

GREENVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Annual Report of the Director
July 2005-June 2006*

When I got my library card, that was when my life began.
Rita Mae Brown

MISSION STATEMENT

Working cooperatively with other libraries and agencies, the mission of the Greenville Public Library is to provide comprehensive library services to the residents of Smithfield and surrounding areas, with emphasis on providing a common meeting place, general reference, and lifelong learning.

SERVICES

The Greenville Public Library provides information to the public to satisfy information and recreation needs, through a wide variety of print and audio-visual materials. The Library supports the school curricula, local business community, and specific and general needs of individuals, and is a repository of information, acting as the collective memory of the community.

The Library offers programs for all ages. There is special emphasis on introducing children to the wonders of books through story hours, crafts, tutoring and special programs, and providing homework assistance to students. We offer reference assistance, interlibrary loan, access to CLAN (Cooperating Libraries Automated Network) holdings, live and on-line tutoring, electronic books and databases, downloadable audiobooks, outreach services, exhibits, a homework and computer training center and many other services.

PROFILE

The Greenville Public Library is one of two public libraries in the Town of Smithfield, which has a population of 20,613. The Library was incorporated in 1882 for the purpose of providing library services to the Town. The original building was located near St. Thomas Church on the Greenville Common. A new facility was built on the present site in 1956 and two additions have been made to the building, one in 1966 and the latest in 1991. Membership in the Association is open to any adult for a fee of \$10.00, to families for a fee of \$15.00, and businesses for \$50.00. Members of the library association elect the Board of Trustees and its officers at the Association's annual meeting. Anyone living in Rhode Island can use the Library free of charge.

Annual operating revenues are derived from association dues, contributions, local tax appropriations, interest on investments, late fines, grants, and the State of Rhode Island in the form of grant-in-aid. The largest revenue appropriation comes from the Town of Smithfield, which funds 69% of the total budget.

OLIS (Rhode Island's Office of Library and Information Services) supplies interlibrary loan delivery service, and access to LORI (a network for librarians). The State also provides construction reimbursement money that is used to repay USDA and Town loans that were obtained for the expansion project completed in 1991.

The Library was open 44 hours per week, ten less hours than the previous year with the elimination of Saturday and Sunday hours in response to unusually high repair costs and approval of an insufficient budget appropriation at the Town's budget meeting. Four staff positions were eliminated and several staff had their hours reduced. An increase in State grant-in-aid allowed the Library to resume Saturday hours starting in

the fall, bringing the weekly hours open to 52. Thursday mornings were added in April bringing the total hours open to 55. Sunday hours were not restored.

The Greenville Public Library staff consists of seven full-time and fifteen part-time employees, including five full-time and six part-time professional librarians holding a master degree in Library and Information Sciences. There is one professional librarian who only covers for vacations and sick time.

