Honorable Selectmen:

On June 11, 2017, the Blackstone Library entered its thirteenth year in its present location at 86 Main Street. The library ended 2017 with the continued dedication to be an integral part of the community where people of all ages can meet in a friendly, accessible, and comfortable environment.

The Blackstone Public Library is fully compliant in the requirements for State Aid, and remains certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Certified libraries are eligible to receive State Aid grant funds from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and are also eligible to apply for other state grants, such as the Library Services & Technology Act grant.

The Blackstone Library has a collection of 68,908 items. As a member of The Massachusetts Library System (MLS), the library benefits from sharing among member libraries of all types. In addition, the Blackstone Library supports an annual membership to Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc. (C/W MARS). This online library consortium allows patrons access to thousands of material from libraries throughout Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Cheever, Library Director
Thank you to the Friends of the Blackstone Public Library for your ongoing support and fundraising efforts.

Ongoing activities for adults:
Book Group & Knitting Group

Ongoing activities for children:

Please call the library for more information at (508) 883-1931 or visit the library's webpage at http://blackstonepubliclibrary.org

Please visit us on Facebook and Twitter.

CIRCULATION

General
The library is open 1,820 hours per year.
(35 hours per week)
There are 6,212 registered borrowers to date.

Interlibrary loan in a twelve month period
Calendar Year 2017
ILLs received = 7,531
ILLs sent = 11,696

Circulations in a twelve month period
Calendar Year 2017
57,063
This includes all circulations and renewals from the library regardless of material ownership.

Overdrive Statistics 2017
eBooks borrowed 1,941
eAudio borrowed 1,356

Meeting Room Usage in 2017
Large Meeting Room 71
Quiet Study #1 175
Quiet Study #2 124
Historical Room 48
Total 418

Staff Members:
Director
Lisa Cheever

Assistant Director & Children’s Librarian
Tressy Collier

Head of Circulation & Technical Services
Donna Ansell

Young Adult Librarian
Karen DelVecchio

Shift Supervisors
Dianne Buehler
Donna Foster
Ellen Goudreau
Olivia Herbert
Amy Mezzadri

Library Aides
Denise Binette
Robin Dias
Amanda Landry
Cheryl Marino-Page
Jean Piechocki

Substitute Library Aides:
Karen Miller
Ana Mendes
Teresa Duryea

Custodian
Russell Marvelle

Congratulations to custodian Roger Marvelle for his retirement in March 2017. He will be missed.
SUMMER READING PROGRAMMING

A summer reading program was held with performers and activities. Eighty-three children completed the 2017 summer reading program. Popular children’s programs included Touch the Trucks, Mike the Bubble Man, a Visit From Blades, the Boston Bruins Mascot, Bryson Lang, Juggler, & the Hawaiian Luau.

The library held its third annual Young Adult Summer Reading program. Sixteen young adults completed the summer reading program and participated in fun, educational, and cultural events. Some popular events included Kindness Rocks with Dandi Bouvier, Chocolate Party, and Wild Cats.

The library offered its second annual Adult Summer reading program. In 2017 thirty-six adults completed this program. Some adult programs included Decoupage Tiles, Chocolate Party, Craft Expo, and photography class.

Grant funds are used to provide programming, materials, and staffing not covered by the operating budget.

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# ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Access the fantastic resources below 24 hours a day without ever leaving home by just clicking on the library’s webpage. All you need is a library card.

- Ancestry (access from the library)
- A to Z World Culture
- A to Z World Travel
- A to Z the USA - State information
- A to Z Maps Online - free map access
- ArtistWorks - learn to play an instrument
- Atomic Training - software training
- Boston Library eCard
- Chilton Library - automobile repair
- ComicsPlus
- Consumer Health Complete
- Cypress Resume
- eBooks, eAudio, & eVideo
- Eventkeeper online calendar
- InstantFlix - free movie streaming
- Legal Forms Library
- MA Commonwealth eBooks
- MA Statewide databases
- Miss Humblebee’s Academy - preschool
- OneClickdigital eAudio & eBooks
- Price It! - Antiques
- Qello Concerts
- Testing & Education Reference Center
- Tix Keeper Museum Passes
- Universal Class - free online classes
- Zinio magazines

# PROGRAMMING

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. In 2017, the children’s librarian held 224 children’s programs with 2,065 in attendance.

The library offered 8 Young Adult programs with 54 in attendance, as well as 53 programs for adults with 834 in attendance.

These programs were possible due to grants/donations from:

- UniBank
- Dean Bank
- District Attorney Joseph. C. Early
- The Friends of the Blackstone Public Library
- Blackstone Library’s Gift Account
- Law Office of Daniel T. Doyle
- Blackstone Cultural Council
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
- Museum of Science
- Ten-Nine Photography