

MOSES GREELEY PARKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

28 ARLINGTON STREET

DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS 01826

January 31, 1990

Dear Gary:

Please include the following information in the 1989 Annual
Town Report for Dracut.

Thank you.

Andrew M. Calo

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

During the year 1989, the Moses Greeley Parker Memorial Library continued to develop and enlarge resources that satisfied both the general demands and special needs of the Dracut community. The Library also continued to develop as a cultural center, an informational utility, and a continuing education agency. Public expectations for the Library's services constantly rose as revealed by increased circulation, demand for more programming and the use of resource sharing.

Acquisitions/Collection Development/Programming

A main focus continued to be the development of collections and programs that enhanced, supported and highlighted the Library's daily services.

Several noteworthy activities were:

- A. The MacArthur Foundation awarded 23 videocassettes from its MacArthur Library. This collection addresses key issues of our times such as mental health, world environment and resources, peace and international cooperation, community development and MacArthur Fellows.
- B. A Massachusetts Arts Lottery Grant application as administered by the Dracut Arts Council entitled The Artistic Heritage of Early New England in Costume, Song and Dance was submitted and approved.
- C. The Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System bookmobile service and McNaughton Book Service continued to provide the best in reading material for the Library's patrons.
- D. Programming activities for children, art classes, aerobics and quilting workshops provided Dracut residents with educational, cultural and recreational activities.
- E. Reserve policies were instituted for books and museum passes which guarantee a patron that these resources will be available for his or her use.
- F. A "Take Pride in Your Library" campaign was inaugurated with an invitation to everyone to enter a T-Shirt design contest which reflected this theme.
- G. A First Annual Old Fashioned Family Christmas Celebration was held on December 16 at the Library. Activities that took place were Christmas craft workshops, arrival of Santa Claus,

Children's Services

During the year, this area of service was very successful in providing a child's first educational experience outside the home. Story hours introduced children to the world of fact and fantasy and stimulated their curiosity and imagination. Special events of note were: Summer Reading Program - Hats Off to Young Readers, magic show, Boston Peanut Butter and Jelly Dance Company, Synthesizer Workshop for Kids, Teddy Bear's Picnic, Halloween Storyteller, and First Annual Family Christmas Party and Tree Lighting. These well-attended events were always exciting, colorful and creative. They provided experiences that encouraged children to return again and again to the Library where they made use of a rich array of reading and audiovisual resources that could be used in-house or borrowed.

Community Affairs

The Library served a very important role as a center for community activities. The immediate availability of its facilities continued to attract community organizations and public service groups: Planning Board, Permanent Building Committee, Board of Appeals, Arts Council, the Union, Board of Selectmen, Literacy Tutoring, Boy Scouts, Aerobics, and Capital Planning Committee.

Final Remarks

The Moses Greeley Parker Memorial Library continued its commitment of developing collections; providing materials for loan; furnishing information on matters pertinent to patrons; and conducting programs of an educational, cultural, informational and recreational nature for the benefit of the public. The Library drew upon a variety of formats and newer technologies in order to achieve these ends.

For the Board of Library Trustees
John Katin (Chairperson)
Mary Lee Matthews
William Sullivan

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew M. Calo
Director

GIFT LIST

Donations to the Moses Greeley Parker Memorial Library are tax deductible.

American Flag with stand

Art display bins

Art prints

Audiomagazines

Book display table

Book trucks

Bookcases

Books

Books-on-tape

Cabinet for videocassettes

Camcorder

Compact Disc players

Compact Discs

Computers

Furniture (tables, chairs, carrels, workstations, etc.)

Guest speakers who will donate time to talk on special subjects of interest

Lectern (solid oak)

Magazine/periodical displayer

Museum passes

Newspaper stand or displayer

Paperback displayer

Periodicals

Portrait of the current President of the United States

Refrigerator

State flag with stand

Steel shelving

Trust Fund (Will money to the Library)

Typewriters

Videocassettes

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Moses Greeley Parker Memorial Library, 28 Arlington Street, offers Dracut residents an extensive collection of literature, videocassettes, compact discs, records, programs and services. Hours of operation are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

The Library's Summer Schedule starts at the end of the local school term. Hours of operation are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday: Closed

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