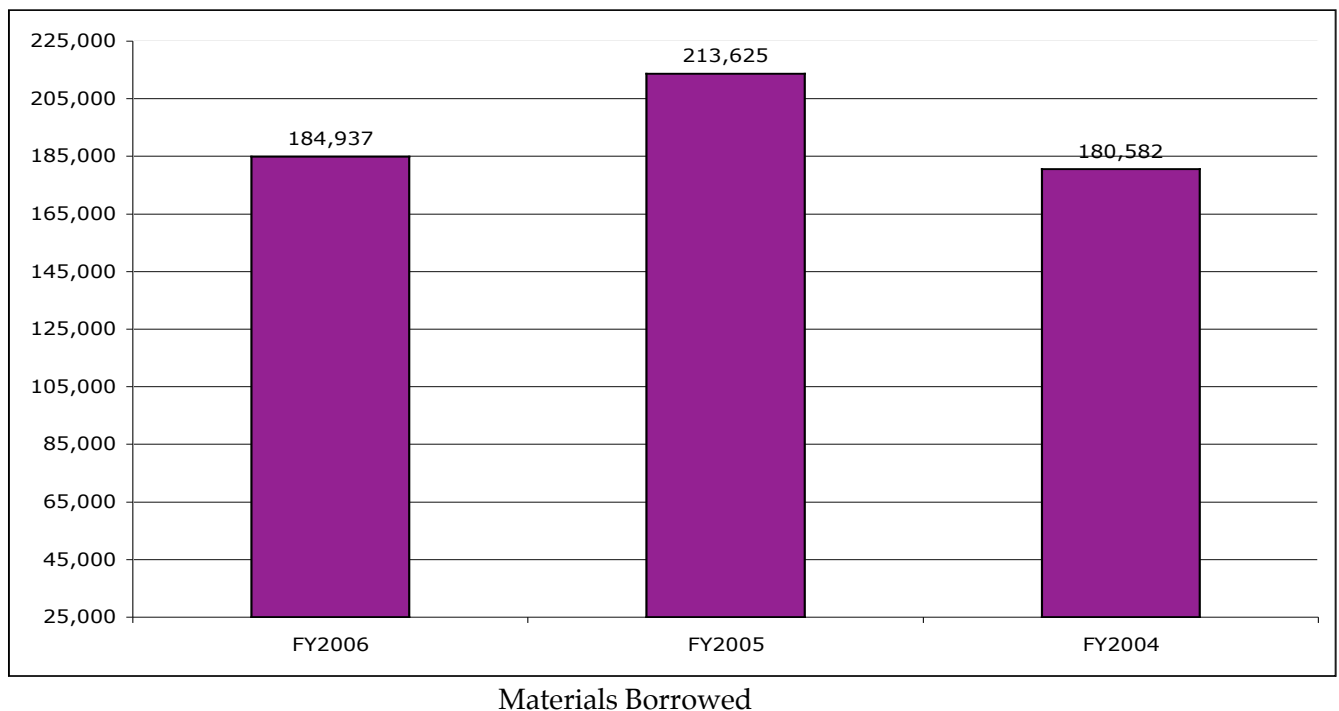
The Children's Assistant, Kathleen England, left during the year and was replaced by Theresa Neary. She has proved a valuable asset to the Library.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We served 109,031 people this year, a decrease of 11,387, attributable to reduced hours of operation and increased use of our on-line resources from outside the building. One will notice a slight drop (13%) in print materials borrowed, and a substantial increase (36%) in electronic materials used. This trend will probably continue as more materials, especially in the area of research information, are made available in electronic format. We provide our users access to databases, magazines, electronic books, and even audio books in electronic format.

CIRCULATION

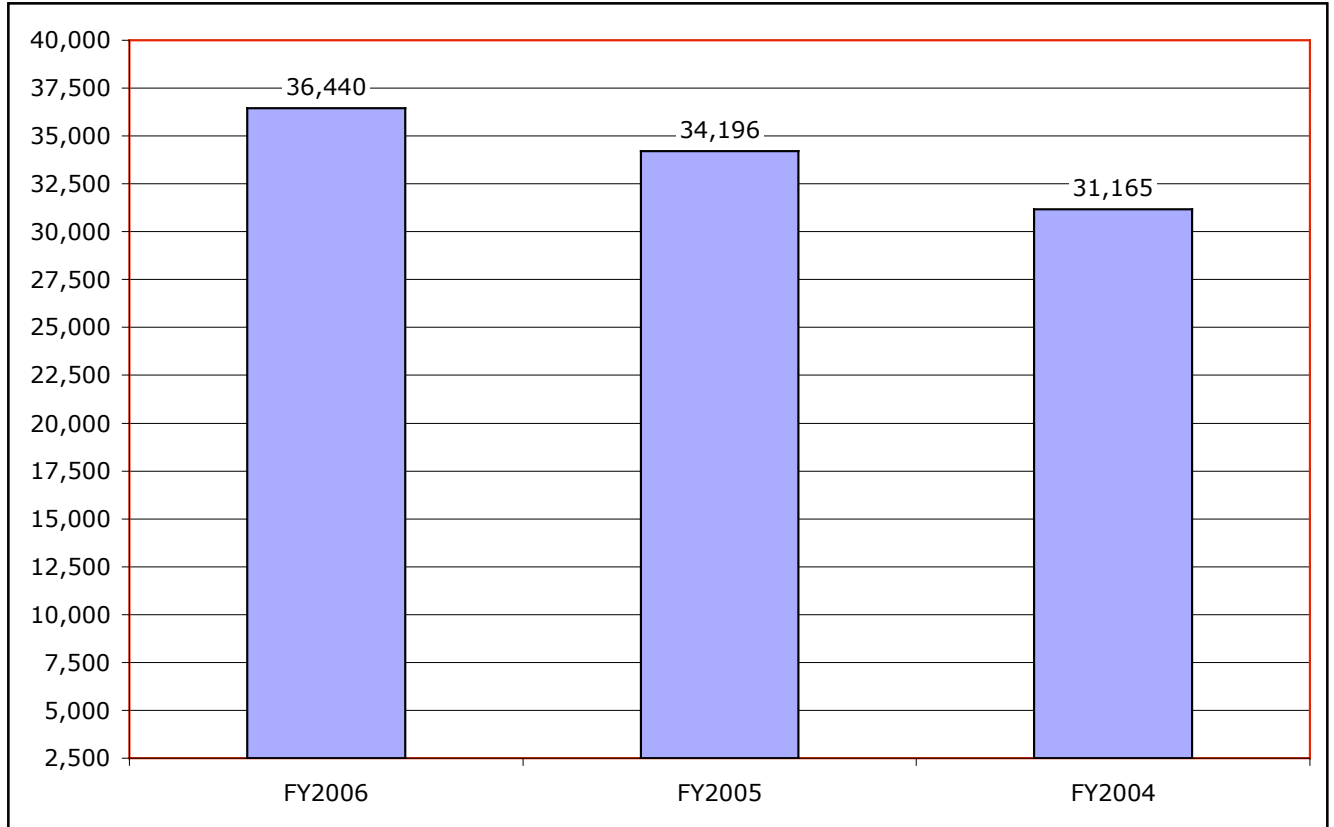
The number of books and other materials borrowed dropped from last year, but increased when compared to two years ago.



