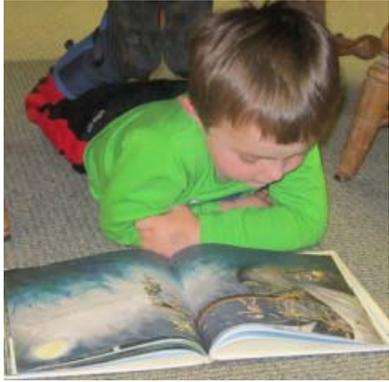


LIBRARY



This year the library has been immersed in self study, preparing for the creation of a new five year plan. In the spring we solicited feedback with a survey available online and in print. Among the hundreds of survey responses received it became obvious that library use continues to be a vital part of the community of Barrington, for users of all ages.

An increasing interest and need for technology are clearly indicated, but library users also value person-to-person communication with knowledgeable and dedicated staff. And just about everyone wants more books! A follow up focus group that included community members from a wide range of ages and interests reinforced these needs. As the staff prepares the new five year plan, there will be a concerted effort to balance technology with tradition, including lots of books, in whatever format the reader prefers!



Numbers can often tell a story, indicating levels of support and use. Here are some recent facts and figures about the library:

The library received the following financial support:



Town Library Operating Budget: 1,225,661
Friends of Barrington Library: 29,033
Barrington Library Corporation: 24,245
Champlin Foundation Grant: 14,360
State Grant in Aid: 338,043
Legislative Grants: 4,000
CVS Charitable Grant: 2,000
RICH grant: 2,000

A snapshot of our busy library in FY' 14

381,258 Items circulated
30,816 Reference questions answered
41,376 Uses of computers
386 Public Programs
8,333 Attendance at programs



Where was the biggest jump in library borrowing? Digital media. Between FY '13 and FY '14 borrowing of E books went from 8,033 to 14, 485, an increase of 80 percent!