

Phoebe Griffin Noyes



OLD LYME LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2021–
June 30, 2022
+ Kids' Summer Fun 2022

OUR MISSION

is to inspire lifelong learning and discovery in a welcoming place with exceptional resources, programs, and services.

OUR VISION

is to be the community's vibrant hub for engagement, discovery, and creativity.

About the Library

Dedicated in 1898, the Old Lyme–Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library is a private, independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It is owned by the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Association, Inc., and governed by its Board of Trustees. The day-to-day operations of the Library are managed by the Library director and 11 staff (total FTE 8.5). As the Town of Old Lyme's designated Public Library, it receives some funding from the municipality (45% of budgeted FY21-22 income). This municipal funding combines with income from the Association's Endowment, the proceeds of the Library's annual fund drive, income from the Friends of the Library, and various grants to fund the Library's annual operating budget. The Library is a long-standing member of the Libraries Online, Inc. consortium.

From developing fun, interactive story times for infants and toddlers to hand-delivering books to homebound patrons, the Library continues to provide opportunities for residents of all ages to learn and grow. Our core services include providing access to a variety of print and digital books, audio-visual media, and research tools; assisting with technology and encouraging the development of information literacy; supporting the public school curriculum; conducting early literacy training and fostering an enduring interest in learning and reading among our youngest patrons; and offering programming that informs and engages the community.

Introduction

2021–2022 marked another great year shadowed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. After nearly 3 years, we re-opened the newly updated Community Room for public meetings in early February 2022, shifted to “masks optional” in late February, and resumed in-person, indoor programming in late April. It's been SO wonderful to see people gathering again at the Library! Patrons are still discovering the results of the Renewal Project, and use of the new spaces, especially the study rooms, continues to grow. Despite the continuing challenges this year presented, we're very proud of all that we've accomplished on behalf of our community, and we hope you enjoy this review of the past year. We're so very grateful for all of the many people who, directly or indirectly, contributed to our work this year. But most of all we're grateful for our patrons who inspire us to keep working and moving forward—THANK YOU!

pictured, right: (l-r) 2022 Camp Phoebe in the Children's Room; Kirsten Sicuranza and Ned Perkins driving in the 2022 Memorial Day Parade; Library Staff enjoy a staff appreciation lunch on the patio



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Children's Services

As part of its vision to be the community's hub for engagement, discovery, and creativity, the Library offers a variety of programming and services for children. Despite the continued impact of COVID-19, Children's Librarian Julie Bartley provided a wide range of educational and fun events and activities for children. Here's a selection:

Early Literacy Development: Story times and baby play groups develop early literacy skills to help children learn. 2021–2022 virtual and in-person opportunities and services included:

Virtual Story Times + Take-&Make Craft Kits: Participants viewed a reading of the story online and completed a take-home craft kit. Monthly offerings were provided through the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Nearly 400 kits were distributed.

Center School Pre-K Returns to the Library!: We were thrilled to welcome the Lyme-Old Lyme Center School preschoolers back to the Library for monthly story times in the fall of 2021. Library staff worked with school staff to distribute 80 new library cards to eager preschoolers in advance of their first visit.

In-Person Story Times Resume: In May 2022, in-person story times resumed after a nearly 3-year hiatus! To commemorate the occasion, special storytimes were held, including an outdoor session with the Duck River Garden Club, a tool-themed session at the Old Lyme Hardware Store, and a fire-fighting-themed session at the Old Lyme Fire Department. Weekly story times were also held at the Library throughout the summer. All told, over 180 participants gathered for these special learning events through the spring and summer.

Phoebe's Wee Readers: Building upon the *Every Child Ready to Read Program* developed in 2021, Ms. Julie launched *Phoebe's Wee Readers*—a new book service and website for the Library's youngest patrons. Parents and caregivers of babies and toddlers can pick up a bundle of 3 books to read, an early literacy pamphlet, and a song sheet to share together. To complement this reading and learning initiative, Ms. Julie also launched the *Phoebe's Wee Readers Playgroup*, a weekly gathering for children ages three and younger and their caregivers to sing songs, share stories, and play.

pictured, left: (top) Eleanor Hufford, a rep from the Duck River Garden Club, helps kids plant; (bottom) eager builders complete the story time craft at the Old Lyme Hardware Store

pictured, right: (top) Ms. Julie reads to a Center School Pre-K Class; (middle) Connor shows off his You Are a Lion take-and-make craft; (bottom) Rylee shows off her latest take-and-make creation

Virtual Events: Ms. Julie offered a wide variety of special virtual events and learning opportunities throughout the year. Highlights included:

Food Explorers: Instructors from Food Explorers hosted 2 special cooking events. In December, participants learned how to make delicious gingerbread s'mores cups. In March, participants made leprechaun pancakes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. These simple, fun recipes had just enough steps to keep the kids busy and engaged and could be completed within the hour.

Minecraft Mania Program with TD3 Innovative Gaming: With help from an Innovative Gaming instructor, 25 kids worked together in a common Zoom room to build a Thanksgiving turkey and set a Thanksgiving table in the virtual Minecraft game.

Lunar New Year: 55 participants viewed this virtual presentation created by Asian Performing Arts featuring songs, dance, and lessons about the cultural traditions of the Lunar New Year.

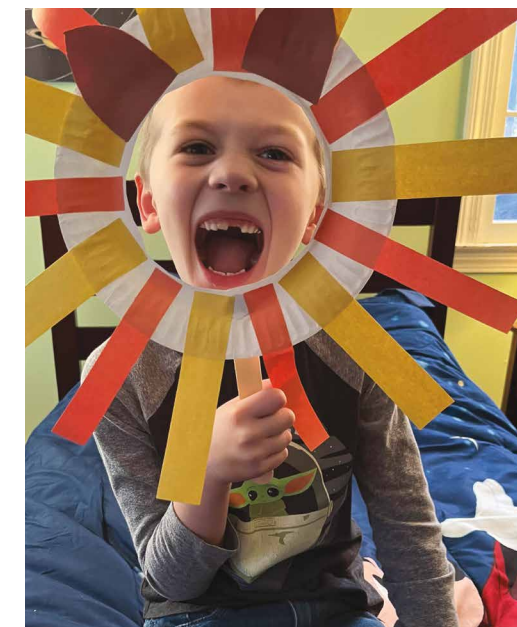
Phoebe's Birthday with Matt Heaton: Talented Matt Heaton returned to help celebrate Phoebe's 225th birthday with an interactive, virtual musical show. The kids danced, sang, and celebrated with party favors from a take-home kit.

