

## THE SHERMAN LIBRARY

# Annual Report

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018



Dear Friends,

*There is both pride and sadness as I present my final Sherman Library Annual Report. I feel great pride in the many accomplishments we have attained together since I began in 1997....including expanding our children's department and adult services, creating a space for teens, automating*

*the library system, providing new digital resources, collaborating with town organizations, and building the new facility, our crowning achievement.*

*At the same time, however, I feel sadness about leaving my "home" for the past twenty-one years and the many staff, volunteers, Trustees, and of course our patrons, who've made this journey possible.*

*I want to give special thanks to our long serving staff Karen Borneman and Christine Ranno and to our well-respected and beloved colleague, Florrie French, who recently retired after twenty-one years of dedicated service to our community. I also want to thank our Board of Trustees President Lisa Bilbrough for her outstanding leadership and who will be stepping down in the coming months.*

*Our library remains as relevant today as it was in 1926, when the original library was opened. In fact, even more so. Thanks to technology we now can easily connect with our community and keep everyone informed of the great things that are happening at the Sherman Library.*

*No longer are libraries gloomy and silent. Many of today's libraries, including ours, are awash with light, space and art. They are also repositories for knowledge and curiosity. Always free to all, today's libraries bring people and communities together to learn, to talk and to enjoy each other.*

*And most recently, as a result of the terrible tornado that touched down this past May, the Sherman Library provided a safe place for companionship and makeshift office space to those who lost power.*

*As I prepare to leave, our library is in good financial standing due to the generosity of our community. We also have a growing range of programs and services...there really is something for everyone.*

*One can only imagine what the next twenty plus years hold for libraries, but one thing that I am certain of, the Sherman Library will remain a wonderful facility that will keep abreast of the latest changes in library services while at the same time providing our patrons with the best possible experience.*

*With gratitude I thank the Sherman community for their kindness and generosity over the years. I have truly loved being the Executive Director/Librarian.*

Respectfully submitted

*Millie Loeb*

Executive Director of the Sherman Library



## Highlights of 2017-18

- The Sherman Library celebrated 116 years of service to the community
- Celebrated fourth anniversary of the Grand Opening of our newly restored, renovated and expanded Sherman Library
- Millie Loeb announced her retirement after 21 years as Executive Director
- Florrie French, Senior Technical Services Assistant, retired after 21 years of service to the community
- Throughout the year the library continued to provide services to the public
- 27394 items were loaned
- 1208 books and audio books were added to the library collection
- 543 downloadable eBooks & audio books were added to Overdrive at [www.shermanlibrary.org](http://www.shermanlibrary.org)
- 129 classic, popular, foreign and documentary films substantially augmented the DVD collection
- Sherman Library cardholders enjoyed our free digital resources including Hoopla, Overdrive, researchIT and RBDigital
- The Sherman Library's catalog and circulation system, accessed through our Bibliomation membership, was upgraded, updated and improved
- Patrons used [www.shermanlibrary.org](http://www.shermanlibrary.org) to access library catalogs, databases, manage their account, download eBooks and audio books and learn of library events anywhere, anytime

## Highlights of 2017-18 *(continued)*

- 4295 children and adults attended 251 free library programs
- Generous grants from individuals, foundations and local organizations supported programs and special material purchases
- Our popular programs included collaborations with local organizations, including CT Audubon Society, Jewish Community Center in Sherman, Naromi Land Trust, Sherman Chamber Ensemble, Sherman School and Sherman Senior Center
- Wireless Internet access remained free for all library users
- Members, patrons and the town were informed of library news through our website, e-newsletter, social media, local publications, and online events calendar
- The Sherman Library Capital Campaign was completed and donor plaques were installed
- Membership donations, fundraising events, in-kind donations and a grant from the Town of Sherman supported the library operating budget
- The Sherman Library participated in the fifth Celebrate Sherman Town Softball Tournament
- The Book Sales, Annual Holiday Party, DuckFest and Women's Soirée provided important support for the library materials budget
- Over 160 indispensable adults and students volunteered hundreds of hours in support of the library
- Our talented and friendly four member staff had over seventy combined years of employment, and provided outstanding service that was essential for reaching our goals
- A dedicated Library Board of Trustees remained committed to excellence and advocating for the Sherman Library