REFERENCE

Reference requests have increased by 2,244 or 7% from the previous year. Staff answers questions in person, via e-mail, fax, and by telephone. The number and complexity of

reference questions to which the Greenville Library staff respond rivals that of much larger public libraries in the state. Our staff is required to be computer savvy and well versed in the use of many different electronic databases and Internet sites.



Reference Questions Answered

VIRTUAL TUTORS

Greenville was the first public library in Rhode Island to utilize the services of on-line tutors. Our subscription allows students to receive live homework help from professionals via our web site between the hours of 2 and 10 p.m. daily. During the school year 1,298 children were tutored on-line, more than double last year, an increase of 706 or 119%!

ELECTRONIC DATABASES

The Library subscribes to several electronic books and databases that are accessible via our website to anyone holding a Greenville CLAN library card. These databases include full-text magazine articles, reference sources, an automobile repair guide, the *Providence Journal* archives, and a genealogy database that also offers census records and electronic books. Use of our on-line databases increased from 8,467 to 11,509, an increase of 36% over last year!

We also offer books in electronic format and this year for the first time audio books that are downloadable from our web site.

COLLECTION

There were 6,193 books and audio-visual materials added to the collection and 4,577 weeded for a net gain of 1,616 materials. Magazines, databases, and electronic book totals are not included in that total but are shown in the chart below.

	2,006	2005
Books	69,564	68,694
Magazines	997	1,420
Print Total	70,561	70,114
Audio	3,587	3,319
Video	4,469	4,066
E-Books	112	8
Databases	12	14
Other	132	57
Grand Total	78,873	77,578

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The Library borrowed 15,374 items from other libraries through interlibrary loan to fill requests for patrons that could not be filled from the Library's own resources. The Library loaned 48,076* materials to other libraries. The large number of items being received and shipped out requires many hours of staff time for identifying items, pulling materials from the shelves, packaging, and processing. We currently budget 39.5 hours per week for shared resources staff. OLIS provides a delivery service to transport books and other library materials between most of the libraries within the state up to five days per week. In-state interlibrary loans are free to library users. Books from out-of-state are mailed and the borrower charged \$2 per item for postage.

*[The circulation system was changed in March and interlibrary loans calculated differently. The number of items loaned during the transition was estimated. Next year's number should be more accurate.]

PROGRAMS

Programs presented: 642 Attendance: 9,827

There was a 28% increase in programs offered over last year, and an increase in attendance of 60%!

We would like to thank those who presented programs at the Library during the year, and the Friends of the Library who funded many of the Children's programs.

CHILDREN'S

There were 283 children's programs attended by 4,421 people (an increase of 20% over last year).

Story hours were presented to preschoolers, toddlers, and pre-toddlers.

The Summer Reading Program this year was entitled, —“Read Up A Storm at Your Library” was for children ages 3 1/2-10 years of age. 159 children registered and 70 completed the requirements. Weekly drawings were held for children who completed reading during the week. Small prizes were awarded to two children per week during the program. A grand prize drawing was held at the final performance and the winner received a Barnes & Noble gift certificate.

PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Title	Presenter
Music Together Demo class	Anne-Marie Forer
Nutrition for Kids	Blue Cross
Book Buddies	Teen volunteers
Crafts	Children's staff
Author visit	Erin Whalen
Dynamic Earth	Eric Bulmer
Kid Science	Yolie Rome
Pumpkin Painting	Staff
Knitting for kids	Mrs. Junior
St. Patrick's Day Party (donated in memory of Amy Gallagher) –Staff	
Art classes	Adele Karbowski
Flower Arranging	Apple Blossom Garden Club
Tri-Town Summer Reading	Children's staff
Reading Tutors	Bryant University students
Girl and Boy Scout visits	Children's staff
Create-a-Card	Deborah Sutherland
Homeschoolers Art Class	Adele Karbowski
Homeschoolers Public Speaking	Mrs. Wallace
LaPerche School visits	Children's staff

FAMILY

Title	Presenter
Magic	Ronald McDonald
Storyteller	Kavi Carbone
Burt the Raccoon	John Tierney
Stories & Cartooning	Keith Munslow
Weather Program	T.J. DelSanto
Family Music Nights	Anne-Marie Forer
Halloween Village	Teen volunteers
Magic Library	Debbie O'Carroll
Animal Experiences	Dave Marchett

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN

Title	Presenter
Healthy Kids Day @ YMCA	Children's staff
Tri-Town Literacy	Children's staff

YOUNG ADULT	
There were 173 teen programs that were attended by 3,577 people.	
Title	Presenter
Academy Award Contest	All presented by library staff unless otherwise noted
Apples to Apples	
Art Class for Teens	Adele Karbowski
Chess Masters	
Classic Book Club	
Ductigami	
Game On in the Homework Center	
Get Risky at the Library	
Halloween Village	
Library Jeopardy!	
Program Buddies	
Rhode Island Teen Book Award Election	
Smithfield All-Stars	Ron Manni
Story time Teens Organizational Meeting	
Teen Advisory Library Council	
Teen Book Chat	
Teen Read Week Bookmark Contest	
Teen Read Week Reading Race	
Tie-Dye T-Shirts	
Who Wants to be a Chocolataire?	
YMCA After School Middle School Programs	
Cranston Regional Career Fair	
LaSalle Academy Student Interviews	
High School Class Visits: Reader's Café	
High School Class Visits: Teen Read Week	
School Visits: Library Card Registration Month	

Summer Reading Programs

Seventeen teens finished the program and read a total of 312 books.

Title	Presenter
Book Buddies mentioned	Library staff unless otherwise
Book Buddies Training	

Charades
 Costume Party
 Gaming by E-mail
 Games of Strategy
 Greenville Public Library CLUE
 Introductions to Music (clarinet & piano) Nicole Lamantia
 Library Jeopardy!
 Library-Lympics
 Mystery in the Library
 Program Buddies
 Questions of the Week
 Statewide Pen Pal Program
 Teen Book Chat
 Teen Movie Chat
 Trivial Pursuit
 Who Wants to be a Chocolataire?

ADULT

There were 123 adult programs attended by 1,269 people. Included in these numbers are 90 programs for seniors (558 attended).

Title	Presenter
AARP Tax Assistance	Dave Surette
Blue Cross Wellness Van Flu Clinic	Dick Radabach
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Medicare	Becky Pettinicchio
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Medicare	Susan Olsen Saccoccia
Cesareo's Circle (Book Club)	Patti Folsom
Computer Training Class Basic	Milo J. St. Angelo
Computer Training Class Basic I	Milo J. St. Angelo
Computer Training Class Basic II	Milo J. St. Angelo
Computer Training Class Intermediate	Milo J. St. Angelo
Computer Refresher Course	Milo J. St. Angelo
Early Rhode Island Quilt lecture	Margaret T. Ordonez, PhD
Holistic Mental Health Program and Book Signing	Dave DiSano
Millennium Training	Mary Scaba
Mystery Book Club	Dorothy Swain
OPAC Training Sessions	Mrs. Swain & Barbara Bussart
Reading Across RI Book Discussion	Patti Folsom
RI Housing and Mortgage Finance Corp	Robert Silva
RIMFAC Homebuyer's Education Class	Robert Silva
Scrabble Club	Carol Riordan
Stone Plank Poetry Reading	Emily Westcott
Poetry Reading	Tom Chandler
True Home Real Estate Taxes workshop	Michelle Baillargeon
United Health Care Open Enrollment	Thomas A. Kelsey
UPS Investment Program	Wally Towner

ROOM AND COMPUTER USE

Twenty-one groups used the Library's meeting rooms a total of 122 times, not including the Trustees, Friends, and those presenting Library sponsored programs.

