

also set up a Rare Book Repair exhibit in the Main Library vestibule to showcase her amazing work. Our colleague Kitty Smith was nominated for the 2014 Massachusetts Library Association Paralibrarian Award. We would like to thank all of our volunteers, who so generously donated their time, talent and skills to the Technical Services Department and the Concord Free Public Library.

## **CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY CORPORATION**

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The Concord Free Public Library Corporation is a Massachusetts charitable corporation created by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1873 for the purpose of forming and maintaining a public library in Concord, which it undertakes to do in collaboration with the Town and the Library Committee.

The primary responsibility of the Library Trustees is to maintain the Library buildings and grounds – the Main Library in Concord Center and the Fowler Branch in West Concord – and to preserve and grow the Special Collections. The Corporation provided over \$600,000 to the Library, including \$125,000 to supplement the Town Budget for library materials and services. The majority of these funds come from the Annual Appeal and income from the Corporation's Endowment.

Last year, we reported that the Corporation purchased the property next door to the Main Library at 151 Main Street. Since making the purchase, we have been exploring how this additional space could enhance services and programs at the Library and meet the future needs of the community. We have had the opportunity to solicit ideas from the Library staff, Library Committee, Friends of the Library, Town groups and individuals, and we have identified many exciting possibilities. We are now in the process of developing an architectural and financial plan. While the Corporation is responsible for raising the funds for the project, we will continue to work closely with Town officials as plans develop.

The William Munroe Special Collections continues to be an outstanding resource for researchers from around the world and the community. Highlights this year included the 100th anniversary of Daniel Chester French's seated Emerson (in the Library rotunda) and the fall/winter exhibition, "This Man Grew According to the Need": Concord and Abraham Lincoln. There were significant gifts to the Collections by Martha Cole, Joseph C. Wheeler, Lowell S. Smith, and the Dee family. To learn more about these acquisitions and Special Collections, click the link at the top of the CFPL website: [www.concordlibrary.org](http://www.concordlibrary.org)

As Trustees of the Williams Scholarship Fund, made possible by a bequest from Charles H. S. Williams, we continue to award grants to several college students pursuing studies in the arts. This year's recipients included Kayleen Honan, Jana Herman, Nicholas Ruhlman, Edward Pioli, and Siena Yerby.

The fifth annual Leslie Riedel Lecture for Young People featured the award-winning artist Tomie dePaola. This special annual event features outstanding authors and illustrators in the field of children's literature.

This past year has been busy and productive for the Library. The Library Corporation is committed to supporting the growth and development of the Library by ensuring that our beautiful historic buildings meet the community's growing needs.

## **FRIENDS OF THE CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Victor Curran, President  
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Jacqueline Barnard, Film Series  
Stefanie Cloutier, Publicity  
Janet Kaminstein, Book Sorters Liaison  
E. Glenn Mitchell, Adult Programs  
Fiona Stevenson, Youth Programs  
Jane Torpie, Membership  
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The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library, a non-profit volunteer organization, supports the Library and promotes its vital role as a cultural and literary resource for the community. With more than 1250 members and dozens of volunteers, the Friends funds library materials, professional development, performances and programs not otherwise provided for in the Library budget. A selection of highlights from 2014 follows.

### *Poetry Series*

Program Chair: E. Glenn Mitchell. In 2014, the Friends' Poetry at the Library Series sponsored five events, each followed by a question-and-answer session and book signing with light refreshments. The programs were: Six Harvard Emerging Poets: Lauren Fields, Zoe Hitzig, Devi Lockwood, Tyler Richard, Jennifer Soong, and Warner Wood; Irish Poet Micheal O'Siedhail, with music by Nathan Gourley, 2013 winner of the New England Fiddler of Dooney competition; Cecily Parks and Mothers' Day Tea; The Dilemma of Memory: Voices of Three Poets, Diane P. Freedman, Anna Halberstadt, Deborah Schwartz. Sandra Lim, recipient of the 2013 Barnard Women Poets Prize for the best second collection of poems by an American woman poet.

### *Music Program*

Committee Chair: Sally Sanford. Committee members: Robert Levers, Marcia Marlow, Marilyn Bone Kloss. Our 2014 program featured the Arneis Quartet with Tony Arnold, soprano; SLOWIND, wind quintet from Slovenia; and Yukiko Sekino, piano. All concerts played to a capacity crowd.

### *Film Series*

Program Chair: Jacqueline Barnard. The 20th season of The Friday Flicks at Fowler continued its successful screenings of acclaimed international and independent films: "The Lives of Others" (Germany, 2006); "The Well-Digger's Daughter" (France, 2011); "Kinamand" (Denmark, 2005); "The Intouchables" (France, 2011); "Wonder: The Lives of Anna and Harlan Hubbard" (USA, 2012), featuring a Q&A with filmmaker Morgan Atkinson; and Kon-Tiki (Norway/U.K./Denmark/Germany/Sweden, 2012).

