

Some annual statistics and items of note during 2017-18 include:

The Museum sponsored 13 programs held on and off site including Washington History Club gatherings, “Readings from the Archives” at the Senior Center and the annual Washington Cemetery Tour, as well as school visits. Total visitors to both programs and to the Museum totaled 2,125.

The Adult Library sponsored and collaborated on 41 programs, including eight programs conducting multiple week sessions, with a total attendance of almost 3,000 (2,889). Programs included the extremely popular Monday Matinee Film Series, One-on-One Tech Advice, a 19th Century American Literature series, the Conversational Spanish program, year round Bridge and various lectures and discussion, including numerous authors and book signings.

44,054 people visited the library, averaging 847 people per week

The Library’s collection continues to be steady at nearly 50,000 (actual number is 48,436) items, with an additional 9,860 items available through the Overdrive collection of downloadable e-books and audio books. Also available to our patrons through the rbDigital link at the CT State website (formerly IConn) there is approximately 3,913 downloadable e-book and audio titles. Bringing our total available materials collection to 62,209. We continue to “weed” the collection, recently concentrating on the Non-Fiction sections, removing materials that haven’t circulated and/or have become outdated.

The Museum catalogued 193 artifacts, updated 2,937 collection records and accessioned 75 new items, bringing the total number of artifact records in Past Perfect to 11,624. A regular core group of 19 volunteers work diligently to keep up with collection documentation and related activities, in addition to volunteers who worked on special events.

The 10th annual Cemetery Tour successfully flourished, with 370 attendees enjoying this annual event.

The Library circulated 42,191 items. Circulation of non-print materials, including audio books & digital downloads, music and movies, stands at 38% of the total. Books, magazines and downloadable digital books (ebooks) made up the other 62%. Breakdown of our circulation is 62% adult, 35% children and 3% young adult (YA - a number we are hoping to increase).

GML loaned 3,928 items to other libraries and we borrowed 1,093 items from other libraries for our patrons. Out-of-town patrons from neighboring communities came into Gunn and borrowed 10,603 directly from our shelves.

We hosted 5 multi-session Young Adult programs with a total attendance of 240. These programs included an after school Wii competition, a Writer’s Workshop, a Book Club and a Book/film event.

The Junior Library hosted 175 programs with a total attendance of over 4,000 (4,088).

76 prizes were donated by local businesses & individuals to the children's Summer Reading Program during which time 225 children logged in nearly 5,000 (4,918) hours of reading.

The Library hosted over 12 community groups, including, Wykeham Rise alumnae, the Washington Democratic Town Committee, the Washington Friends of Music, the Connecticut Community Foundation, Steep Rock Association and local schools to provide space for tutoring, lectures, class instruction, meeting space, workshops and receptions. Many of these organizations utilized our facilities for multiple events.

77 people registered as Friends of the Museum and the semi-annual Washington Chronicles continues to be mailed to them as a benefit.

Over 1,072 people registered to use computers in the adult library. (So many slip by the desk and do not register, so our numbers are considerably higher.) Patrons also logged in remotely to electronic resources and databases, such as Wowbrary with 2,042 hits, Grolier Online with 1,082 sessions and Bookflix with 1,594 sessions (an 15% increase from last year). 4,718 total log-ins to electronic resources.

Our Seed Library was established as a joint project with Steep Rock's Judea Garden. Donated seeds were bagged and disbursed in an effort to promote non GMO plantings and the proliferation of heirloom variety plants.

A new HVAC system was installed at the Museum, with stabilized heating and cooling throughout the building, providing optimal conservation conditions. A new HVAC air handler was installed at the Library, replacing a 25 year old unit over the main circulation desk.

We received a grant from the CT State Library in the amount of \$37,000 to install fiber optic internet, allowing for much faster internet speeds and better reliability

Fundraising was extremely successful this year, with the Museum raising ~\$30,000 with their 2nd endeavor at Tea for 200 and the Antiques Show net at \$8,000 higher than the previous year. The community's response to the Annual Appeal was again strong. This year we brought in over \$107,000 the **highest** total ever for this campaign, surpassing LY's record high by \$5,000.