Our quiet study room, which is used for tutoring, tax return assistance, and quiet study, was used 167 hours this year.

Library computers were used by 61,545 people to access the Internet and electronic databases. 4,557 young people used the homework/teen tech center during the school year. Free public access to Library computers allows everyone in the Town the opportunity to have an e-mail account and to obtain important information from our electronic databases and the Internet.

EXHIBITS

The Library is fortunate to have people in the community willing to share their collections and art works with the community. We would like to extend our thanks to the following for exhibiting their works and collections at the Library this year:

CHILDREN'S BUBBLE	
Exhibitor	Exhibit
Thomas Howard	Bionicles
Dylan Sahakian	Clay Heads
Joseph Oliver	Dinosaurs
John Pagliaro	Stuffed Animals
Amanda Sweeney	Cats
Jared Boulanger	Transformers
Jessica Malone	Snow Globes
Children's Staff	Stuffed Animals
Martin Silverman	Mini Horses
Apple Blossom Garden Club	Musical Notes Workshop
Bill Cosby	Red Sox Memorabilia
Lauren Fortier	Barbie Dolls
Anne & Caitlin Neary	Stuffed Animals
CASTLE DISPLAY CASE	
Exhibitor	Exhibit
Frank Saccoccio & Sendra Beaugard	Wooden Forms (Festival of Ballet Providence)
Jim Ignasher	Police Collectibles and Memorabilia
Bethany Davies	Prints and Metalized Mannequin
Andrew Allin	Print Collection
Lauren Haskell	Miniature Oil Paintings
Library Staff	December Holiday Exhibit
Billy Gallagher	3-D Artwork and Acrylics

DISPLAYS

Many of the displays in the Library were done by the staff to reflect seasons or subjects of celebration. The staff also did several book displays each month.

We thank Diane Maione and her Girl Scout Troop #544 for decorating the trees in the Library's lobby, the students at Greenville Nursery School who made decorations for the bulletin board, and the home schooled children who displayed their artwork in the Children's Room throughout the year.

ARTWORK	
Exhibitor	Exhibit
Frank Saccoccio & Sendra Beaugard	Glass Etchings & Woodcarvings
Deborah Femino	Mixed Media Art
Lauren Haskell	Artwork
Billy Gallagher	Animal Sculptures and Acrylics
Rebecca Rowley	Photographs
School Students under Don Chabot	Youth Art Month Exhibit
Mary Kosowcki	Pastel and Oil Paintings
Pam Goodness	Photographs
Robert Woodford	Oil Paintings

OUTREACH

The Library provides books to residents of retirement and nursing homes. The residents of Greenville Manor, Hebert Nursing Home, Dora C. Howard Adult Day Care Center, and North Bay Manor receive materials throughout the year. Staff and volunteers (Friends) bring books to the residences, as well as to individuals requiring home delivery due to illness or incapacity.

The Library staff keeps lines of communication open with the staff and residents who live at Harmony Hill School, Farnum House, and Mater Ecclesiae International Center of Studies. We encourage library usage by the residents of these facilities and offer materials that meet their special needs and interests.

GRANTS AND GIFTS

The Apple Blossom Garden Club donated beautiful floral arrangements throughout the year and two wreaths that hung on either side of the entrance doors at Christmas time.

Mary Mowry donated scores of genealogy and town tax books from North Smithfield and Smithfield, as well as photographs. Many of the books were printed in the 1800's.

A new Christmas tree was donated by Karalyne and Laura Rothwell.

Pauline Henlin made a generous donation in memory of her late husband, Allan Henlin, which was used to purchase passes to Mystic Aquarium for this year and next year.

A lectern with an amplified public address system was purchased with a donation from the Greenville Volunteer Fire Dept. in honor of Earl Brindle. Part of the donation will be used for a naming opportunity in the new library building.

Grants were obtained from the Champlin Foundations for \$8,695 for DVD checking and repair equipment and \$13,513 worth of computer equipment.