### *Children's and Young Adult Programs*

Program organizers: Karen Brown, Fiona Stevenson; Karen Ahearn, librarian. The Friends organized, supported, and sponsored many Children's and YA Programs for the Concord Free Public Library in 2014. They included: Concord Conservatory of Music Program for Preschool Music and Movement; Monthly Bookeaters Club for Grade 3; Monthly BookMarkers Club for Grades 4/5; Fowler Lego Challenge; Fowler Hallowe'en Party; Gingerbread House Decorating; Annual Holiday Film showing of "Elf" at the Main Library; Monthly First Friday Flicks and Food for Middle Schoolers at the Main Library; Monthly Teen Friday Flicks'; Annual Teen Fall Fowler

Film Event, this year "Divergent"; Biannual CCHS Study Sundays; CMS Foreign Language Students Building Projects Display; Summer YA Book Program with Reasons To Be Cheerful ice cream making field trip. The Friends offer volunteer opportunities to teens throughout the year.

The Friends established a Book Pantry at Open Table in Maynard for the children of their guests, as well as supplying books to the Concord Prison Outreach and supporting special classroom needs and teacher requests. We also established a Book Coupon Prize during the summer for CPS students needing extra literacy support.

The Leslie Riedel Memorial Lecture was given this year by Tomie DePaola on October 18th, followed by a reception. The Reidel Award is given annually to a distinguished children's author.

The Friends provided adult and children's CD's and DVDs for the Main and Fowler libraries, museum passes, e-readers and e-content, and librarian continuing education.

### *Ruth Ratner Miller Award*

Annually, the Friends honor an American historian. In 2014, the Ruth Ratner Miller Award for Excellence in American History was presented to Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the Pulitzer-Prize finalist "Mayflower," and winner of the Massachusetts Book Award for nonfiction; and the New York Times bestseller, "In the Heart of the Sea," winner of the National Book Award for nonfiction.

The Friends gifts and programs are funded primarily through memberships and sales of donated books. Online sales are managed by Empire Books and books are for sale every day on the Friends Bargain Book Cart at the Main Library. More than half of Friends revenue comes from sales of donated books. Our June Book Sale raised a record-breaking \$20,000. The Holiday Sale in December raised more than \$8,400. Please save the date for our next book sale on Saturday, June 6, 2015 (rain date June 13).

To donate gently used books, please bring them to the reference desk at the Main Library, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. To join the Friends please visit [www.concordlibraryfriends.org](http://www.concordlibraryfriends.org) or pick up a brochure at the Library. For those who love libraries and books, the Friends offers many volunteer opportunities. Volunteers sort donated books for sale; set up and staff the book sales; handle publicity, marketing, membership, database management and finances for programs and events. To

volunteer or learn more, email [friends@concordlibrary.org](mailto:friends@concordlibrary.org) or follow the Friends on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Everyone is welcome!

## CONCORD CULTURAL COUNCIL



*Standing from left: Dan Schragger, Di Clymer, Janet Silver, Laurence Constable. Seated from left: Debbie Canally, Patty Bruttomesso, Maggie Terris, Diana Lee, Victoria Mulligan*

The Concord Cultural Council (CCC), whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, supports community cultural projects through its grant program. Funds are received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) whose mission is “to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.” This year \$4,300 was received. The Town budgeted an additional \$2,000 to enhance this fund enabling the CCC to enrich its support of the many cultural projects requesting funding.

Individuals and organizations may apply to the CCC for funding for projects and presentations in music, dance, visual arts, poetry, literature, drama, and humanities and scientific interpretation for all age groups. Preference is given to applicants who live or work in Concord or who offer programs, projects or presentations that specifically benefit Concord.

Information about applying for FY 2014 -2015 grants was publicized in the *Concord Journal* and on the Mass Cultural Council website ([www.mass-culture.org/Concord](http://www.mass-culture.org/Concord)). Flyers were posted on bulletin boards and in stores throughout the Town.

Guidelines and applications were available at the Town

House and both locations of the Concord Free Public Library. The application deadline for 2014 was October 15. Public meetings were held on September 23, October 21, October 28, and November 18, 2014. Applications were reviewed and voted on in accordance with both State and Local guidelines.

The Council chose to fund the following 21 proposals:

- Acton Community Chorus
- Concord Art Association
- Concord Band Association
- Concord Conservatory of Music
- Concord Orchestra
- Concord Players, “Traveling Player”
- Concord Women’s Chorus
- Contemporary Arts International
- Discovery Museum
- Drinking Gourd Project, Inc.
- Electa Kane Tritsch (Tracks in Time: Exploring the land for Concord TV)
- Essence of India
- First Connections
- Fruitlands Museum
- Indian Hill Music, Inc.
- Kammerwerke Double Wind Quintet
- Robert Creeley Foundation
- The Umbrella Community Arts Center
- Thoreau School
- Virginia Thurston Healing Garden
- Willard School PTG

Additional information on the CCC grant program is available at: <https://www.mass-culture.org/Concord>

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Susanne Jarnryd, Chair  
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In 2014, Danner DeStephano, the Recreation Director of 36 years announced his retirement. His accomplishments during his tenure are numerous beginning in 1987 from the moving of the Recreation Department to the rehabilitated Hunt Recreation Center to overseeing the construction of the Beede Swim and Fitness Center in 2006. Danner has been instrumental in creating multiple athletic fields including two lighted Turf fields, a full size