

are faced with a lack of gym time available to get practice time in. We continue to get any time available to work with this group and to look for possible solutions for this. The 1st and 2nd grade group working on basic skills at the KUA gym on Saturday mornings has 20 participants and will start in January.

I would like to thank all our coaches for the time they put into this program. They are the individuals that make it work. Without you, we have no program. Thank you to the officials who helped throughout the year. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you to anyone who has helped in any way. As we move forward I encourage everyone to take an active role where possible. Participating in your child's youth activities is both fun and rewarding.

I want to mention we have a new set of outdoor bleachers and team benches at Hewes Field for our Soccer, Baseball, and Softball season. These bleachers and benches were a gift donated to us by Judy Belyea. Thank you Judy for your very generous gift.

I would like to thank the Plainfield School and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities. Thank you to Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, and Keene Medical for your donations. A huge thank you to all our coaches, officials, and individuals who have donated their time for the youth in our community and made this program successful. I look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Cantlin,
Recreation Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEE REPORT 2011

2011 was an exciting year to be a library trustee as it was the first full year of a single board to oversee the two town libraries. We all know what assets our two libraries are to the town and it is the goal of this board to always improve upon and expand the great services that our libraries already provide. Our focus this year was to standardize practices in areas where it made sense to do so. We reviewed and are still in the process of revising many of the library policies to ensure they are consistent. For example, as of 2012, late fees and check out times will be the same at either library.

Our first big project as a joined board was to launch the online card catalog project. We were fortunate enough to join a consortium through the Howe Library that will allow us to digitize our card catalog at a fraction of what it would otherwise cost. This process is ongoing and requires a high degree of cooperation and coordination between both libraries and the Board of Trustees. We feel the ability to offer this service to Plainfield residents is one benefit of a joined board.

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated library directors and employees. Circulation and patron visits are still increasing at both libraries. And despite the ever increasing demand and ever increasing budget constraints, the staff is always finding ways to offer new services or improve upon existing ones. Last year, both libraries applied for and were awarded grants. The books and equipment purchases made possible through these grants will benefit everyone in the community.

In addition to continuing to provide the town with the best level of library services possible, in 2012 we hope to complete the digitization of card catalogs, continue construction on the lower level of the Philip Read Memorial Library and continue to explore ways to make the Meriden Library ADA compliant.

The trustees will continue to encourage and support the good work at our libraries. Each library director has submitted a separate report detailing the highlights of their year. We are honored to be stewards of such fabulous town assets. We thank you all for your generous support—
as volunteers, through donations or through your tax dollars—of the library system and for recognizing the tremendous benefits it offers us all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Brown-Chair Kara Toms-Vice Chair
Mark Pensgen-Treasurer Kim Moss-Secretary
Bernadina Webber-Treasurer

**PLAINFIELD LIBRARY SYSTEM
 Trustees Report – Calendar Year 2011**

LIBRARY SYSTEM PROPOSED BUDGET 2012

Income	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Town Appropriation	\$100,829	\$106,455
Town Approp - FICA	\$4,650	\$4,694
Trust Funds	\$3,800	\$3,250
Gifts	\$50	\$100
Book Fines/Copier	\$200	\$200
Book Sales	\$200	\$0
Interest Income		
Interest - Savings	\$25	\$10
Interest Checking	\$0	\$0
Total Interest Income	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$10</u>
Misc Income	\$628	\$600
<hr/> Total		
Income	<hr/> \$110,382	<hr/> \$115,309
Expense		
Salaries	\$58,720	\$61,360
FICA	\$4,650	\$4,694
Sick Pay	\$1,393	\$1,285
Library Materials		
Audio/Visual	\$1,887	\$1,700
Books & magazines	\$12,987	\$13,000

Total Library Materials	\$14,874	\$14,700
Telephone	\$1,620	\$1,620
Electricity	\$4,435	\$4,400
Fuel	\$8,400	\$10,700
Water/Sewer	\$790	\$800
Supplies	\$2,300	\$2,300
Postage	\$550	\$550
Professional Activities	\$1,300	\$900
Programs	\$1,000	\$1,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$750	\$600
Elevator	\$1,600	\$1,700
Maintenance	\$4,400	\$4,400
Automation/Cataloging	\$2,400	\$2,500
Computer	\$1,000	\$1,500
Misc Expense	\$200	\$300
Total Expense	\$110,382	\$115,309
\$\$ Change In Expense from 2011		\$4,927
% Change from 2011		4.46%



MERIDEN LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Meriden Library had another year of growth and positive movement on our long term goals. The library was busy, 5751 patrons visited this year, which compared to 4945 in 2010, is approximately a 15 % increase! We served an average of 30 patrons each day we were open—remarkable for a small library. The library circulated 7763 items, a 23% increase over last year’s circulation. In terms of dollar value that would equal \$116,445.00. **

In January we launched a new web site allowing patrons on-line access to library