Memorial donations were made in honor of Ellen McBride and Elinore Wright, both former Trustees and library volunteers whose passing we mourn and lives we celebrate.

Sharron Rothberg made a substantial donation to purchase something for the library staff. We purchased a dehumidifier for the staff lounge and used the remainder of the gift for books.

The employees of Fidelity Investments in Smithfield selected the Greenville Library for \$1,000 in donations. The money was used to purchase books.

We received \$4,945 in contributions from our Friends and Association Members.

Annual Grants

We receive several grants on an annual basis, the money derived from bequests that generate investment income. We are grateful to the following individuals:

Thomas K. Winsor Memorial Fund (from the estate of Kay Kirlin Moore): \$2,185 was used to purchase books.

Mattie A. Walcott Memorial Fund: \$4,419 was used to fund a new on-line audio book plan and print books.

Designated Funds

Muriel and Samuel Place Fund: \$5,000 plus interest to be used for the Children's Room expansion.

Leona Wilson Fund: \$1,230 for adult literacy materials.

Shirley Steere Memorial Fund: Interest from the fund is used to purchase books and furniture for the children's room: \$259 was used to purchase *Lands and People 2005*, six volumes.

The David and Eleanor Battey Campbell Fund: \$6,000 donation from Janice and Richard Lindsay in honor of Mrs. Lindsay's parents, former residents of Greenville. Interest from the account is used to purchase children's materials. \$230 was used to purchase: *Artists from Michelangelo to Maya Lin*, 4 vols., *A to Zoo: Subject Access to Picture Books*, *Continuum Encyclopedia of Children's Literature*, and *Multicultural Picture Books: Art for Illuminating our World*.

ADDITIONAL NEW EQUIPMENT and ITEMS

- A DVR for the security system was purchased to replace a VCR.
- Three staff chairs were purchased.
- A new trash receptacle was purchased for a lady's room.
- The file server operating system was upgraded.
- A new American flag was purchased.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The following repairs and improvements were made this past year:

- One flat roof was patched.
- Carpet was replaced in the children's room, workroom, and the staff areas at circulation and reference.
- New blinds were purchased for the children's alcove and young adult area.
- A security camera was replaced.
- A tree was cut down after it split during a storm and fell in the parking lot.
- The elevator had new packings installed, many adjustments, and new object detectors added to the doors to meet new State requirements.
- The self-checkout machine was reprogrammed under warranty.
- The cracks in the parking lot were sealed and the drain grates lowered to facilitate drainage.
- The parking lot was relined.
- Plexiglas panels on the two window wells off the Moore Recital Room were replaced.
- Plumbing was repaired in a men's room.
- The main heating and cooling unit was repaired and the cooling coils cleaned.
- The grandfather clock works were cleaned, oiled, and repaired.
- Two door closures were fixed.

OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS and ACHIEVEMENTS

We operate with the philosophy of continuous improvement and continue to be a leader among public libraries in the Rhode Island. Some of the many improvements and successes of this year include:

--Helped to create a consortium, called the Rhode Island Public Library E-Zone, that contracts with Digital Reserve (Overdrive) to offer patrons downloadable audio and electronic books.

--Hours of operation were extended by adding Saturdays in October and Thursday mornings in April. Weekly hours of operation were 44 in July 2005 and had increased to 55 by April 2006.

--Began offering PSP movies for Sony Personal Playstations, which have been well received.

--Created new pamphlets for the public, highlighting our most exciting and useful services.

--Conducted an efficiency study of circulation and shared resources activities to best utilize staff and equipment.

--Designed a key fob library card as an alternative to the traditional CLAN card.

--CLAN changed the circulation system in March 2006. The transition required extensive staff training and preparation.

--Implemented the collection development policy approved by the East Smithfield and Greenville Public Library Boards last year.

--Began joint planning of programs with the East Smithfield Public Library.

--Offered Food-For-Fines again this year for a week in November which benefited the Smithfield food bank.

--Entered into an agreement with the Rhode Island Library Association to maintain its membership database, for which the Library is paid \$600 annually, and received upgraded server database software free of charge.

--Continue to offer a genealogical database via our web page, paid for by the Rhode Island Genealogical Association.

--Continued a highly successful tutoring program that matches Bryant University work study students with local young people who need reading assistance.

