

Kouyate and World Vision) and (Annalivia); Toddler Singalong with singer/musician Ed Morgan at both the Main Library and the Fowler Library; monthly reading groups for elementary aged children and teen groups, after-school Friday films for middle school students at both the Main and Fowler branches, an evening showing in September of the "Hunger Games" film with a costume contest and games inspired by the book. The Friends support the Library's Teen Advisory Board, which hosted a Dr. Seuss-themed evening in December at the Fowler for elementary-aged children, with free babysitting, a magic show, a showing of the film of The Lorax and snacks. Music and Movement is a new series of programs for young children given by the Concord Conservatory of Music and their Delcroze Eurhythmics instructor; Teen Workshops - Cake Decorating and Polymer Clay Bead Making Workshop; Wingmasters Presentation - Raptor Rehabilitator brought live birds of prey; Teen Book Group visit to Reasons To Be Cheerful to make rocky road ice cream after reading the book Rocky Road; Frisbee Throwing program for families; Paper snowflake folding workshop for kids and adults.

Library Materials and Continuing Education

In 2012 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.

Annually, the Friends honor an American historian. In 2012, the Ruth Ratner Miller award for Excellence in American history was presented to Eric Foner.

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. The next book sale is Saturday, June 1, 2013 (rain date June 8).

More than half of Friends revenue comes from sales of donated books. Around 20,000 books were on sale in June, raising more than \$18,000. The Holiday Sale in December raised more than \$8,700. To donate gently used books, bring them to the reference desk at the Main Library, 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Saturday.

Friends' memberships are tax deductible. To join, visit 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 or follow the Friends on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Everyone is welcome!

CONCORD CULTURAL COUNCIL

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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."

Individuals and organizations may apply to the CCC for funding for programs, projects and presentations in music, dance, visual arts, poetry, literature, drama, the 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 2012-2013 grants was publicized in the Concord Journal and on the Mass Cultural Council website (www.mass-culture.org/Concord).

Guidelines and applications were distributed at the Town House and both branches of the Concord Free Public Library, and at other selected areas around the Town. The application deadline for 2012 was October 15. Public Meetings were held on September 11, October 16, October 23, and November 20, 2012. Applications were reviewed and voted on in accordance with both State and Local guidelines. The Council chose to

fund the following 15 proposals:

CONCORD CULTURAL COUNCIL
2012-2013 Grants

Acton Community Chorus
Concord Art Association
Concord Conservatory of Music
Concord Orchestra, Inc.
Concord Women's Chorus, Inc.
Contemporary Arts International, Inc.
Freedom's Way National Heritage Area
Fruitlands Museum
Indian Hill Music, Inc.
Marble Collection, Inc. (TMC)
Open Door Theatre
Robert Creeley Foundation, Inc.
Sunanda Sahay
Thoreau School
Willard School

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

RECREATION COMMISSION

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All of the Recreation Department's programs and services, including the Beede Swim & Fitness Center, operate without tax dollars on a user fee basis. The success of these programs and services enabled the Recreation Department to provide over \$191,000 in financial support to Concord families participating in the summer day camp, school age child care programs and as members of the Beede Center.

Beede Swim & Fitness Center

Opened in 2006, the Center celebrated its 6th year of operation in April. Operating as an Enterprise Fund, the Center does not receive tax support, and relies solely on membership and programing fees to achieve the status of self-support. The Center is open 100 hours per week, 50 weeks per year and is staffed with approximately 60 full and part time employees. The Center is fully handicapped accessible.

Membership is comprised of approximately 3,000 Concord Residents and 1,090 users from surrounding

communities. There are 1,900 memberships supporting approximately 4,100 total members. Member retention has been well above the industry average.

180,669 people from Concord and surrounding communities using the facilities at the Beede Center -- an average of 15,055 visits per month or 502 users per day.

The Beede Center continued to operate "in the black" for FY12 adding to the fund balance for the 6th year. For fiscal year 2012, revenues were \$2,353,215 with expenses of \$2,330,219 resulting in a net income of \$34,592. While the economic recession for the past 5 years has impacted the Beede Center's membership, there was a slight increase in the total membership from 2011.

The Beede Center remains true to its mission to provide the community with an affordable option for health and fitness. For 2012 there was no increase in the fee structure. The staff works hard to contain costs and provide a high level of service. Swim and fitness programs are open to all members of the community. Beede members receive 40% discount on fitness and swim programs.

The Center offers programing for all ages, from infant swim lessons to adult water fitness, to diving and use of the warm water therapy pool. The Department's youth swim team, the Concord Otters, is managed by the aquatics staff. The Beede Center is host to the Concord Carlisle High School swim and dive team for both practices and home meets.

The Fitness Center offers both cardio and strength equipment with highly skilled and fully certified trainers. The equipment is well maintained and replaced every three to four years as needed. There are always trainers on duty to assist members. The trainers also offer personal training for those members that prefer a one-on-one training session.

The Beede Center is committed to conserving energy and going "green" whenever the opportunity arises, as an example cleaning products used at the Center are certified "green" products. The Center also installed a vending station to refill water bottles with chilled and filtered water in an effort to eliminate the use of plastic non-recyclable containers. The lap pool is heated at no cost from the heat generated by the dehumidification system. Waterless urinals were installed to reduce