

**Annual Report from the Director of The Buckland Public Library
For Fiscal Year 2011: July 1 2010 – June 30 2011**

Library hours: Tuesdays 2 - 8pm, Fridays 1 - 6pm, and Saturdays 9am - 1pm.
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This was a tremendously busy and productive year at 30 Upper Street, as the long-awaited building project was in full swing! Early in the fiscal year, the parking lot was paved, and the addition was framed. As we flipped the calendar to 2011, work on the interior began in earnest. By the end of the fiscal year, the addition and renovation was substantially completed and was in use by new and returning patrons.

Neighbors and patrons were wonderfully patient and cooperative as conditions on the street, on the site, and in the library changed weekly -- and frequently involved a shortage of parking, a surplus of mud and dirt, and more than a bit of noise.

The project was overseen by members of the Board of Trustees and the Building Committee, who devoted extraordinary amounts of time to problem-solving, decision-making, and meetings, meetings, meetings! Mary Ellen Jepsen chaired the trustees, Karen Harmon led the building committee, and Treasurer Susan Garfield-Wright kept an eye on finances. Rounding out the building committee were trustee George L Dole, librarian Liz Jacobson-Carroll, residents Amy Love and Mike McCusker, and members of the construction team. Edith Gerry, Lois Holm, Will Kiendzior and Mark Pichette kept trustee matters moving forward betwixt construction-related happenings.

A landscape design committee was led by Sandra Jaquay-Wilson. Pam Guyette formed a grand opening celebration committee. Rob Lord refurbished the original library table and chairs, and numerous others tackled

Patron volunteers lent their muscle as movers of books and bookcases on several occasions. In February, they moved thousands of books from the existing building into the addition, while also removing many large and heavy bookcases from the historic building. In April, they moved half of the books back into the historic building and onto the new shelving. Subsequently, they assisted the librarian in re-arranging and re-shelving the rest of the collection in the new space.

Weekly construction meetings; building committee, LEED, furniture
Colleen Rauch subbed regularly at library while director focused on building project
USDA grant received for project. Unrestricted bequest distributed.

Or simply use quote detailing all support!

Pam Guyette formed a grand opening celebration committee; celebration postponed until FY12
Neighbors' support and patience

WMRLS dissolved; acquired many books, and a portion of a bequest to be placed into endowed book fund.

Also Phyllis B Joyce bequest

Programming: summer reading at rec, spelling bee,

Developed guidelines for use of community room

Volunteers: Rob Lord refinished table and chairs,

Trustees: Welcomed George L Dole for 3 year term and Will Kiendzior for 1 year term. Met with Amy Shapiro of Community Development Center regarding board development. Mary Ellen Jepsen served as Chair of the board! Trustee list