

Annual Report: Fletcher Memorial Library

During the Town fiscal year 2014-2015, the Library saw approximately 1900 adult visitors and 250 children. The library lent 2050 books, 790 videos, and 125 audiobooks to Hampton patrons. The Library also participates in the State Inter – Library Loan program, which means additional books were loaned to other libraries and requested books were received from other libraries in CT for the benefit of our patrons.

The Library is open 20 hours a week. It sponsors children's story hours and craft programs, as well as programs done in conjunction with the elementary school. These include summer reading programs and "introduction to the library" programs for the early grades at Hampton Elementary School. It also sponsors special events such as open houses and author readings. The Library has an annual book and bake sale each autumn and offers a book delivery service to Hampton citizens who are home bound.

The Library staff, volunteers and patrons enjoy the renovations which have occurred which make the space more comfortable for general use, which include informal meetings, conversations, and group activities. We have had guitar workshops and have a knitting group that meets nearly every Wed.

The library Butterfly Garden is enjoyed by patrons as well others in town and has been used for library sponsored programs, including several children's craft projects and a Native American program.

Fletcher Memorial Library is a warm, welcoming place and encourages visitors to come and discover the varied range of books, audiobooks, and DVD offerings available. We also have a website which offers downloadable books for free and a Facebook page and blog to keep patrons up to date on latest offerings and activities. We constantly seek ways to provide for our patrons and the community.