## Programs at a Glance

### ADULT

- Annual Meeting – Primacy of Story – Robert McKee
- Art Show Opening Receptions
- Author Presentations:
  - *Step Forward, America* by Ted Hollander
  - *The Summer House* by Hannah McKinnon
- Book Discussions - Friday Evenings
- Create Your Own TV Show-CTV-192 Community Access
- Eclipse glasses - Solar Eclipse 2017
- Hidden Life of Trees Arbor Day Tree Walk with the CT Audubon Society-Deer Pond Farm
- Knitting and Needle Arts – Elly Bockley and Amanda Ruane
- Ongoing Free Books Cart
- Program Collaborations: CT Audubon Society - Deer Pond Farm, JCC in Sherman, Sherman Chamber Ensemble, Sherman School, Sherman Senior Center
- Sherman Song Swap – Al Burgasser and Nancy Walsh
- Thru Hiking on the AT-Sam Ducharme
- Yoga Nidra – Mariya Hurwitz

### ART SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

- Phyllis Ferris – *Farm Roads*
- Sara Frischer - *Simple Pleasures Photography*
- Kathy L'Hommedieu and Students
- Candace Head - *Whimsical Watercolors*
- Senior Commission on Aging - *Sherman Senior Art Show*
- Barbara Soares & Jim Stasiak - *Holiday Show Photography*
- Muriel Stockdale – *E Pluribus*
- Bob Winschell – *Sherman Upland and Beyond*



### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka led by Marge Josephson
- *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles led by Nana Greller
- *Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben co-led by Deirdra Wallin & Elissa Johnson
- *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance led by Pat Endress
- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi led by Corinne Kevorkian
- *Human Stain* by Philip Roth led by Barbara Griff
- *A Manual for Cleaning Women* by Lucia Berlin led by Diana Bristol
- *March* by Geraldine Brooks led by Chris Keenan
- *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder led by Lorna Barrett
- *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf led by Marge Josephson
- *Story of a New Name* by Elena Ferrante led by Lorna Barrett
- *This Boy's Life* by Tobias Wolff led by Chris Keenan

## Programs *(continued)*



### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- 100 Book Challenge for Preschool
- Brick Clique
- Bubble Fun
- Dr. Seuss' 114th Birthday Celebration
- Edible Insects
- Harry Potter Trivia Nights
- Jamilah Henna Creations
- Library Tour and Cards for 1st Grades
- Magic Show with Justin Mazz
- Make it, Take it
- Marble Maze
- May the 4th Be With You Star Wars Night
- Movie Nights
- Nutmeg Award Reading Program
- Preschool Outreach
- Science of Sound
- Science Tellers
- Sherman Town Halloween Bash
- Sherman Chamber Ensemble Children's Concert
- Storm Week Special Programs
- Take Your Child to the Library Day
- Trick or Treat at the Library
- Volunteer Helpers
- Winter Birds & Bird Houses- CT Audubon Society - Deer Pond Farm
- Yoga for Kids-Mariya Hurwitz, Helen Anne Ostrosky

### SCHOOL YEAR STORY TIME AND CRAFT PROGRAMS

- Toddle Times for Ages 18 Months to Three Years
- Preschooler Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Fantastic Fridays for K and 1st Grades
- Thursday's Crew for 2nd and 3rd Grades

### SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- *Build a Better World* Summer Weekly Programs
- *Read to Me Time* – Reading Buddies
- Summer Reading Challenge for 1st to 4th Grades
- Toddler's Summer
- Preschoolers
- SciFun for K to 4th Grades
- That's Cheezie Ages Five and Up
- Book Parties
- Movie Nights
- Story Time Assistants 4th Grade and Up
- Summer Reading Parties with the Sherman School

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Book Sales September, November, March, May
- DuckFest, A Children's Country Carnival
- Holiday Party-Seventeenth Annual
- Membership Appeals
- Women's Soirée