Creative Writing & Storytelling with Talewise: Participants gathered virtually to learn about character, conflict, resolution, and action, followed by a chance to write and act out their own stories.

Community Events: Throughout the year, Ms. Julie met with children and families in the community at special events and activities, including two events at the Lyme Academy—the Holiday Enchantment & Tree Lighting in December and the EGG-stravaganza in April. In March, Ms. Julie and Teen Librarian Nike attended the LYSB Summer Fair at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School to share information on the Library's summer programming, and in June, they resumed their annual tradition of unveiling the Summer Fun Challenge at the Mile Creek Pep Rally led by Diana Marchese, Mile Creek Library Media Specialist.

I'm Your Neighbor: Ms. Julie began working with the CT State Library on this grant-funded initiative to add children's literature featuring the cultures of refugees and other new community members in our region. The new materials are slated to arrive in early 2023.

New Streaming Film Collection for Kids: Infobase Access Video for Kids, a new streaming service for youth, allows patrons to stream over 11,000 videos for free from the comfort of their homes with their library card. The collection features popular programming such as *Sesame Street* and *Reading Rainbow*, plus a wide selection of nature, history, and science videos.





Summer Fun 2022—Read Beyond the Beaten Path: This year, children were invited to gather at Camp Phoebe for a summer of fun! Participants received scratch-off challenge tickets for the months of June, July, and August and participated in a variety of fun and educational weekly events. Nearly 300 children and family members participated in the 8-week summer program, and 62 monthly challenge tickets were submitted for the grand prize drawing—a brand new bike from Morrissey Cycles! Activities included:

June: Kids were encouraged to be active, get outside, play, and have fun learning off the beaten path. Challenges included: read a book about climate or weather, learn a dance, read about a sport or famous athlete, and attend a library program or check out a museum pass. Special events included a Hip-Hop Dancing Workshop and Sport Stacking Games.

July: Kids were encouraged to get curious and explore new things. Challenges included: attend a Library program or checkout a museum pass, read a book about food or cooking, learn a new skill or word in another language, and read a book about an animal. Special events included cooking strawberry shortcake parfaits and apple pie cups with Food Explorers, African Dancing & Drumming with Abdou Sarr, a magic show with Mr. Magic, Sand Art with the Kellogg Environmental Center, and Wire Walking with Circus Moves.

August: The heat and humidity of August made the Library a refuge and a great place to chill out! Challenges included: read about music or a famous musician, come to a library program or check out a museum pass, and read something that makes you laugh. Special events included Mad Science with Energy in Action and a concert on the lawn with Judy Pancoast.



pictured, left: (top) Abdou Sarr performs on the Library's lawn; (middle) budding geologists exploring at the Sand Art workshop; (bottom) Julie & Nike at the LYSB Camp Fair

pictured, right: (top) teen volunteers installing the winter art show; (bottom) a teen volunteer views part of the winter show

Tweens & Teens

The Library's Tween & Teen Department offers a variety of programs to showcase the power of art, encourage civic engagement, and help inform career and life path choices. Teen Librarian Nike Desis prioritizes content that fosters community responsibility and shows youth how skills and studies are implemented in the world beyond school. Here are some highlights:

Volunteers: The teen volunteer program engages young people in developing new skills while allowing them freedom to explore topics of personal interest, in small groups or independently, in a self-driven environment with support from Teen Librarian Nike. Over the course of the year, 36 dedicated young people completed 290 volunteer shifts ranging from one to three hours each. Projects included:

Procreate Tutorial: To encourage creative use of the new Teen iPad, purchased by the Friends of the Library, volunteers developed a step-by-step video tutorial on how to use *Procreate*, a digital illustration app.

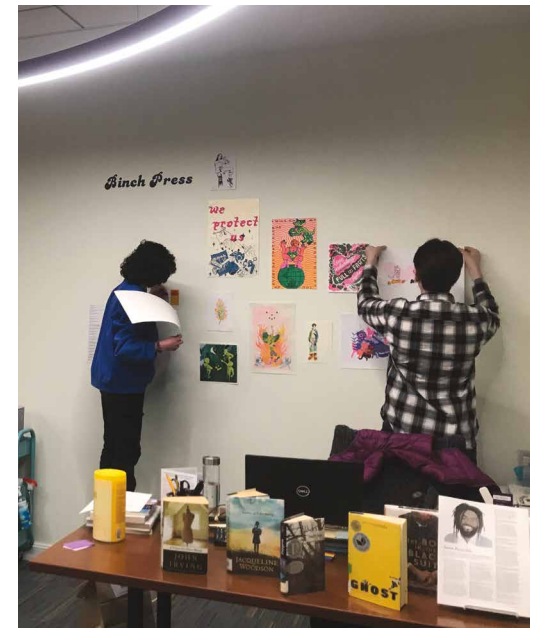
Exhibition & Program Support: Volunteers assisted in the installation of two art exhibits featured in the Teen Room. They helped assemble Art Kits To Go, create flyers, and provided general program support with their ideas and feedback. They also worked together and independently to submit feedback for consideration by the Library's Long-Range Planning Committee.

Library Appreciation: Volunteers helped spread gratitude in a variety of ways, including assembling an appreciation display for Library staff and creating 150 *Little Books of Kindness* for mailing to library supporters and community members.

