

DAILEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

“The Community is the Heart of the Library”

The challenges faced by our community over the past year have been unprecedented in our lifetime. The coronavirus pandemic has tested our strength, endurance, and spirit as well as requiring us to become more creative in running our organizations and agencies. Because the staff and trustees of the Dailey Memorial Library believe that libraries are essential elements of the community, we have been dedicated to serving our patrons in every way possible during this time, in accordance with the governor’s orders. We are currently one of 41 libraries in Vermont (out of a total of 159) that is open for full patron service.

Highlights of our Year:

- **Story Time on the Lawn with free lunches from “The Lunch Box”**
- **24 hour free WiFi at the library as well as outside Scampy’s in West Charleston**
- **Gazebo Use by our Summer Reading Program participants, the Junior High Classes, and Wifi users**
- **Storywalk on the Green**
- **Space for the Community Garden**
- **“For the Children” Program sponsored by Carl and Susan Taylor to provide books to 1st Graders in Orleans and Essex Counties**
- **Book Sponsor Program to allow patrons to purchase books at a reduced cost, read them first and then donate the books back to the library**
- **Vermont Humanities Book Discussions via Zoom**

Patrons have been welcomed back inside our building since mid-June while curbside service is available for those requesting it. Returned books are isolated for one week and disinfected, and the conference room is available and frequently used for individual online meetings or a maximum of two computer users. In addition, our children’s librarian provides a weekly “Story Kit” for preschoolers which includes a craft and a list of books related to a chosen theme. Our staff and trustees are exceedingly grateful to the Town of Charleston and its Selectboard for their continuous support of our library. We are dedicated to continuing to serve our community over this next year, and as always, we invite suggestions about how we can improve your library.

Library Statistics

Patron Visits.....	6691
Circulation of borrowed materials.....	13,159
E-book/E-Audiobook Downloads.....	2419
Computer users/week.....	23
Volunteer Hours per week.....	12
Community Room Reservations/Uses.....	48
New patrons Registered.....	75



Stories in the Gazebo