

MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Thank you to all who support the Meriden Library in many different ways. We appreciate the donations of books, audios, movies, and other materials. Wreaths and plants have been donated which keep our library looking nice. Community members have also volunteered cleaning, restacking books, and purchasing needed items.

The Meriden Library Association also volunteers much to keep our library running as an important part of our community. The members of the association help organize our fund-raising events as well as making decisions on behalf of the library. Anyone is welcome to join and we greatly appreciate all who currently attend. We would like to thank Kevin O'Reilly for stepping up as president of the association.

Our Soup & Bread Social was a great opportunity to get out and socialize with community members. The food was wonderful and there were many who met new friends as well as visited with long-time friends.

We had a book sale in August and appreciate all who helped. We will be having another book sale in May 2008. We will need volunteers as well as shoppers. We accept donations anytime the library is open.

The Plainfield Technology group gave the library a temporary computer upgrade while we finish making decisions on the new computerization process we will eventually use. They have been great about helping with computer questions and technical issues.

We had a great summer "Reading Road Trip" program. We did fun activities which explored different places and activities of interest within the United States. Activity themes included a beach day, camping, boat races and making vehicles. We had great participation and had a lot of fun. It is wonderful to see the youth excited about reading adventures.

We had some great interest in story hour the first part of the year and would like to keep this available for our patrons. Please call if you are interested in attending.

At the end of last year, we started a book group. The group usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm. There have been some great books discussed so far and we are looking forward to many more great discussions. All are welcome to join.

Betsy and Henry Beck moved out of the community this year. We will indeed miss them as well as their dedicated service to the library. Pam Abrahamson has been wonderful about filling in as a trustee.

The Meriden Library is a wonderful community resource and we appreciate all who make that happen. Please let us know if we can help you in any way or if you have suggestions for change.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Crute, Rachel Stoddard, Pam Abrahamson.
Meriden Library Trustees

MERIDEN LIBRARY BUDGET

	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	PROPOSED 2008
On Hand – Jan. 1, 2007			
Checking Account	916.05	916.05	1467.91
Petty Cash	<u>53.58</u>	<u>53.58</u>	<u>57.95</u>
SUBTOTAL	969.63	969.63	1,525.86
Income			
Town Appropriation	30,581.00	30,839.32	31,881.00
Town Appropriation FICA	1,454.00	1,195.68	1,454.00
Trust Funds	970.00	994.27	970.00
Gifts – Memorials	0.00	100.00	0.00
Gifts – Miscellaneous	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
Book Fines	100.00	218.63	100.00
Book Sales	150.00	128.00	150.00
Interest	100.00	200.57	100.00
Building Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>33.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
INCOME	<u>33,855.00</u>	<u>34,709.47</u>	<u>35,155.00</u>
TOTAL	34,824.63	35,679.10	36,680.86
Expenses			
Salaries	19,001.00	17,541.45	19,001.00
Fica	1,454.00	1,195.68	1,454.00
Library Materials	6,500.00	5,713.26	6,500.00
Telephone	600.00	712.26	800.00
Electricity	600.00	995.34	1,200.00
Fuel	2,500.00	2,174.29	3,000.00
Water	500.00	495.00	500.00
Supplies	700.00	666.16	700.00
Postage	600.00	273.25	600.00
Professional Activities	500.00	98.33	500.00
Programming	200.00	23.49	200.00
Maintenance	700.00	717.85	700.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>55.53</u>	<u>0.00</u>
EXPENSES	33,855.00	30,661.89	35,155.00
Checking Account (12/31/07)			1,467.91
Petty Cash		<u>53.58</u>	
		1,521.49	
TOTAL	33,855.00	32,183.38	35,155.00
Building Fund Balance		59,383.09	
Other Funds			
Memorial Fund		1,408.03	
McNamara Fund		636.07	
Sick Pay Account		616.07	
Computer Fund		2,600.00	
Reference Material Replacement		4,987.93	
Book Fund		1,590.35	
Library Automation		6,000.00	