## Statistical Review 2017-18

Circulation	273949
Adult Book Circulation	12091
Children's Book Circulation	9461
Audiovisual Circulation	5842
Sherman Circulation Per Capita	7.6
Connecticut Circulation Per Capita	6.4
Population Served*	3581
Library Visits	19175
Patrons Registered	1480
Connecticard Borrowing By Sherman	5562
Connecticard Loans to Non Residents	2892
Interlibrary Loan from other libraries	1369
Interlibrary Loan to other libraries	1981
Library Holdings	26615
Library Holdings Adult Books	12489
Library Holdings Children's Books	11400
Library Holdings Films	2726
Downloadable eBooks & Audio Books	14919
Adult Programs	71
Adult Programs Attendance	1761
Children's Programs	180
Children's Programs Attendance	2534
Volunteer Hours	2500
Days Open	252
Tax Dollar Support Per Capita	43.9

\*U.S. Census Bureau 2010



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**The Sherman Library Association thanks all volunteers for their outstanding support of the library.** Over 130 adult and student volunteers contributed hundreds of hours of their time and energy this past year. Whether participating as a member of our Board of Trustees, manning the circulation desk or helping with fundraising events, volunteers are an integral part of our library each and every day. These dedicated volunteers also work behind the scenes on a myriad of tasks. They maintain our building, organize the book sales, design print material, lead book discussions and present adult and children's programs. They vacuum, weed gardens, clean gutters and move heavy boxes. Sherman Library volunteers are committed and enthusiastic. They give our library its character and personality. This devoted group, ranging from age nine to ninety, helps to keep our library operating smoothly year after year. **Our appreciation for all they do runs deep!**



Chris Ranno, Karen Borneman, Florrie French, Millie Loeb

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Mason Lord volunteering

*Many volunteers participate in more than one library activity*

*Support of the Sherman Library comes in many forms. We thank everyone who donated funds and materials and volunteered time to enrich our services. Please accept our apologies for any omissions or errors in this report.*

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*We respectfully honor the memory of Mary Rindfleisch—a beloved library supporter.*

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The Sherman Library Association is most grateful for the generosity of our many supporters. Although we function as a public library for the Town of Sherman we are a not-for-profit library. This means that our annual appropriation from the town provides a portion of our operating budget. The remaining funds come from other sources, principally from our annual membership campaign, fundraising events, grants and other donations.



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 Carmilla Landscape Design  
 Carvel – New Milford  
 Gloria Chiesi Trainer  
 Club at River Oaks  
 Connecticut Audubon Society  
 Cord King  
 Costco, Brookfield  
 The Cue Restaurant  
 Daryl's House Club  
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 Center  
 Roberta Douglas  
 Carolina Fernandez  
 Marie Fierko  
 FineLine Theater Arts  
 Jack Finneran  
 Mike Freeman  
 Molly Garcia  
 Goatboy Soaps

Great Hollow Nature Preserve  
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 Hair by Susi  
 Happy Acres Farm  
 David and Michelle Hodges  
 Home Depot, New Milford  
 Linda Hubbard  
 Hurwitz Family  
 The Iron Rail  
 Laura Jagodzinski  
 Nancy Janutolo  
 Joe's Salon and Spa  
 Keeler Tavern Museum  
 Joseph Keneally  
 Al & Lauren Kenney  
 Kent Coffee & Chocolate  
 Kent Greenhouse  
 Kent Wine & Spirit  
 Joy & Michael Klvana  
 Joan Laucius  
 Christine Lent  
 Kathleen L'Hommedieu  
 Loeb/Roffwarg Family  
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 Lore's Lanes  
 Marie Mulvaney Loria  
 Hope Lord-Fitness Matters  
 Don Lowe  
 Lucia Ristorante  
 Mary Jane Magoon  
 Paula Marian  
 Robert & Mia McKee  
 MOMIX  
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 James Neunzig-JP Gifford Catering  
 New Fairfield Animal Hospital  
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 Nordica  
 Cindy O'Connor

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 One Stop Cleaners  
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 Robbyn's Nest  
 Robotics and Beyond  
 Roundabout Theater Company  
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 Nina Salvatore  
 Susan Seeger  
 Sherman Players  
 Sherman Cosmetic Dentistry  
 Sherman IGA  
 Sherman Sentinel  
 Sherman Volunteer Fire Department  
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 Terston Home Accents  
 Thompson's Restaurant  
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