

ANNUAL REPORT

CAMDE PUBLIC LIBRAR

2021



In 2021, the Camden Public Library was named one of only two Maine libraries to earn Five-Star status – its 14th straight year as a Star Library. Camden ranks among the top 85 libraries in the nation. Criteria includes visits, circulation, program attendance, and public computer internet use.

When we look to the future We see hope

As Year Two of the continuing COVID pandemic comes to a close, it seems appropriate to take stock of where we are, where we have been, and where we are headed.

While much of the world continues to react to the evolving pandemic, here at the library, story times are still happening; library programs are streaming; and books and e-books are being checked out. Miss Amy is still encouraging young readers; seniors are still

receiving homebound delivery; and business people are utilizing our high-speed Wi-Fi.

In the face of uncertainty, we offer stability. And hope.

It is our privilege, honor, and challenge to continue to make that so for the Camden community.

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Nikki Maounis Executive Director



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"Two Little Fauns" keep watch over the historic library grounds.

Financial Reporting

The library follows procedures that ensure ongoing reviews of financial reporting during the fiscal year. The Finance Committee meets regularly to understand the details of the library's financial status. In addition, annual independent audits and reviews are performed to provide an outside examination of both the library's accounting procedures and the resulting financial reports.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

INCOME	
ANNUAL APPEAL and GRANTS	\$245,468
PROGRAM and BOOK REVENUE	\$51,390
ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$125,738
TOWN of CAMDEN	\$493,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$915,596

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$906,439
AMPHITHEATRE and HARBOR PARK	\$48,740
PROFESSIONAL and SUPPORT STAFF	\$583,754
FACILITY MAINTENANCE and IMPROVEMENTS	\$113,664
BOOKS, PROGRAMS, and OPERATING	\$160,281
EXPENSES	

NET \$9,157





Watch Rona Sayed of the Afghan Community of Maine and a variety of other recordings on the CPL Programs YouTube channel.

Notable Programs

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Connecting Across Cultures "New Mainers" Series with leaders from the Afghan Community of Maine



A Visual History of Camden Harbor with Ken Gross of the library's Walsh History Center



Policy and Politics in the Arctic: A Conversation with Senator Angus King, presented in partnership with the Camden Conference



A True Hero: History of a Maine-Built Research Vessel by historian and author Charles H. Lagerbom



An Evening of Poetry with Maine's Poet Laureate Stuart Kestenbaum

Making meaningful connections How we read, connected, and discovered in 2021



PROGRAMS

1,227

Up 127 above pre-pandemic 2019

ATTENDANCE - IN-PERSON

10,831

More than double last year (5,327)

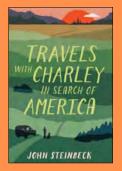
ATTENDANCE - ONLINE

50,305

Surpassing 2020's pandemic-driven 31,948

Most Viewed on YouTube (3,250) Explorations Read-Aloud: "Travels with Charley in Search of America" by John Steinbeck, read

by Joseph Coté.



At 7,758, Underground Newsletter subscribers are up 61% vs. 2020

New Materials Newsletter subscribers (1,452) also increased by 6% since 2020.



Most In-Demand Books

- "Lincoln Highway"
 Amor Towles
- "Midnight Library"
 Matt Haig
- "Cloud Cuckoo Land" Anthony Doerr
- "The Madness of Crowds" Louise Penny
- "The Four Winds" Kristin Hannah

Camden is among Maine's Top 3 most socially engaged libraries



YouTube Subscribers

- 1. Camden Public Library*
- 2. Portland Public Library
- McArthur Public Library (Biddeford)



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- 1. Portland Public Library
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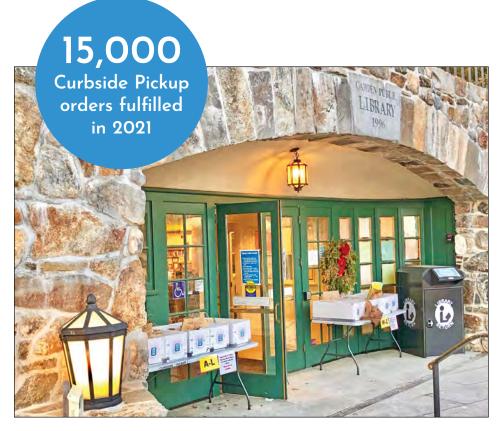


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- 3. Camden Public Library**

*YouTube: CPL (462) + Miss Amy (149). **Instagram: CPL (1,260) + Miss Amy (259). As of Jan. 24, 2022.

PROGRAMS and SERVICES





Youth programs included Craft Times; New Books Unboxing; Tinker Tuesday S.T.E.A.M. activities; Story Time Online; Book Time for Babies Online and Outdoors; Outdoor Preschool Story Time; Maine Student Book Award meetings (4th-8th grade); Make-and-Take Crafts; Young Adult Book Lovers' Club; Young Adult How-To's; and Book Talks for Teens and Tweens.