--Continue to offer on-line tutoring for school students, free of charge. The service is available from 2-10 p.m. daily and was used by 1,298 students this past year for homework assistance.

--Initiated the first programs in the state for home schooled children, and have taken the lead in coordinating programs with other area libraries. We also provide space for parents/guardians who home school to meet.

--Had another highly successful teen summer reading program.

--Wireless Internet access is offered to the public from anywhere in the Library.

PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT

The professional staff is encouraged to join and participate in state and regional library organizations and to attend the annual Rhode Island Library Association conference. The Director is a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and the Public Libraries division, as well as the New England Library (NELA) and Rhode Island Library Associations (RILA). Other professional staff also belongs to RILA, and Aaron Coutu also belongs to ALA and NELA.

The staff attends meetings and workshops held throughout the state and participates on appropriate committees. Aaron Coutu is a member of the R.I. Teen Book Awards Committee and a member of the Statewide Summer Reading Program Committee and the Young Adult Round Table.

The director represents the Library at CLAN meetings and other statewide library meetings. He chaired a CLAN committee whose charge was to standardize policies and procedures among member libraries. He is the vice-president/president-elect of the Rhode Island Library Association.

Staff is encouraged to attend continuing education classes and library conferences. OLIS offers many continuing education classes free of charge, and the Library has a small budget to pay for work related courses. All of the professional and many of the support staff attended continuing education classes this year.

Professional journals are made available to the staff for book and other media reviews, and to keep them aware of issues and technologies affecting information delivery and libraries.

COOPERATION

Cooperating with other libraries and agencies expands the type and quantity of services and materials that can be offered. Following is a list of cooperative ventures and services:

--The Quilters donated a beautiful handmade quilt to raffle to benefit the Library.

--Greenville Boy Scouts provided services to the Library by participating in the Earth Day Cleanup, cleaning litter and tree limbs from Library grounds in the Spring.

--Provide space to AARP to assist the elderly and low-income patrons with tax return preparation.

--Interlibrary loan with other libraries, public, academic and school.

- Offer a convenient site for Northwest Home Care to provide flu shots.
- Book collection boxes are put in the schools during Student Amnesty in May and June. Student late fines are forgiven for Library materials returned to these boxes.
- Meeting rooms are offered free of charge to town government agencies, librarians and non-profit organizations for meetings and workshops.
- Repository for books belonging to the R.I. Genealogical Society.
- Provide outreach services to residents of Greenville Manor, Heberts Nursing Home, and the home bound.
- Provide services to the teen residents of Harmony Hill, Farnum House, and Mater Ecclesiastic.
- Host and attend North Central Chamber of Commerce meetings.
- Mrs. Leaver read stories at Tri-Town, the YMCA and Christmas stories to children at the Senior Center, and set up a special summer reading program for children attending Tri-Town.
- Collect nonperishable food in place of fines for overdue materials during November for the Smithfield food bank.
- Library staff works closely with the schools in Town on projects.
- Worked with a high school student who conducted a clothing drive.
- Worked with the girl scouts who collected under garments for children through Project Undercover.
- Provide volunteer jobs and supervision for those who have to do community service.
- Worked with the schools and East Smithfield Library on Reader Café
- Worked with Tri-Town and East Smithfield Library on the Smithfield All Stars program.
- Worked with East Smithfield on book and periodical purchases.
- Worked with East Smithfield on programming.

VOLUNTEERS

The Library depends on its regular volunteers who perform many hours of work at no cost to the Library. These dedicated individuals make it possible for the Library to offer programs and services that would not be possible without their assistance.

The Library offers a place for students in the high school and area colleges who need to perform community service as part of their curriculum, and we are grateful for their help.

Special thanks go to those who volunteer their services to the Library. We relied on 76 volunteers, who donated 1,243 hours of work to the Library. A few people volunteer on a weekly basis and are scheduled like paid staff. We especially thank the following for their dedicated service to the Library:

Helena Morin, Patti Folsom, Emily Westcott, Janice Ward, Anna Martin and Rosemary Smith, Grace Pariseault, Lillian Migneault, Lillian Nelson, Kathy Flynn, Rita St. Jean, and Mary Romano volunteer in Adult Services. Valerie Sahakian, Corey Schwartz, and Cassidy Arnold volunteer in the Young Adult dept., and Elizabeth Peitte and her mom volunteer in the Children's Room.