What to Read Next Fortune Tellers & Book Displays: Volunteers created versions of this popular folded game for Non-Fiction, Fiction, and Graphic Novels. Each fortune teller featured eight curated titles designed to help young people select their next read. Volunteers also developed and stocked popular "Teen Picks" and "LGBTQ Faves" shelves.

Flash Fiction Writing Station: Volunteers created writing prompts and samples for a new flash fiction writing station that utilizes the iPad and a donated novelty mini printer.

Halloween Costume Swap: Volunteers collected and displayed a wide-variety of gently used Halloween costumes for all ages under the Library's portico. Over 65 costumes were swapped for the 2021 Halloween season!



What Teens Are Saying

"Thank you for providing sanctuary from having to go home and giving us space to either hang out or be helpful when we have enough attention to do stuff."

"I wish I could come here every day."

"This is so much fun. I think everyone had a lot of fun, can we still come when school starts? I didn't even know this existed, more people should know about volunteering."

What Parents Are Saying

"She really loves coming here, she told me, 'Mom, it's like I have a real job!'"

"Just want to thank you for really engaging this age group"

Pronouns & Gender Identity Interactive Display: Volunteers researched, curated, and developed this interactive display showcased in the main thoroughfare of the Library during summer 2022. The display included an introductory poster, informational zines written and designed by teens, pronoun buttons made by volunteers, and a place for questions to be asked and answered anonymously. The display also featured picture books and Teen Non Fiction on the subject. Patrons of all ages engaged with the station, asked questions, and picked up buttons. Volunteers plan to develop a sequel to the informational zine with the Q&A resulted from the display.

Art and Artists: As part of the Library's vision to be the community's hub for creativity, the Teen Room hosted two exhibits in addition to offering a variety of hands-on arts opportunities:

A Poet, A Pop Star, and an Independent Press: This mixed-media art show featured work from: (A) Josh Brown, New London Poet Laureate and well-known MC for open mics. His portion of the exhibit focused on his piece, *Analysis Paralysis*, about over thinking—a very relatable Teen (and Adult) experience. (B) Erycka Ortiz, a local singer/songwriter notably interviewed for *Teen Vogue's* Pride Issue in 2020, is also a field organizer for ACLU CT. Her portion of the exhibit featured her song *Nostalgia*, an '80s synth pop-inspired bop. Volunteers made a corresponding '80s movie display! (C) Binch Press, a "volunteer-run print and ceramics cooperative centering queer/trans artists and artists of color in Providence, RI (occupied Pokanoket Wampanoag and Narragansett land)." Their portion of the exhibit featured risograph and silk screen prints from over a dozen artists. The exhibit was complemented by a virtual Artist Talk with Josh Brown, Tycho Horan, and Dailen Williams.

Super Natural Spring: Following the inaugural winter show, an open call for art from applicants aged 18 and younger was posted. Because of the technology in the space, almost any medium was permitted—graphic design, recorded music, lyrics, creative writing, painting, drawing, digital illustration, poetry books, animations, etc. The final exhibit featured 14 pieces created by youth from 4th-10th grade.

Designing to Share Panel with Public Art for Racial Justice Education (PARJE): Teen Librarian Nike designed and co-moderated this virtual presentation on the topic of graphic design in the fields of arts and culture and independent media. The program featured Juanita Austin (founder of Cultured AF, New London, CT) and Andre Salkin (founder of @leftnortheast, Lyme-Old Lyme High School '20). The discussion focused on design as a tool for grassroots community building. The program was offered as part of an "Arts and Advocacy" Series hosted by PARJE and funded by a CT Humanities Grant with support from Exupery Design, The Florence Griswold Museum, and NAACP Norwich. It was also co-hosted by Lyman Allyn Art Museum.

Art Kits-to-Go & Hands-On Creativity: Self-paced kits and hands-on arts workshops covered a variety of topics: song writing, poetry, mini art canvases, screen printing, book binding, paint pouring, gelli printing, and comics for mental health. The Library was fortunate to have the financial support of Lymes Creative Arts, an initiative of Sustainable Lyme/Old Lyme and LYSB, for a portion of the Library's arts-themed summer activities.

Heartstopper Fan Club: *Heartstopper* is a wildly popular web comic turned graphic novel turned TV show featuring queer main characters navigating friendships and romance in high school. Fans of the work gathered together after-hours to celebrate—they listened to the show's soundtrack, while making *Heartstopper* bookmarks, completing coloring pages from the publisher, making bracelets, and eating snacks together.

School Collaborations: Teen Librarian Nike collaborated with educators throughout the year to help students navigate career options, discover library services, and learn:

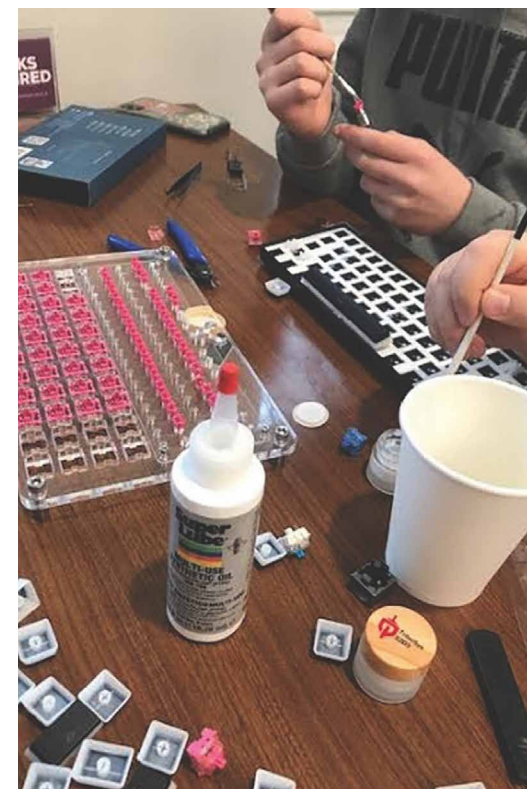
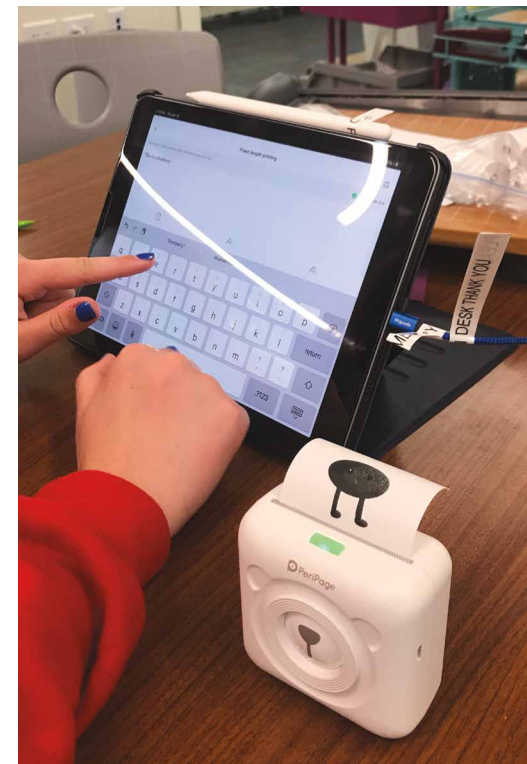
Extended Exam Hours: The Library offered extended hours for high school students to study during both midterms and finals weeks. Project Paws brought therapy dogs to offer a needed break-time activity for students.

Wildcat Wellness Day: Once a year students at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School break from their studies to try out new things in the name of wellness. Teen Librarian Nike hosted a "Sewing as Meditation" activity inspired by the work of living Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. Everyone was encouraged to hand stitch, with or without the goal of completing a "finished" product.

Old Saybrook Career Visits: Teen Librarian Nike was invited to speak on the field of librarianship with Old Saybrook High School students. Her presentation covered a general overview of teen librarianship, a typical day at the Library, and the path(s) to the profession.

Class Visit: A 7th-grade class took a walking field trip to the Library to receive library cards, tour the newly renovated Library, ask questions, and check out books.

Work Study: The Library was fortunate to work with Annie Fuller, Transition and School to Career Coordinator at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, to offer a formal work-study experience to two young people.



Reactions to A Poet, a Pop Star, & an Independent Press Exhibit:

"this makes me feel so alive"

"I love coming here because I get so many ideas."

From a 7th Grader:

"I really appreciate how you helped me look for books. I haven't seen a great librarian in years. I gladly appreciate your help."

Adult Services

Adult Services staff embarked on yet another year impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Staff developed opportunities for adult patrons to engage in lifelong learning and connect with the greater Old Lyme community. Programs were offered via Zoom through the spring; we were thrilled to begin offering in-person, indoor programming to adult audiences in late April 2022. 2021–2022 special projects and initiatives for adults include:

Adult Events: Public Services Manager Linda Alexander and Development Assistant Katie Balocca worked to identify interesting, educational, and fun programs to share with the community. Here's a sampling:

Historical Education: The Library offered a variety of historical lectures and events to deepen patrons' understanding of our region, country, and world. Thanks to an ongoing partnership with the Old Lyme Historical Society, patrons traced the history of the Nehantic People with Old Lyme Town Historian and official historian for the Nehantic Nation, Dr. John "Ned" Pfeiffer and learned about the James Family, a prominent Old Saybrook African American family with Elisabeth Petry. The Library also teamed up with the Lyme Library to offer a history of Jazz & The Civil Rights Movement with Galen Abdur-Razzaq.

Estuary Partnership: The Library partnered with *Estuary*, a quarterly magazine dedicated to the Connecticut River's history, health, and ecology, to bring educational programs to the community. Topics included the Connecticut River with Dick Shriver, The Hog River with Elizabeth Normen, Migratory Fish in the CT River with Sally Harold and Steve Gephard, and Photography with Creative Director Chris Zajac.

Learn Something New: The Library provided several opportunities for residents to engage with one another and discover something new. In fall 2021, Zoom participants learned about the future of Connecticut's Transportation system with Jim Cameron and the educational system in Haiti with local activist Rebecca Crosby. In spring/summer 2022, the Library partnered with the Lyme Library to offer a 4-part series on the one of the world's oldest holistic healing practices, Ayurveda. In June, patrons gathered in the Community Room to see Ted Zalewski perform his one-man show, *Vincent: A Portrait by the Postman Roulin*, depicting the relationship between Vincent van Gogh and the Postman Joseph Roulin.

Author Talks: The Library hosted a variety of author talks—both via Zoom and in-person—to help connect residents with local and regional authors. Authors included humorists Gina Barreca and Monique Heller; mystery novelist David Handler; poet and artist Spencer Reece; and culinary artist Dorie Greenspan, in partnership with the Essex Library.

Book Clubs: Book clubs provided an excellent opportunity to connect with others and learn something new. The Library hosted two book groups throughout the year. A dedicated group of 12-14 met midmorning each month via Zoom for Phoebe's Morning Book Chat. The group elected to shift to in-person meetings in summer 2022. The Contemporary Classics book club, led by Marsha Bansavage, met monthly in the evening via Zoom.

MahJongg: This weekly group resumed meeting in-person at the Library in February 2022. Participants gather each week in the Library's Community Room to play Mahjongg, a tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China. In addition, local resident Joannie Fitton hosted a History of MahJongg lecture in early July 2022.

Something Crafty: The Library provided several opportunities for residents to engage with one another and create something beautiful and fun, including a Zoom Lotus Lantern and Korean culture workshop, an in-person pressed flowers candle workshop with Joan Fisler from Best Buds Flower Farm in Lyme, and an in-person floral arranging workshop co-sponsored by the Lymes' Senior Center and taught by Access Services Manager Kristine.

