

# Library

**A New Chapter Upstairs** is the slogan for the renovation project on the second floor of the Barrington Library which will begin in 2016. The project will include an exciting redesign of the popular children's department and better and more spaces for public meetings. Meeting space is at a premium in the Library / Peck Center. With careful and imaginative design, we will be able to go from three meeting spaces on the second floor to six meeting rooms!

Funding for the project will come from several sources. In May 2015, at the Town Financial Meeting, voters approved a bond for 1.2 million by the town of Barrington, to be reimbursed over a period of years by the state. In addition, the library is applying to several Foundations for grants and is also seeking private donations and gifts.

More information about the library project can be found on the library website at:

[www.barringtonlibrary.org](http://www.barringtonlibrary.org)



The joys of reading together



Celebrating the children's classic "Polar Express"



Participants in the Library's "Local Walk Series: Historic Drownsville" co-sponsored by the RI Chapter of the Appalachian Club

So much happens at Barrington Library every day that it is difficult to pin down just a few exciting events. However, one of the biggest achievements of this past year was the impressive increase in the number of public programs and attendance. In 2015 we saw an increase of nearly 35 percent in program attendance for all ages! Some of this increase surely has to do with greater emphasis we have placed on cooperative programming with the help of town groups like the Preservation Society, Recreation Department, and Conservation Commission for such programs as guided walks around town, children's programming, and environmental film series.

In 2016 look for more cooperative programs, more E-Books, a newly designed web page, and the official start of **A New Chapter Upstairs!** Meanwhile, our thanks to the Friends of Barrington Library, the Champlin Foundations, RI State Legislative grants, and a grant from the CVS Charity Classic for major donations to the library that brought books, movies, public programs, museum passes, computers, and a new security camera system to the library.



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