas in the interest of civic participation.

The Hull Public Library endorses *the Freedom to Read Statement, the Library Bill of Rights and the Library Bill of Rights for Children*, which together support the philosophy of free access to information to all. The above documents are on the library's website, www.hullpubliclibrary.org

2019 – 2020 Hours of Operation:

Monday and Thursday	10 AM – 8 PM
Tuesday and Wednesday	10 AM – 5 PM
Friday	2 PM -5 PM
Saturday	10 AM – 3 PM

375th Celebration

The Library was very pleased to participate in the 375th celebration of the Hull in both its own activities and Town sponsored activities. On Saturday July 27th, the Hull Public Library hosted several activities which constituted the library's 375th celebration. The statue "Friends Reading to Friends" on the front lawn was rededicated. " A wall upstairs in the library containing several framed maps was dedicated to former Trustee Frank Parker, who donated them. The Hull Library obtained the **Overdrive** Digital Bookmobile which provided instruction on the many digital services, such as electronic books provided by **Overdrive**. The Friends of the Library provided free ice cream to all to make the day really spectacular.

On Saturday August 20th, the Hull Public Library participated in both the Town wide Parade and Field Day to celebrate the 375th Anniversary of the Town.

Library Website, Online Services and Social Media

The Hull Public Library website [www. HullPublicLibrary.org](http://www.HullPublicLibrary.org) allows the library user to get up to date information including hours of operation, events, history of the library and links to other organizations in Hull. The webpage has links to the OCLN catalog and Commonwealth Catalog which allows library users to search library catalogs across the state. The newest feature is the addition of several databases covering a wide variety of subjects. Some of the databases are funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and are produced by the Gale Research Company. These databases cover subjects such as education, science and technology, literature, the environment, health, travel and history. The Hull Public Library is particularly proud of the databases it has funded. These include Ancestry.com, Hoopla (which library users to download movies and music) and Mango (which allows library users to learn languages on line). All you need is a valid Hull library card to access these excellent resources. The Library also reactivated its Facebook page and added an Instagram account. Social media is another way library users can keep up with current information.

Overview of Library Services:

1. Over 30,000 holdings including books, large print books, audio books, DVDs, CDs, and periodicals.
2. Downloadable audio and electronic books.
3. Access to Town records such as Town Reports and Property Assessments.
4. Six public computer workstations with printers and Internet access.
5. Free wireless Internet access.
6. Children's Room and reading and study areas for both adults and children.
7. Museum passes and Special Programs – sponsored by the *Friends of the Hull Public Library* and the *Hull Cultural Council*. (See below)
8. Access to the Old Colony Library Network (see below).

Museum Passes contributed by the Friends of the Library offer deeply discounted admission to the following area attractions: The Children's Museum, The New England Aquarium, The Franklin Park & Stone Zoos, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the JFK Museum, The Edward Kennedy Institute, The Museum of Science, The Institute of Contemporary Art and Plimoth Plantation. In 2019, the Friends of the Library added four more museums, Peabody Essex Museum, Trustees of Reservations, The Harvard Museums and Boston by Foot. The above passes were used over five hundred times saving the museum user an average of fifteen dollars per visit.

The Old Colony Library Network (OCLN): Membership in OCLN is based on an annual assessment that allows Hull Public Library cardholders access to 29 network libraries and branches, in 26 cities and towns on the South Shore, as well as 3 academic libraries. Library patrons may borrow directly from these libraries, or request materials from these libraries which can later be picked up at the Hull Library. In order to access the above services, the Hull Public Library needs to retain its certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

In addition to over two million holdings at OCLN libraries, membership in OCLN allows library users access to a virtual library that contains periodical databases and other digital media. A recent addition to the OCLN virtual library is the Overdrive program. This program allows cardholders to check out electronic and audio books online and download these directly to their computers or other devices. Through OCLN, library users have access to the online version of the *New York Times*. In FY 18, Hull residents checked out over 80,000 items at the Hull Public Library and other network libraries.