Witness Stones Old Lyme Project: In its second year, the Old Lyme Witness Stones' goal is to expand the understanding of local history and honor the humanity and the contributions of those formerly enslaved in the historic Lyme community. The partnership's founding members include the Library, the Florence Griswold Museum, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools, and the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. Community partners include the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Lymes' Youth Service Bureau, and the Old Lyme Historical Society. In addition to community events hosted by partners, the Library was honored to host the following programs in 2022:

Traces of the Trade Documentary and Discussion: On June 2nd, patrons gathered in the Community Room to view the *Traces of the Trade* documentary in which film producer Katrina Browne tells the story of her forebears — the deWolf family, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. The film follows Browne and nine family members as they retrace the Triangle Trade and begin to think about how to address legacies of racial violence and the meaning of reconciliation. Dain and Constance Perry, who traveled on the pilgrimage with Browne, led a powerful group discussion following the film.

2nd Installation Ceremony: On June 3rd, partners and community members gathered on the Library lawn to celebrate the second installation of Witness Stones on Lyme Street, extending this year to McCurdy Road. The program included music, poetry, and words from partners and guest speakers. World-renowned soprano Lisa Williamson and acclaimed saxophonist and U.S. Coast Guard Band conductor Richard Wyman provided music. Twelve members of the Old Lyme Middle School chorus, led by Laura Ventres, also contributed to the program. Seventh-grade students from the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School read biographical poems they wrote to tell the life stories of Harry Freeman and Margaret Crosley Lewia. Using primary documents, the students researched these two enslaved town residents, making the story of local slavery tangible, personal, and relevant to their own lives.



pictured, right: (top) participants enjoy the Flower Arranging Workshop; (middle) community members gather for the Witness Stones Ceremony; (bottom) daffodils greet Library visitors upon arrival

Tales of the Phoebe Feedback

"Delightful!"

"Simply Wonderful!"

"Thank you for this presentation so beautifully done."

"well done! a familiar name from the cemetery given substance. thanks, all"

"Exceptional!"

"This is just lovely!! Thanks!!!"



From the daughter of a homebound patron:

"...everything arrived on Fri right after I spoke to you! We were so surprised and dove right in. My mom is on her 2nd book and loves it so far. You don't know how happy it makes me as it's really the only thing she can do now."

Collections: Library staff were pleased to add the following resources to our adult collections in 2022:

New Streaming Collection: Infobase Access Video on Demand, a new streaming service for adults, allows patrons to stream over 42,000 videos for free from the comfort of their homes with their library card. The collection features popular programming such as Ken Burns' documentaries, HBO documentaries, BBC News, and a wide selection of hobby-related tutorials.

Palace App: Reference & Technology Librarian Jess coordinated with the CT State Library to provide patron access to this new library app for ebooks and e-audiobooks offered by the State Library.

Local Author Collection: Access Services Manager Kristine created this new collection to highlight local authors.

Tales of the Phoebe Project: In fall 2021, Development Assistant Katie Balocca teamed up with Board members Wil Bradford and Mary Dangremond and past Board member and local historian Michaelle Pearson to develop a series of short, educational and entertaining videos highlighting the Library's early history. The initial project, funded by Roger and Marcia Smith and a grant from a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, featured Mary Dangremond as host. The first film, *The Error of Her Ways*, highlighting the Library's namesake, was released on Phoebe's Birthday in February 2022. The second film, *The 19th Amendment*, was released during Women's History Month and highlighted the contributions of local activist and volunteer Katharine Ludington. The third film, *The Best Son-in-Law Ever*, was released on the 124th Founders' Day Celebration on June 23, 2022; it highlighted the contributions of Charles Ludington. The films were received with much delight and fanfare!

Homebound Services: In addition to providing basic delivery and check-in services, Access Services Manager Kristine and Public Services Manager Linda provided in-home tutorials on recorded books and playback equipment available through the Connecticut State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and helped patrons sign up for the service. They also provided in-home tutorials on the Library's Overdrive and Libby apps and basic iPad navigation.

pictured, left: Mary Dangremond, as Phoebe Griffin Noyes, as seen in the Tales of the Phoebe

pictured, right, clockwise: (1) Roger Smith accepts recognition for his leadership of the Renewal Campaign, (2) Friends Frani, Steven, and David enjoy the festivities, (3) a jazz band, led by Avery Collins, plays on the Library patio, and (4) David Kelsey poses by his newly installed plaque in the Children's Room



Founders' Day & Renewal Celebration

On June 23, 2022, community members, staff, and board members joined together to celebrate the Library's 124th anniversary.

Participants gathered on the Library lawn and patio to enjoy refreshments, live music, and lively conversation.

After a variety of Covid-related delays, the Library was honored to formally recognize the Renewal Campaign leadership donors with the installation of plaques throughout the Library.

A series of large plaques was also installed in the main entrance to recognize the many supporters who have donated to make the Phoebe thrive over the years. Projects noted included the *1995 Building Campaign*, the *Make Phoebe Smile Campaign*, and the *2020 Renewal Campaign*.

The evening was capped off by the premiere of the third installment of *Tales of the Phoebe!*



Behind the Scenes

In addition to providing direct service to Library patrons, staff stayed busy behind the scenes throughout the year. Ongoing tasks included ordering and cataloging books and media, preparing and organizing publicity materials, ordering supplies, overseeing building maintenance, and much more. Special projects of note for the 2021–2022 year include:

Comment from a ~30-40 year old patron:

"I'm so appreciative that you guys have printers, so that I don't have to have them in my home."

Technology: Reference & Technology Librarian Jess worked with staff on a variety of technology-related initiatives, including:

New Computers: Thanks to support from the Friends of the Library, the Library installed 4 new desktop computers and 3 new laptops for patron use.

Online Community Room Booking: With the re-opening of the Community Room in early 2022, the Library unveiled a new self-serve online booking system for organizations to reserve meeting space.

