
WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Westford Public Library is pleased to report another successful, exciting and busy year at our town library. You've probably noticed a new face behind the desk: our new librarian, Victoria Tibbits, joined us last April. She has a Master of Science degree in Administration from St. Michael's College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Vermont. Becoming a librarian represents a mid-career change after many years in business and was driven by Victoria's deep belief in the magic and value of public libraries. She comes to us with a great sense of enthusiasm and is committed to moving the library in a direction that will make it an important community center and an essential source of information for our patrons, as well as an ever-evolving and dynamic resource for the community. In keeping with our commitment to hire and retain skilled librarians, the trustees are taking steps to offer a competitive salary and benefits.

The Board of Trustees of the Westford Library has completed work on the library's long-range plan for 2008-2012. After extensive meetings and discussion with various community groups, we have identified four areas on which we will focus our efforts for the next five years: 1) The library: a place - physical and virtual - for people to meet and interact with other community members and to discuss issues affecting our community, large and small; 2) Cultural awareness: giving our community a gateway to the world through the exploration of literature, history, arts, and poetry via the library's collection and online resources; 3) Historical and environmental resources: providing residents of all ages with access to information about the history and environment of Westford and Vermont; and 4) Basic literacy for preschoolers: supporting the literacy development of preschoolers with materials and activities directed at young children as well as their parents and caregivers. Through automation, residents will have access to the card catalog and library services from the comfort of their own homes; additionally, the library Web site will be developed to improve content and accessibility. The library will acquire materials and resources, both print and audio, relevant to our goals, and provide programming that is entertaining and educational. Finally, the Westford Library is a community library, and so we will actively seek volunteers for projects related to our stated goals; and we will explore ways in which we can work with local groups to meet their needs and bring their interests to the greater community. Residents interested in reading the long-range plan document can find a copy at the library or online at our Web site.

After a long wait, we finally have high speed wireless Internet access. We are looking forward to automating our card catalog, thus making it possible for patrons to search our holdings online from their home computers. This also will make it possible for us to implement automated and web-based cir-

ulation services. Patrons are welcome to come in with their laptops or use our computer to access the Internet with a high speed connection.

The library received a grant of \$2,000 from the Winnie Belle Learned fund of the Vermont Public Library Foundation. These funds will allow us to bring in four performers throughout the year for children's programs. To help busy parents easily pick up age appropriate materials for their children, we will also create "express book bags". Each bag will contain seven books and one or two activities such as a puzzle or a game. The library will also purchase puppets and CD/cassette players to enhance its weekly story hours.

Once again the library co-sponsored a well-attended summer concert series, in partnership with the Westford Recreation Department. This continues to be a very popular summer event, and we would like to thank Andy Fulton for his help in organizing and promoting these events.

This summer, as in the past, the library sponsored a summer arts program. Our theme was "Get a Clue @Your Library". We offered a total of 14 programs and had a total program attendance of 470. Some highlights from the summer arts program include a sundae feast, Fourth of July float building, and a pet show.

The library has been fortunate to host many exhibits by talented Westford artists. We plan to continue this artist-in-residence program throughout the coming year, and we encourage local artists interested in mounting an exhibit to contact us.

The library was open 217 days, had 4,804 patron visits, and circulated 4,902 titles. We currently own 6,721 books, 504 videos and DVDs, 274 audio books, and receive 21 periodical subscriptions. We have honored 193 interlibrary loan requests to provide patrons with titles that we do not own. The library offered 106 programs over the past year.

Many groups continue to use the library as a meeting place, including Playgroup, Recreation Department, Cub Scouts, Westford Peace Forum, King's Hill Homeowners Association, Library Trustees, Pleasant View Cemetery Association, Brookside Cemetery Association, Women's Game Night and Craft Group.

The Library Board of Trustees would like to thank the community for its continued support of our valuable community asset. We appreciate the creative and generous efforts of so many people as we strive to provide the community with library service that meets their needs and enhances life here in Westford. Lastly, the library trustees would like to thank our wonderful librarian, Victoria Tibbits, for professional, knowledgeable, and friendly service to our patrons. We can be reached at 878-5639 or www.westford.lib.vt.us.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES FUND

Year Ending June 30, 2007

CASH ON HAND - July 1, 2006		\$2,806.77
RECEIPTS		
Donations, Book Sales, Misc.	1,760.44	
Interest Earned	<u>137.76</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,898.20
DISBURSEMENTS		
Sandwich Board Sign	337.50	
Concert	300.00	
Books	224.03	
Librarian Training	<u>180.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$1,041.53)
TOTAL		<u>\$3,663.44</u>
CASH ON HAND - June 30, 2007		<u>\$3,663.44</u>

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION:

CSWD owns and oversees 10 solid waste or recycling facilities in Chittenden County for its 18 member municipalities. A Board of Commissioners, who sets policy and oversees financial matters, governs CSWD. One Commissioner is appointed by each member community.

The unaudited FY '07 General Fund expenses were \$7,218,193 and the revenues were \$8,309,832. This represents a 6% increase in expenses and a 5.48% increase in revenues from the FY '06 General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/EVENTS:

In FY '07, CSWD continued to focus on two parallel tracks: waste minimization/diversion and waste disposal in a proposed regional landfill. Concerning the first track, we finished collecting data for our Recycling Performance Research Plan, we negotiated additional recycling materials to be accepted and processed at CSWD's Materials Recovery Facility (mixed plastics and soft cover books), and we became very active in promoting responsibility of manufacturers for their products at the end of use. For the landfill project, we completed additional scenarios, discussed them with the majority of our member towns/cities' governing boards, and have now focused on a smaller landfill footprint.
