

2009-2010 Gray Public Library Trustee's Annual Report

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Although this past year has been challenging due to budget constraints, the library trustees have worked closely with the Library Director and staff to make sure we could create the best growth opportunities for the citizens of the community and patrons of the library.

It is encouraging to note that the library trustee's board is and has been for some time a full board including two alternates. We have been fortunate to have a diverse group of people to review, not only present issues, but the library's future needs. With this in mind, please note the following items that have been addressed. Some will be ongoing and others are in preparation for any current needs and future growth.

Current issues:

*Amended the circulation policy in keeping with Maine Statue Law Title 27.

*Worked on publicity for the library through local Hometown News TV and local newspapers.

*Researched library fee structure in keeping with other Maine libraries and recommended changes to Town Council.

*Created a Behavior Policy.

*Discussed labor saving ideas.

*Created a Library Card Policy.

*Worked with the Library Director to create a fiscally responsible budget.

*Reviewed trustee bylaws.

Ongoing and/or Future needs:

*Worked closely with Gray Public Library Association regarding library's spaces issues, and requested the GPLA fund an expansion study.

*Met with Southern Maine Library District Director regarding library's space needs.

*Researched and discussed the need for an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the library.

*Researched a demographic profile of Gray and library users in keeping with Maine State Library Standards.

*Continue to work on conforming to Maine Library Standards.

*Met with Janet McKenney, the Coordinator of Learning and Technology for the Maine State Library to discuss technology needs for the library.

*Continue to support and advise the Library Director.

*Discussed long term capital improvement goals for the library.

*Working on a new brochure that highlights the library's services.

As a final note, this board has worked well together and has endeavored to look at the future, especially in the form of technology, and what it means to our patrons. Technology changes happen daily, and we have seen how the public expects the library to keep up with their needs. We look forward to the opportunity to work with the town council in the coming year and appreciate your support.

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