Grant Funding: Director Katie worked with staff to submit applications for several new initiatives:

Connecticut State Library | Federal American Rescue Plan Act Funds: The Library received nearly \$16K to purchase indoor, mobile air filters to help improve air quality and reduce viral transmission and outdoor lockers to facilitate 24 hour access to Library materials. The lockers are slated for installation in late 2022.

Old Lyme | Federal American Rescue Plan Act Funds: Children's Librarian Julie led the effort to receive \$6K in funding toward the purchase of an electric mobile book bike to expand Library services throughout the community.

Connecticut State Library Fiber Construction Grant: The Library applied for construction funds to connect to fiber internet access via the Connecticut Education Network.

Collaborations: The success of the Library is owed, in part, to the support of and partnerships with other local organizations. This year, partners included, but were not limited to, Public Art for Racial Justice Education, Old Lyme Land Trust, Old Lyme Economic Development Commission, Lyme Library, Old Lyme Arts District, Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, Lymes Creative Arts, Community Connections, Sustainable Old Lyme, Healthy Futures, The Crosby Foundation, Lymes' Senior Center, Lyme Art Association, Witness Stones Old Lyme, Duck River Garden Club, Lyme-Old Lyme School District, Lymes' Youth Services Bureau, Old Lyme Historical Society, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Essex Library, and Old Saybrook High School.

Libraries Online Consortium (LION): Library staff served on a variety of committees to ensure the success of this resource sharing library collaborative. Access Services Manager Kristine served on the Bibliographic and Circulation Committees, Children's Librarian Julie served on the eBooks Committee, and Director Katie H. served on the Board of Directors and the Governance Committee.

Continuing Education: In an effort to provide exceptional services and resources, Library staff continued to increase their knowledge and skills by attending online and in-person training, including, but not limited to:

Services: Transforming Teen Services, Engaging People Living with Dementia with Library Materials, Girls Who Code Workshop, Library Patrons' Privacy, Freedom to Read Foundation, Dementia Friendly Training for Libraries, Understanding and Connecting with Your Teen Patrons, EdX University of Michigan Library Management Certification Program, Quiet Leadership, NELA Management Training, Working with Patrons with Mental Health Conditions, and Ageism and the Workplace.

Diversity, Inclusivity, and Equity: New England Library Association Diversity Conference: Intro To Pronouns: A Guide For Library Staff, Promoting Inclusion & Empathy With Passive Programming, and Drafting A Diversity Plan For Your Library .

Technology: Digital Equity, Google Analytics, Adobe Illustrator, and Website Design Tips.

Safety: Library staff received in-person CPR and First Aid training from Critical Skills Education & Training. They also reviewed FEMA security training materials, *Work-place Security Awareness* and *Active Shooter: What You Can Do*.

Development: How Small Organizations Can Capitalize on New Trends in Fundraising, Consistent Content, Donor Retention, Strategies for Fundraising Success with a Small Development Team, Virtual Fundraising & Development, Start Your Year Strong Fundraising, and Building a Legacy.



Library staff practicing CPR skills

Board of Trustees

The 18 volunteer members of the 2021-2022 Board of Trustees worked with one another and Library staff throughout the year in structured committees to help support the Library, provide governance, and plan for the future. Select 2021-2022 accomplishments include:

Policy Updates: The Board of Trustees reviewed and updated a variety of Library policies, including the *Behavior Policy*, the *Study Room Policy*, the *Meeting Rooms Policy*, the *Bulletin Board Policy*, and the *Collection Development Policy*.

Building Committee

Ken Biega, Chair; Board Members Mary Dangremond, Heather Richardson, Kirsten Sicuranza, Eddie Vautrain, and Tara Ward; and Staff Members Evelyn Morgen and Katie Huffman.

After the completion of the Renewal Project in 2021, the Building Committee shifted gears to smaller projects. 2021–2022 accomplishments include: (A) the installation of new door hardware on the main entrance (many thanks to Phyllis Shepard-Tambini for her financial support of this work); (B) the design and procurement of a new exterior sign featuring the Library's new logo—installation anticipated fall 2022; and (C) providing support to the Garden Committee's projects throughout the year.



Development Committee

Skip Sibley & Katie Balocca, Co-Chairs; Board Members Mary Dangremond, Suki Fader, Barbara Hack, Wen He, Sondra Griswold, Heather Richardson, Kirsten Sicuranza, Eddie Vautrain, and Tara Ward; and Staff Members Evelyn Morgen and Katie Huffman.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the community—both individual donors and business sponsors—and the hard work of committee members, the Development Committee raised nearly \$166K in direct support of the Library’s 2021–2022 operating budget. Committee members developed and unveiled a new line of Phoebe merchandise, including a travel mug, baseball caps, a beach towel, an eco-friendly cooler bag, and a canvas tote bag. In summer 2022, committee members began planning commemorative events in celebration of the Library’s forthcoming 125th anniversary.

Garden Committee

Board Member Sondra Griswold and Garden Friends Chair Eleanor Hufford, Co-Chairs; Board Members Ken Biega and Kirsten Sicuranza; Community Member/Landscape Designer Diana Drake; and Library Director Katie Huffman

Committee members continued to oversee the planning and design of an educational native garden. In October 2021, SeaCoast Design (Old Saybrook, CT) completed the planned North-South Path and installed the 2nd round of engraved community pavers. SeaCoast Design returned in May 2022 to complete the hardscape and bed edging. In July 2022, after years of planning, the garden was planted! WildLawn, a division of Archewild, installed nearly 4,000 native plants according to the plan. To help encourage enjoyment of the redesigned outdoor spaces, 6 black, all-season metal benches were delivered and placed around the Library grounds in September 2021. 2022–2023 work will include developing signage and educational programming.



Finance Committee

Thomas Britt, Chair; Board Members Jane Cable, Kirsten Sicuranza, and Markus Warlitz; Community Members Lynn G. Fairfield-Sonn, Ned Perkins, and David Stanland; and Library Director Katie Huffman.

The Finance Committee met regularly throughout the year to manage the Library’s endowment investments and oversee the annual operating budget. For the final 2021–2022 financial details, see page 19.

