

Martha Canfield Library Annual Report

The Martha Canfield Library Board of Trustees thanks you for your continued support as we strive to serve anyone in need of information, education and pleasure reading and viewing. We have had a busy year, participating in the Memorial Day parade in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion, giving away children's books at the Summer Farmer's Market, coordinating an exhibit about Norman Rockwell's Arlington: America's Home Town at the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier, participating in Vermont Reads 2019 and starting a Young Writer's group. All this in addition to our usual books, periodicals, DVDs, interlibrary loan, information services, museum passes, and much more. In addition, we were very pleased to receive a donation from Mack Molding of \$10,000 to purchase a new copier/scanner and several new computers.

We accepted with regret the retirement of our library assistant and children's program coordinator, Peggy Hanson, but are very pleased to announce our new staff person, Holly Dix. Holly has some volunteer experience in a library and has been a Boy Scout leader. She is excited to be working with you and your family.

The Russell Vermontiana Collection served more than 71 researchers in 2019. Thirty-nine of the researchers were local residents, and the others were from Massachusetts to Oregon and California. The major project was preparation and installation of the Rockwell exhibit at the Vermont Historical Society Museum. We also received thirteen major donations and many smaller donations of photographs, books, and ephemera. The oldest included a collection of newspapers from the 1850s-1880s, and a local account book that was started ca. 1797.

2020 is the year for the United States Census, which is very important for equitable allocation of federal funds and for accurate legislative representation. Most people will be able fill out your census form online. If you need assistance, the library staff will be ready to help at any time. If you would like to find out more about the Library, visit us online at marthacanfieldlibrary.org or on our Facebook page. We look forward to your continued support.

Phyllis Skidmore, Director

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