Top Youth Books

- "Be Kind"
 Pat Zietlow Miller
- "The Hate U Give" Angle Thomas
- "The Inheritance Games"
 Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- "Dragon Masters" series Tracey West
- "Botanicum"
 Kathy Willis and Katie Scott



WALSH HISTORY CENTER

Discover History Month's "Olmsted 200" exhibit joined the nationwide celebration of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., and his sons, and their influence on American park design. The exhibit featured the origin stories of Harbor Park and the Village Green. See Eleanor "Noni" Ames discuss "The Designed Landscape Legacy of Camden and Rockport, Maine" on the CPL Programs YouTube channel.



150 years
of the Camden
Herald to be
available to view/
search online



In 2021, work began to digitize and post online Camden Herald editions from 1870 to 2020. This major project is supported by a foundation grant and private donations. See the first 125 years on the Walsh History Center section of the website.

Channel 8 WMTW's Steve Minich spoke with staff about the library's Sept. 11th 20th anniversary commemoration, which included a History Center exhibit. The interviews and "9/11 Always Remember" program are viewable on WMTW's site.

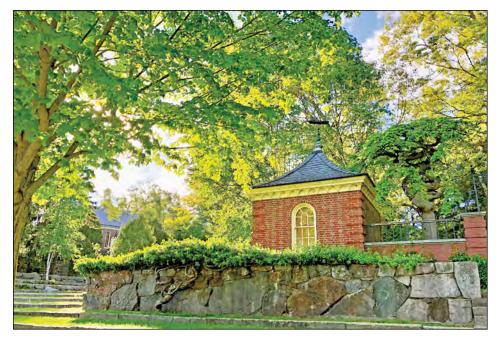


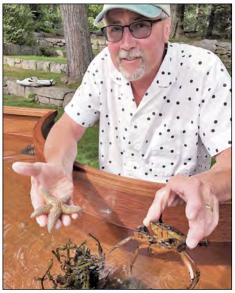






PARKS













Throughout the pandemic, the Camden Amphitheatre and Harbor Park have offered verdant open spaces to connect, celebrate, and recharge. The Amphitheatre was brimming with Camden Shakespeare Festival performances; the Bay Chambers Screen Door Festival; YES

Dance Theatre Ensemble; Mondaynite Jazz Orchestra; Maine Outdoor Film Festival; Downeast Singers; Bay Winds North Wind Ensemble; Midcoast Music Academy; Rotary Fourth of July Concert; P2P Dance Company; Quantam Electronica; and Sonja Florman & Friends.

Special events included Camden on Canvas, the Stewardship Educational Alliance's Environmental S.E.A. Fair, and a presentation by Colin Woodard about his book, "Union." Outdoor wellness was emphasized with yoga, tai chi, sound bathing, and yoga nidra.

MILLAY SOCIETY | The small group that makes a big difference

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Edna St. Vincent Millay graduated from Camden High School in 1909. (Class photo, Walsh History Center)

Afternoon on a Hill

Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950)

I will be the gladdest thing
Under the sun!
I will touch a hundred flowers
And not pick one.

I will look at cliffs and clouds
With quiet eyes,
Watch the wind bow down the grass,
And the grass rise.

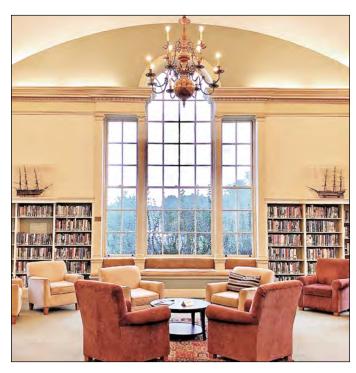
And when lights begin to show
Up from the town,
I will mark which must be mine,
And then start down!

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The Page Gallery Silent Art Auction Fundraiser in November raised \$16,500 to benefit the library. Participants bid online and in-person to win art by well-known midcoast artists. The week-long event culminated with down-to-the wire bidding in an open-house reception.

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Even with major limitations placed by the pandemic, the library's intrepid book sale volunteers employed innovation and sheer effort to raise an amazing \$21,470.

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– Program attendee via email

All are welcome to

learn with joy.



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The first-ever Camden on Canvas raised \$47,228 for the Campaign for the Future. Special thanks to Colin Page of Page Gallery; lead sponsor Ken Gardiner, Edward Jones Investments – Camden; and the many others who contributed time, talent, and funds.





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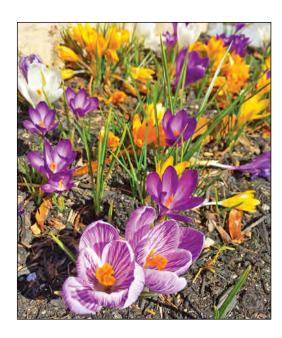
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