Nominating & Governance Committee

Kirsten Sicuranza, Chair; Board Members Wil Bradford and Wen He; Community Member Lynn G. Fairfield-Sonn; and Library Director Katie Huffman.

Members of the committee met regularly throughout the spring to identify recruits for the 2022–2023 year. The committee submitted their nominations to the Board in May 2022. The Board approved their recommendations to add Claire Griffin and Liz Rubitzsky to the 2022–2023 roster with an officer slate consisting of Ken Biega, President; Mary Dangremond, Vice President; Jane Cable, Secretary; and Thomas Britt, Treasurer. The Nominating Committee thanks departing Board members Kirsten Sicuranza, Roger Smith, and Markus Warlitz for their many years of service and contributions to the Library.

Long-Range Planning Committee

Markus Warlitz, Chair; Board Members Thomas Britt, Jane Cable, and Kirsten Sicuranza; Staff Members Julie Bartley, Nike Desis, Kristine Ferguson, Katie Huffman, and Jess Steding; and Community Member Alan Poirer

The Planning Committee met monthly throughout the year to work on developing a new long-range plan. They completed exercises from the *Aspen Action Guide: Re-Envisioning Your Public Library 2.0*, including conducting SOAR assessments with both staff and Board members. They also published three community surveys over the course of the fiscal year to solicit patron and general community feedback. The new plan is expected to be finalized by 2023.

Personnel Committee

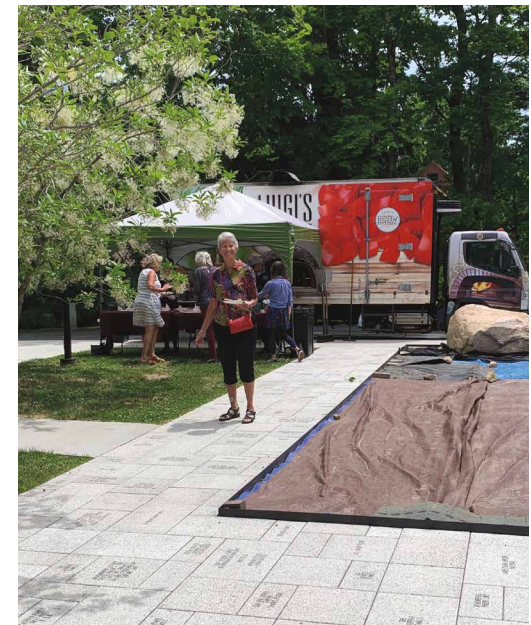
Jamie Alpha, Chair; Board Members Jane Cable, Suki Fader, Barbara Hack, Kirsten Sicuranza, and Markus Warlitz; and Library Director Katie Huffman

In addition to conducting the Director’s annual review, members of the Personnel Committee finalized an overhaul of the Library’s Employee Handbook and conducted a staff salary analysis using data compiled by KardasLarson Human Resources Consulting on behalf of the Connecticut Library Association. The new Employee Handbook was adopted by the Board in March 2022. In addition, to recognize the work of Library staff, the Personnel Committee hosted a staff appreciation lunch in June 2022.

Public Relations (PR) Committee

Wil Bradford, Chair; Board Members Jamie Alpha, Mary Dangremond, Sondra Griswold; Community Member Michaelle Pearson, and Library Staff Katie Balocca and Katie Huffman.

In addition to providing guidance on media representations and perspective on design matters, the Public Relations Committee advises and assists in brand advancement initiatives. For the 2021–2022 year, the PR Committee provided essential support for the “Tales of The Phoebe” project (see page 12 for details). In spring 2022, the committee began planning a video presentation celebrating the Library’s upcoming 125th anniversary.

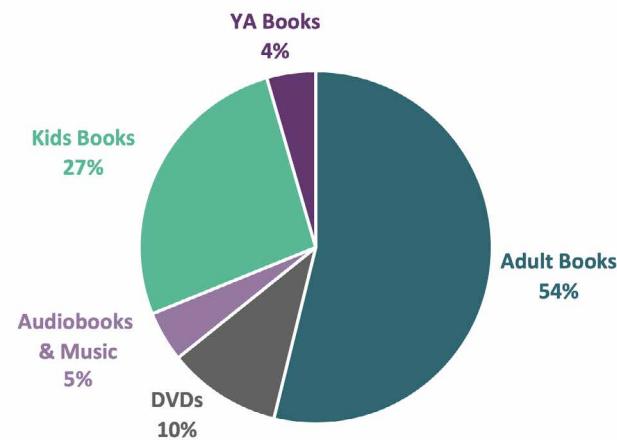


pictured, left: (top) Annie sporting a new Phoebe hat; (bottom) newly installed native garden
 pictured, right: Katy K and other staff enjoy the staff appreciation lunch

By the Numbers: SERVICES

Physical Collections

40,000+ print items & media items



Digital Collections

- Nearly 16,000 ebooks
- Over 6,000 downloadable audiobooks
- Nearly 4,000 online magazines
- Over 50,000 streaming videos
- 45 online databases & tools

LION Delivery

The Library's membership in Libraries Online, Inc. grants patrons access to over 2 million physical titles across the region. In 2021–2022, LION delivered over 6,000 items to Old Lyme patrons for local use.

Library Cards

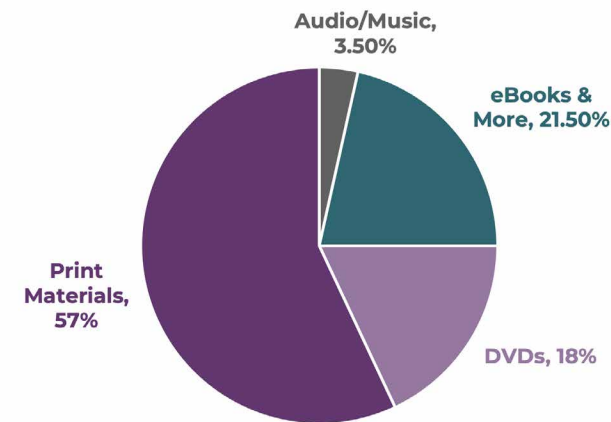
Nearly 4,000 residents have active library cards plus an additional 500 out of town patrons. The Library issued over 500 new cards in 2021–2022.