We want to thank the Apple Blossom Garden Club whose members donate beautiful floral arrangements throughout the year, and made wreaths which hung outside the front entrance during the winter holiday season. Club members also present children's craft programs during the year.

We thank the Quilters for donating a hand made quilt for a benefit raffle.

We thank the Rhode Island Genealogical Society for donating an electronic subscription to *Heritage Quest*, a genealogical database. The public performed 1,330 searches on the database this past year, most from home via our web page.

We thank Trustee, Milo J. St. Angelo, for donating potted plants to decorate the public service areas all through the year, in addition to his financial contributions and computer classes. Mr. St. Angelo provided three different level adult computer classes during the year, at no cost to the Library.

We thank the Friends of the Library for all of their work, bringing books to nursing and retirement homes, helping with special events, and fund raising. Their services are vital and much appreciated. Sarah Paquet deserves our gratitude for leading the Friends and putting countless hours into fund raising events. There was a highly successful holiday auction in December thanks to Dorothy Swain, the Friends, Sue Marineau, Elaine Farley, and Board President, Domine Vescera Ragosta, and many others including Target employees who volunteered that night setting up and serving refreshments.

Domine Vescera Ragosta deserves special mention and thanks for all of the time that she has devoted to the Library as Board President, in addition to her own hectic career and family responsibilities. She has managed to have weekly meetings with the Director and to attend an endless array of other meetings. She continues to keep the vision of a new building alive and has worked tirelessly with the Town Council, Bryant University President Ron Machtley, and Kathy Walsh, President of the East Smithfield Public Library Board, keeping lines of communication open for discussions on cooperation and a possible merger.

All of the Trustees must be recognized and thanked for their dedication to the Library.

They have volunteered their time and expertise, attended monthly Board meetings, served on committees, worked on fundraisers, and supported the Library financially. They have kept the Library a vital institution in the community.

The Library's staff deserves special thanks for their commitment to serving the public in a courteous and professional manner. They have had to endure disappointments and in some cases reduced hours and even layoffs. They have remained upbeat, courteous to the public and one another, and hard working, never losing sight of the objective—providing information services to the public and introducing reading to the young.

The Greenville Public Library is an essential service organization in the Town of Smithfield. It serves as the Town's repository of information and its collective memory. The Library provides homework assistance to students, instills the love of reading in children, provides Internet access, recreational reading materials, reference assistance, and meeting space to the entire community and surrounding areas. The goals for next year will be to secure adequate funding for a new and larger building, something that is long overdue, and to reinstate Sunday hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christopher La Roux
Director

*I may not be an explorer, or an adventurer, or a treasure-seeker, or a gunfighter, Mr. O'Connell,
but I am proud of what I am...I, am a librarian!*
From the movie, *The Mummy*

Positions as of June 30, 2006

TRUSTEES

President	Domine Vescera Ragosta
Vice-President	Virginia Harnois
Secretary	Susan Marineau
Treasurer	Bruce Hallworth
	Milo J. St. Angelo
	John Bucci, PhD
	Stephen Cicilline, Esq.
	Elaine Farley
	Barbara Lysik
	Harold Hemberger

FRIENDS

Debbie	Adler
Eileen	Adler
Elaine	Farley
Carol	Gallant
Helen	Gaudreau
Laura	Goudreau
Beth	Hurd
Grace	Lemon
Susan	Marineau
Kathy	Melvin
Sarah	Paquet
Karen	Piccoli
Dorothy	Swain
Emily	Westcott

STAFF

Director	Christopher La Roux
Assistant Director	Dorothy Swain
Children's Librarian	Pauline Leaver
Children's Assistant	Theresa Neary
Young Adult Librarian	Aaron Coutu
Reference Librarian	Beth DeCristofaro
Reference Librarian	Carol Gallant
Reference Librarian	Rhonda Hevenor
Reference Librarian	Rosemary Rose
Reference Librarian	Gretchen Hanley
Reference Assistant	Deborah Adler
Technical Services	Bethany Davies
Technology Coordinator	Ray Hetherington
Circulation Supervisor	Rebecca Rowley
Circulation Assistant	Norma Salzillo
Library Assistant	Carol Mulzer
Library Assistant	Karalyne Rothwell
Library Assistant	Sandra Williams
Library & Reference Assistant	Sarah Paquet
Administrative Secretary	Lydia Lapierre
Page	Katelyn Courtot
Page	Tanya Maione
Page	Laura Rothwell