

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library is pleased to report another increasingly busy year. Circulation of books, videos, books-on-tape, CD's and DVD's continues to rise as more people use our services. Students drop by to use our Internet access or word processing computers. Two Girl Scout troops regularly use the meeting room. Other community groups sign up for slots as needed. The Book Discussion group meets regularly on the second Tuesday evening of each month and interested people are always welcomed. The Library is excited to move into the real flow of community life.

We have completed our long-range plan. This document, based on community input, outlines the library goals through 2007. The Library will now focus on improving current reference materials, computer access and equipment, and communication with the town. We plan to offer the requested new material formats, such as DVD's and books-on-CD. Other requested improvements include more programming geared to adults and/or families, improved signage throughout the building and more comfortable seating and lighting. We will do our best to improve in all these areas, but funding is the key factor. Future town funding and available state grants will determine how well we meet these goals.

Once again, TOPLA worked diligently to organize two book sales, arrange art gallery displays and receptions, and oversee building maintenance. TOPLA also supported the summer reading program by providing funds for the "free" books distributed to the 39 children who reached their summer reading goals. Thank you for your continued support!

Volunteers are the heart of our library. Many thanks to all those dedicated, faithful workers who shelve our books, stack our magazines, run copies, stamp books, file cards, cover materials and generally help keep us going. We could not do it without you. Special thanks to all our program volunteers who offered everything from summer art classes

to pressed flower techniques to story times to a holiday
cookie swap and more!

Many people discovered the pleasure of 24-hour library service available through our SAILS library network. A library card and a computer with Internet access are all that are needed to find books and research information right from home. Access is available through the town website at <http://town.plympton.ma.us> or at <http://sailsinc.org>. If you haven't discovered this wonderful resource, try it out! No computer? Come in and we will be glad to help you get started with the new technology or offer help locating whatever you need.

Respectfully submitted,

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