

MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

This past year was one of great change at the Meriden Library. With the passing of Betty Ann Dole who made the library run for 25 years, we are now caught up in all of the many small things that she took care of without our notice.

One thing that we must do is thank the many volunteers who helped keep the library running this spring and summer. The library would not have been open without their help. Annamay Chapman, Pam Abrahamson, Judy Hallam and so many more who gave of their very valuable time of which we had a great need. Again, thank you all.

We were able to do some fun and good things this year. In January we had a Soup & Bread fundraiser which the Meriden Library Association is going to repeat in February 2007. We would like this to become a yearly event with good food and good company. Thanks to Pam Abrahamson who just stepped down after eight years as president of the association. We also had the return of the town-wide yard sale- even though the weather was wet and cold; with the yard sale we had our spring book sale which would not have happened without Henry Beck, our new association president.

The best news of the year came in August when Sheila Thomason became the new librarian. We are very happy to have Sheila and she is doing a great job. If you have not been able to visit the library recently, please stop in and meet Sheila. She and her family live on Route 120. When she accepted the job we did not know we were acquiring an entire family of librarians. Her children have become a great part of the library too. Sheila has some wonderful ideas for reading groups and book clubs- if you are interested stop by or call the library. This year our big project will be to begin the process of computerizing our card catalog.

As always, we want the library to be resources for the entire community so if you have questions, requests or comments, come in-- we are here to help.

Thank you again to all those who helped us make it through this year of change.

Respectfully Submitted, Joe Crate, Betsy Beck and Rachel Stoddard, Trustees, Meriden Library



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MERIDEN LIBRARY BUDGET

	BUDGET 2006	ACTUAL 2006	PROPOSED 2007
On Hand - Jan 1,2006			
Checking Account	747.92	747.92	916.05
Encumbered Funds	7,415.96	7,415.96	13,756.31
Petty Cash	8.70	8.70	53.58
SUBTOTAL	8,172.58	8,172.58	14,725.94
Income			
Town Appropriation	30,596.00	31,166.42	30,581.00
Town Appropriation - FICA	1,467.00	896.58	1,454.00
Trust Funds	940.00	945.96	970.00
Gifts - Memorial	0.00	3,895.00	0.00
Gifts - Miscellaneous	600.00	535.00	500.00
Book Fines	100.00	68.98	100.00
Book Sales	150.00	399.11	150.00
Interest	40.00	135.48	100.00
Building Fund	0.00	10.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	576.60	0.00
INCOME	<u>33,893.00</u>	<u>38,629.13</u>	<u>33,855.00</u>
TOTAL	42,065.58	46,801.71	48,580.94
Expenses			
Salaries	19,176.00	15,558.82	19,001.00
FICA	1,467.00	896.58	1,454.00
Library Materials	6,500.00	5,638.58	6,500.00
Telephone	600.00	580.10	600.00
Electricity	600.00	661.94	600.00
Fuel	2,750.00	1,498.20	2,500.00
Water	500.00	380.00	500.00
Supplies	700.00	766.28	700.00
Postage	600.00	293.82	600.00
Professional Activities	100.00	75.00	500.00
Programming	200.00	7.00	200.00
Maintenance	700.00	700.99	700.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,158.46	0.00
Transfers to Petty Cash	0.00	50.00	0.00
Transfers to Building Fund	0.00	3,860.00	0.00
EXPENSES	<u>33,893.00</u>	<u>32,125.77</u>	<u>33,855.00</u>
Cash on Hand - Dec 31, 2006			
Checking Account		916.05	
Encumbered Funds		13,756.31	
Petty Cash		53.58	
TOTAL	33,893.00	46,851.71	33,855.00
Building Fund Balance		56,984.75	
Encumbered Funds - Savings			
Memorial Fund		1,158.03	
MacNamara Fund		345.00	
Sick Pay Account		325.00	
Computer Fund		1,600.00	
Reference Material Replacement		3,987.93	
Book Fund		1,340.35	
Library Automation		5,000.00	