

MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT-2008

Thank you to all who support the Meriden Library. We appreciate the many donations of library materials such as books, audios and DVDs; and equipment such as computers and furniture as well as monetary contributions. Many community members have volunteered their time to help with stacking and moving books for book sales, reshelving books, computer entering, library functions and activities. The donations of wreaths and plants have kept the library looking beautiful year round.

This year has been a year of transition for us. Sheila Thomason resigned in June due to a family move out of the area. Sheila worked well with our patrons with her quiet thoughtful manner; she brought in many new young families and provided them with many activities, and heavily weeded our collection with the help of the state library guidelines and volunteers. Sheila also began our first book discussion group.

Jeanne Thompson accepted the position of Librarian in June, coming to us with a technical librarianship background. Jeanne has lots of new ideas and programs; many of them are now in place. Jeanne's enthusiasm is contagious and shows in the increase of patrons visiting our library. Jeanne's main focus is collection development (patron input is welcomed and encouraged), along with coordination with the state library system which will eventually lead to a fully automated library.

The generous anonymous donation of a new computer capable of automating our collection and a donation from Wincycle of a computer for public use and the purchase of a new copier is moving Meriden Library forward into the future.

The Meriden Library Association has helped the library through volunteering at many library functions and organizing fund raisers such as the February soup and bread luncheon and the May book sale. Thanks to Kevin O'Reilly the outgoing president and Janet Connolly, our new president, for all their hard work.

Both Sheila and Jeanne have been very welcoming to our patrons and were able to get most all book, audio, DVD and other information requests through our own library or the state interlibrary loan system. A steady stream of new library materials arrive each week keeping busy even our most avid readers. There are many programs for children with the story hour each month presented by Rachel Stoddard and Naomi Fitzgibbons. We had quite an adventure with the summer reading program "G'Day for Reading" focusing on Australia. Some local families coming from Australia and New Zealand added lots of fun to the program with their personal stories. Joan Burch creatively offered the art activity. Another children's program was "Farm Day" put on by the 4H Club and Surgenor family with 26 in attendance. Children's groups that use the library are KUA Day Care, Meriden Community Camp preschoolers, 4H Club and the homeschoolers history group. Our book discussion groups are very popular. The first group, "Tuesdays at Two", has grown to 14 participants. A new mystery book discussion group begins in January.

In September Janet Connolly, with the help of many volunteers organized a wine and cheese reception to open the political memorabilia display in our showcase. We had a great time with 40 people in attendance.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who help keep Meriden Library a vibrant meeting place in our community. Thanks to Annamay Chapman, Millie Steele, Jane and Erich Witzel, Kevin O'Reilly, Janet Connolly, Judy Durant, Sue Timmons, Joan Burch, Linda Buzzel, Bob Stoddard, Doris LeVarn, the Fitzgibbon family and to all those unnamed faithful patrons and volunteers. A very special thank you to Brad Thompson who is always there when we need him with his technology expertise.

Please stop in and see what is new in our collection or look up our new blog, www.meridennewsings.blogspot.com for all the latest news at the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Crate, Rachel Stoddard and Pam Abrahamson
Meriden Library Trustees

Meriden Library Proposed Budget 2009

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	2008	2008	2009
On Hand - January 1			
Checking Account	\$721.19	\$721.19	\$1,111.90
Savings Acct - Allocated Funds	\$17,838.45	\$17,838.45	\$20,133.44
Petty Cash	<u>\$46.22</u>	<u>\$46.22</u>	<u>\$39.55</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u><u>\$18,605.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$18,605.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$21,284.89</u></u>
Income			
Town Appropriation	\$31,881.00	\$32,084.09	\$32,673.60
Town Appropriation - FICA	\$1,454.00	\$1,250.91	\$1,907.36
Trust Funds	\$970.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Gifts	\$500.00	\$1,009.01	\$0.00
Book Fines	\$100.00	\$104.25	\$100.00
Book Sales	\$150.00	\$308.53	\$200.00
Interest	\$100.00	\$242.49	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$1,011.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$299.35	\$0.00
INCOME	<u><u>\$35,155.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$37,409.63</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,080.96</u></u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$53,760.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$56,015.49</u></u>	<u><u>\$57,365.85</u></u>
Expenses			
Salaries	\$19,001.00	\$18,364.30	\$19,073.60
FICA	\$1,454.00	\$1,250.91	\$1,907.36
Library Materials	\$6,500.00	\$5,530.00	\$6,000.00
Telephone	\$800.00	\$546.77	\$600.00
Electricity	\$1,200.00	\$864.92	\$1,200.00
Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,714.24	\$4,000.00
Water	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Supplies	\$700.00	\$731.59	\$700.00
Postage	\$600.00	\$243.72	\$300.00
Professional Activities	\$500.00	\$81.06	\$400.00
Programming	\$200.00	\$464.41	\$200.00
Maintenance	\$700.00	\$404.08	\$700.00
Computer	\$0.00	\$1,927.69	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$295.91	\$0.00
Transfer to Building Fund	\$0.00	\$1,011.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES	<u><u>\$35,155.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$34,730.60</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,080.96</u></u>
Building Fund Balance		\$54,592.96	
Memorial Fund		\$1,408.03	
MacNamara Fund		\$636.07	
Sick Pay		\$616.07	
Computer Fund		\$3,275.65	
Ref Replacement Automation		\$12,607.27	
Book Fund		\$1,590.35	