## 2016-2017

## PATTEN FREE LIBRARY

## **ANNUAL REPORT**



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## The John Patten Society

Through such gifts or bequests, each Society member follows the visionary legacy of Capt. John Patten who, with his brother George, laid the groundwork for what is today's Patten Free Library. Forty-four thoughtful individuals joined these distinguished gentlemen in sustaining the future of Patten Free Library by becoming Charter Members of the John Patten Society in 2004. As more people hear of the Society, the membership continues to grow.

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Our John Patten Society members are a dedicated group of donors, who represent the latest embodiment of Bath's legacy of generosity. Because of their commitment to supporting the needs of the Library, members have donated funds to restore the Dahlov Ipcar murals that decorate the Children's Room. With these generous donations, we have been able to hire Fogg Art Restoration to do this work.

### Year in Review

It was an exciting year for us. The Library hosted hundreds of events during the 2016-17 fiscal year, ranging from art shows, to science programs, robotics, and a Make Shift Coffee House.

### Children

In the Children's Room, highlights include the V is for Violin learn-to-play program with violinist Susan Krongold, an author discussion with Caldecott Honor winner Melissa Sweet about her book Some Writer!

The Story of E.B. White, a three-month long Searching Science program to introduce young minds to the wonders of science, and the Annual Children's Lantern Parade and visit with Mrs. Claus, a local favorite. A Merrymeeting Bay Trust grant for youth exploration of local natural history gave us the chance to create seven-science themed book bags and backpacks for circulation, and to hire a summer intern to coordinate several family Storywalks in local land preserves.

## Young Adult

The number of young adult programs increased again this year, including the Lego Robotics Club and the Magic Cards weekly group. Outreach activities with the schools included a 9th grade Library orientation class, the "Veterans Voices" course with the BRCTC Academy students, and a class on Orwellian references in modern media with Morse High Juniors. The Common App Workshop for college hopefuls had a record number of attendees in its fourth year. The Teen Library Council had a busy year, and planned several engaging activities for our young adult patrons, including a laser tag event with 80 participants, and the Annual Teen Art Show with Morse High students. We also coordinated with MHS and professional slam poet Amanda Torres for a slam poetry class, followed by a performance event at the Chocolate Church.







### Adult

This year's adult programming included author talks with Richard Russo, Jonathan Letham, Ron Currie, Jr., and Wesley McNair. We offered free musical entertainment during Bath Art Walks, with additional performances by Primo Cubano, Ken Bonfield with Raymond Martinez, and Cul de Sax. A variety of film series ran throughout the year, and we hosted two Make Shift Coffee House events, a community forum for discussion of current events and bridging the political divide. We also added two new services for patrons: Mango Languages, a free language learning program, and Cloud Library, an e-book and audibook service

## Sagadahhoc History And Genealogy Room

The Sagadahoc History and Geneaology Room had some exciting donations, including a circa 1820 map of Bath, created by local resident Abraham Hammatt, sent to us by the Bangor Public Library. The History Room sponsored a variety of programs, including the Town History Series which consisted of five talks, attended by over 400 people in total. We worked with MHS for a school project that used artifacts from the room and Bath Historical Society collections to consider the history of education in Bath. In total the History Room assited 1,004 patrons with 1,331 research questions, and used 5,642 resource items.







### **Technical Services**

The Library's Technical Services department staff and volunteers play an important role in keeping materials flowing, supporting patron activity and expectations. This year the Department Head joined the Minerva Cataloging Standards Committee, helping shape consortial policies to make patron searching in our shared catalogue clearer and more consistent. Nationally, we have been working with the Library of Congress to help improve the process of catalog searching across the country. The volunteers have worked hard to perform many essential library tasks such as weeding and shifting older materials to keep the shelves clean and relevant, covering and labeling all new materials, repairing broken materials, and processing periodicals. This behind-the-scenes work is vital to the success of the Library.

## Friends of Patten Free Library

The Friends of Patten Free Library diligently worked throughout the year to generate financial support for PFL. Our Annual Heritage Days Book Sale, Children's Book Sale, Holiday Raffle for Maine State Music Theater passes, and the library bookstore netted a total of \$40,600 for the Library. We added \$40,000 to the Library's operating budget with \$23,000 coming from the library bookstore and \$17,000 coming from the other Friends' activities. We also provided prizes for the Teen Writing Contest, partial funding for the Children's Summer Reading program, and a stipend for noted author Tilar Mazzeo last October.

## Heritage Days Book Sale

At our Heritage Days Book Sale held over the 4th of July, we had many willing and hard-working volunteers help to make the sale a huge success. Volunteers from the Bath Sunrise Rotary and the Navy crew of the USS Peralta added to our supportive team. A true community effort!







## Library Bookstore

At the library bookstore the doors are open six days a week from 10am – 4 pm at 194 Front St. Having just celebrated our 10th year, we can report that the annual net income has increased from \$15,000 to just shy of \$25,000. The slight drop to \$23,000 this year has not tainted the ten-year growth.

Without our dedicated Friends and additional volunteers, none of this would be possible. The Patten Free Library is very pleased to have our active group of Friends.

## Annual Meeting of the Friends

We are pleased to announce that Rinker Buck, author of the bestseller <u>The Oregon Trail</u>, A New American Journey, will be the guest speaker at our 2017 Annual Meeting of the Friends on Thursday Oct. 12th at the library at 6:30 pm. Rinker is currently working on a book about the history of great American rivers and flatboats. Once again, he experienced his subject firsthand by traveling aboard the Flatboat PATIENCE from Elizabeth, Pennsylvania to New Orleans.

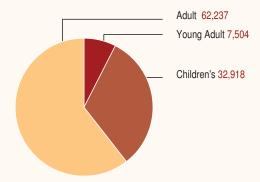
### Friends News

Friends' news is updated on the Friends' page of the PFL website. If you are not a member of the Friends, please consider joining our fun efforts! Details are on our PFL webpage and on our bulletin board at the Library. www.patten.lib.me.us/about-the-friends/

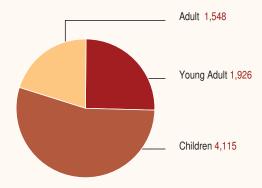




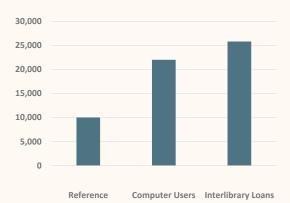
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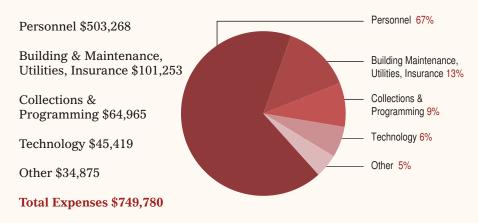
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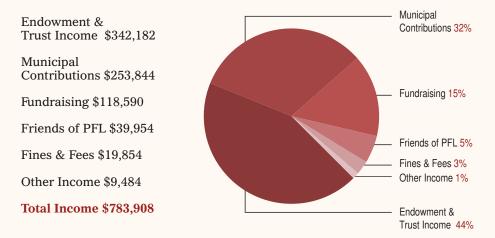
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