



2015 - 2016 Annual Report

Hooksett Library sets record attendance levels!

This year your Library recorded more visits, 115,562 people, and attendees at library events, 14,002 people of all ages, than ever before! Attendance at library events saw an increase of 45% over the past year, with more than 9,000 children and family members attending early literacy and STEM activities, story times, and educational events and nearly 5,000 adults attending cultural events, history and nature talks, educational seminars, and technology classes. For the second consecutive year the library recorded more than 100,000 visits by community members, with over 8,000 more people visiting the library in FY16 than in the previous year.



We look forward to seeing even more community members come through the door this year to borrow current materials, receive homework and research assistance, attend meetings and events, receive job seeking assistance, use free WiFi, and much more.

Community Events, Groups, and Classes

The Library is your place to learn, be inspired, and to socialize with other community members. Popular groups and ongoing classes that meet at the library include our knitting group, digital photography club, art class, Mah Jongg group, Zumba class, adult coloring group, and technology classes. For children and teens there are FIRST LEGO Leagues, Minecraft nights, STEM sessions, and a wide variety of early literacy story times and activities. Visit our online calendar of events to learn about more of the educational and cultural events happening at your Library.



Attendance at the Library's annual Touch a Truck event, sponsored by the Friends of the Hooksett Library, doubled this year to 600 attendees! This popular community event, where local businesses and town departments bring their vehicles for exploration by kids and adults alike, is fun and beneficial for all who participate. It provides an important opportunity for kids to interact and feel more comfortable with emergency responders like Hooksett Police Department's Captain Aku (*left*). Attendees at this event also learn about the vehicles and their driver's occupations, register to participate in our annual summer reading challenge, and discover the importance of community engagement.

Technology Training & 24/7 Online Services

The library's website is your gateway to downloadable eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines; homework resources; and technology training. The library's homepage was visited 67,119 times by library members and information seekers who borrowed 12,681 downloadable items, searched online research sites 14,758 times and learned about events, news and resources. Library members are also able to request and renew materials, search collections and manage their library accounts online. Please visit us at www.hooksetlibrary.org to start using your library online 24/7!

During FY16, the library staff taught classes and provided individual instruction to approximately 1,200 people! Popular topics included: Windows 10, iOS 9 for iPads and iPhones, social media, PC security & maintenance, mobile device support, and more. Library staff members are ready to assist you with your technology training needs and questions.

Collection Development

This past year the library staff focused on updating and revitalizing the library's collections. While collection development is an ongoing process, this year we made a comprehensive review of many collections to meet the changing needs of the community. Materials were reviewed for customer demand, physical condition and relevance and accuracy of information. Simultaneously, we conducted an inventory of all collections to provide an accurate and complete online catalog.

We would like to highlight two collections that received special attention during this process. The Young Adult collection, which serves upper elementary and middle school aged children, was updated and rearranged to provide easier access to age appropriate and accurate information. The Picture Book collection for preschoolers and early elementary children was reorganized into popular subject categories. The new arrangement has created a collection that allows children to browse for materials themselves following visual cues and color coding. We have found Vroom Vroom – our transportation collection, to be the most popular by far and are purchasing new titles in that subject area as a result.