Visitors

Visits continued to be impacted by the pandemic. Resuming indoor, in-person programming in late April 2022 significantly increased the number of visitors. Nearly 40% of all visits in 2021–2022 occurred in the last quarter.

Use of Collections

Over 63,000 items were checked out by patrons



Children's Events

- Patrons viewed 9 on-demand events 2,797 times
- 653 patrons attended 13 in-person events
- 82 patrons attended 6 live, virtual events
- 15 activity kits were distributed to 588 patrons

Tween & Teen Events

- 669 patrons attended 37 programs
- 36 teens completed 290 volunteer shifts

Adult Events

- 699 patrons attended 35 live, virtual events
- 370 patrons attended 25 in-person events

Reference Transactions

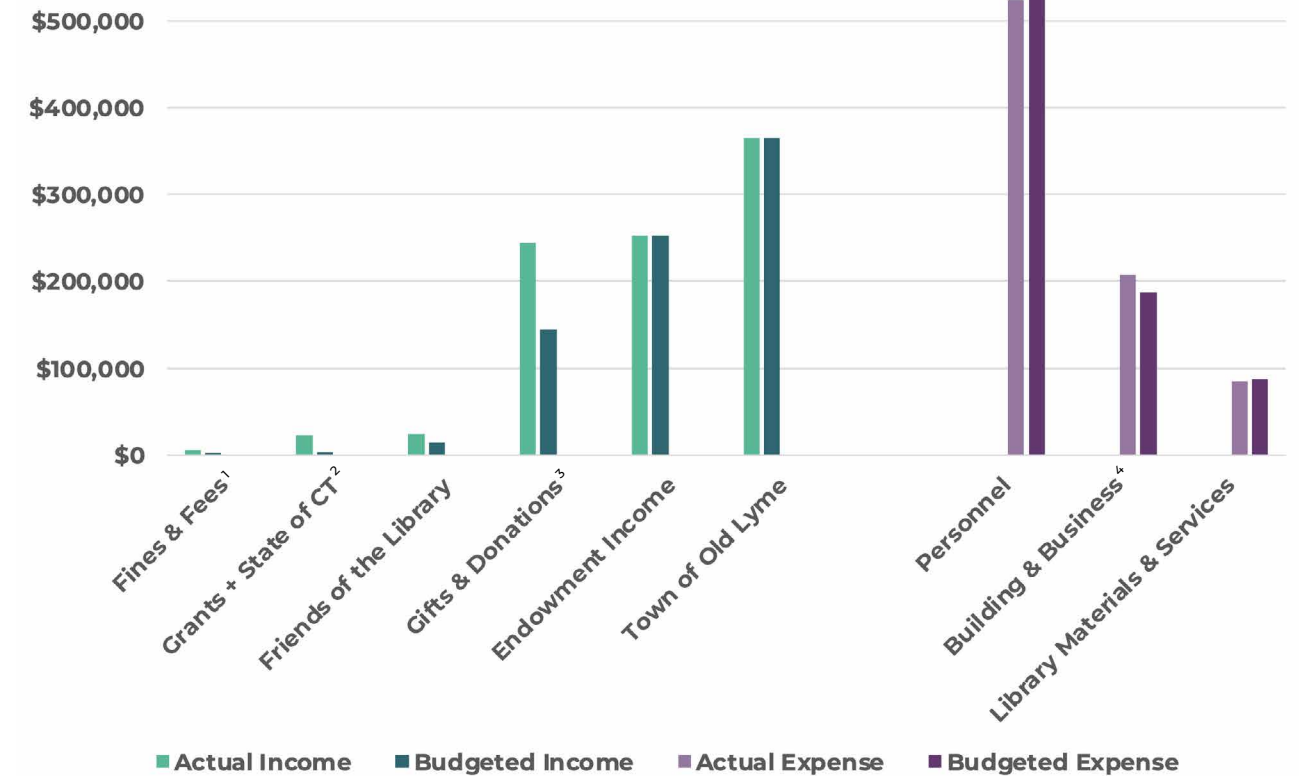
Library staff assisted patrons 1,760 times with research assistance and hands-on technology help. Staff placed over 2,000 holds on materials for patrons.

Website

The Library's website was visited over 32,000 times (44,000+ unique page views).

By the Numbers: FINANCES

Operating Income & Expenses 2021–2022: Budgeted vs. Actual



¹As of 2020, the Library no longer charges overdue fines. ²Actual includes unanticipated ARPA grant funding ³Actual includes O'Connor legacy gift + Pledged Renewal Campaign gifts (all to be invested in Endowment) ⁴Actual includes ARPA grant funding expenditures

Endowed Funds Report

The Library Endowment was established in 1899 with \$10,000 in gifts from the Ludington & Noyes families. Over the next 124 years, additional funds were contributed by Old Lyme residents committed to supporting the long-term success of the Library. Today, the funds comprise a variety of investments; some are restricted funds, designated to be spent on particular categories of books, materials, & services, while some are unrestricted and are used to cover a portion of annual personnel and building expenses.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, withdrawals from the Endowment represented 31% of the Library's total operating budgeted income. Contributions from the Town of Old Lyme accounted for 45% of the operating budget income and donations represented 20%.⁴ During the fiscal year, the Endowment investments portfolio returned -12.06%.⁵

⁴Actual income was comprised of 28% endowment withdrawals, 41% Town contributions, and 28% donations.

⁵For comparative purposes, the S&P 500 Index returned -10.99% over the same period, the MSCI Developed EAFE Index returned -25.20%, and the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index returned -10.29%. Money market yields were effectively zero.

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