

WAKEFIELD TOWN REPORT – 2018 GAFNEY LIBRARY

The expansion committee has been active and the fundraising consultant has made recommendations which the Board is considering as we enter 2018. Networking meetings were held in private homes to give out library information and to gain feedback. It has been well established that the Gafney needs additional space to accommodate teens, youth and adult programs and community meeting space.

Some interesting statistics for 2017:

- Circulation of all materials increased by 3.5% over the year; more than 22,000 items were circulated.
- 216 new members were added – 44 children and 169 adults.
- 595 memberships were renewed (members must renew every two years).
- 12 nonresident cards were purchased.
- 1,620 members were active (checked out at least one item; does not include computer use or program attendance).
- 1,290 individual users accessed the online catalog creating a total of 17,417 searches.
- 96 children registered for the summer reading program; 61 were active participants and 36 completed the program.
- More than 250 people dropped in to the Gafney Adult Study Center located at the Greater Wakefield Resource Center to study math, reading/writing, prepare for the HiSET exam, learn computer basics and search for jobs or take an Accuplacer test.
- 14 people between the ages of 17 and 54 tested for the formal HiSET exam; 6 completely passed and received high school certification. Some will continue testing in 2018.
- More than 900 hours of service were donated by our faithful volunteers.

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Respectfully submitted,
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