2019 Activities and Highlights:

Here are some of the highlights of the 2019 Nantasket Beach Lecture Series:

Boston Light's 300th Anniversary with Keeper Sally Snowman

"When America First Met China" with author Jay Dolan

"Sharks in Our Backyard with Dr. Jeff Kneebone

"Into the Raging Sea: the Sinking of the El Faro" with author Rachel Slade

"The Future of the Endangered Right Whale with Dr. Charles "Stormy Mayo"

Together with the Hull Lifesaving Museum, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Nantasket Beach Hotel, the Friends of the Hull Library continued to support the very popular Nantasket Beach Lecture Series.

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Some of the children's programs in 2019 were as follows:

"A Dog for Me" by Kathy Amcampora

Curious Creatures Animal Show

Four Wednesdays in July with Puppeteer Leigh Baltzer

"Ruby's Sword" and "Caspian" By Jacqueline Vessid.

The Library also hosts an active book group administrated by Assistant Librarian Ellen Kane, and facilitated by dedicated Book Group Moderator Judy Fanuele. Some of the books read in 2019 included: "Barracoon" by Zora Neale Hurston, "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsburg, "Anything is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout. "The Restless Wave" by John McCain, "Awakening" by Kate Chopin, "Play It Large" by Joan Didion and "Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens. The book group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 P.M. in the Library.

Each year in the months of July and August, the Hull Public Library waives fines on items borrowed at the Hull Library. In return, library users are asked to donate non-perishable food items, which are given to the Wellspring Food Pantry.

Library Staff

The Hull Public Library is proud to have a staff of hard working, flexible, and creative individuals. Our personnel includes: Children's Librarian Anne Masland, Assistant Librarians Ann Selig and Ellen Kane, Library Associates Cynthia Ryder and Doreen Wholey, and Library employee, Julie Marden. This friendly, knowledgeable staff provides great service to the people of Hull.

Children's Librarian Anne Masland arranged for several delightful programs in 2019. These were held at the library and free to children and adults, with a few of the programs at the Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club. The Children's Librarian also presents a preschool story hour in seasonal sessions throughout the year. This very popular school year program includes music and craft activities. In May or June the library hosts the new kindergarten classes providing these children with their first library cards. In addition, the library works with the Hull School Department to organize and provide reading materials for summer reading lists. Ms. Masland selects and catalogs children's and young adult materials.

Assistant Librarian Ellen Kane is responsible for the ordering of all adult books and DVDs and contributes to cataloging these items. Together with Michael McGurl of the Hull Lifesaving Museum, MS Kane produces and hosts the Nantasket Beach Lecture Series.

Assistant Librarian Ann Selig is responsible for cataloging adult materials, ordering all library supplies, and administrating our museum passes and periodical collection. In addition, Ms Selig keeps our computers in good working order and stays current of trends in library technology.

Library Associates Doreen Wholey and Cynthia Ryder are two of our extraordinary front desk staff. They are in charge of a wide range of administrative tasks, keep our shelves current with new materials, and serve as our readers advisories.

Library Employee Julie Marden works for us part-time as a knowledgeable library veteran, and ably maintains our library website, Facebook page and Instagram account.

Library Substitutes Penny Burns, Lorraine Mahoney and Suellen Milley are able to capably step in at the front desk when needed.

Fiscal Matters.

The library budget was funded in FY 20 at \$328, 338. The Library is now open forty two hours per week over a six day period, including two evenings and Saturdays.

Library Certification:

To receive State Aid to Public Libraries, and to be eligible for reciprocal borrowing privileges with other libraries, a municipality and its library must be annually certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) as having met: 1) the municipal appropriation requirement (MAR) for the current fiscal year, and 2) a certain number of hours based on population (in Hull's case 40 hours) and 3) a certain percentage of the library budget spent on the purchase of new library materials (in Hull's case 16% of the appropriated library budget).

Hull currently meets all of the above requirements. The Board of Library Trustees are determined that the Hull Library continue to meet these requirements and retain library certification.

Conclusion

We extend a very special thank you to both the Nantasket Beach Hotel and the Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club for generously allowing us to hold library functions at their wonderful venues.

The Hull Public Library thanks the Friends of the Hull Public Library and the Hull Public Library Foundation for their support.

The Hull Public Library works hard to provide the level of service that the people of Hull deserve, despite the limited resources that it has to work with. Now in its second century, the Hull Public Library expects to be here for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
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