



## 2013 CONCORD ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

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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.” This year \$4,250 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 2013 -2014 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 2013 was October 15. Public meetings were held on September 10, October 15, October 22, and November 26, 2013. Applications were reviewed and voted on in accordance with both State and Local guidelines.

The Council chose to fund the following 16 proposals:

- Acton Community Chorus
- Concord Art Association
- Concord Conservatory of Music
- Concord Orchestra, Inc., Contemporary Arts International, Inc.
- Electra Kane Tritsch (Tracks in Time: Exploring the land for Concord TV)
- Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts
- Essence of India
- Fruitlands Museum
- Indian Hill Music, Inc.
- Marble Collection, Inc.
- Mark Mandeville (Massachusetts Walking Tour Concert at Old Manse)
- Robert Creeley Foundation
- Stephen Collins (Evening with Walt Whitman at Fowler Library)
- Virginia Thurston Healing Garden
- Willard School

Concord Cultural Council plans to host a reception for the grant recipients on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Town House at 3 PM. The public will be invited. Additional information on the CCC grant program is available at

<https://www.mass-culture.org/Concord>

Concord Free Public Library Committee



From left: Bev Gauthier, Robert Sekuler, Kitsy Rothermel, Paul Dewey, Sandy Shen, Heather Peachey, Matt Boger

The mission of the Concord Free Public Library is to inspire lifelong learning and to actively promote personal enrichment by connecting community members to information, ideas, culture, unique historical resources and each other, in a tradition of service, innovation and excellence.

The Library Committee consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of:

- Providing policy guidance to the Library Director
- Recommending policy and organizational methods to the Selectmen
- Serving as liaison between the Library and the Trustees of the Library Corporation, governmental units, and private groups that relate to Library services.

Throughout 2013, the Library Committee heard from many staff members, expanding our understanding of all that takes place at the CFPL. Luisa Granitto, Collections Conservator, showed us her book preservation laboratory in the lower level of the Main Library where incredible things happen with a variety of needy books. Sharon McCarrell hosted us at the Fowler Library, describing the unique qualities that Fowler holds as a crossroads of West Concord, and touring us through the beautifully renovated and expanded building. Repeat visitors, Karen Ahearn, Caroline Nie, Robin Chichetti, and Leslie Wilson are always welcome. From Karen, we learned more about book selection for the young; Caroline shared with us the expansion of Overdrive eBooks and plans for a wireless network controller system; from Robin we heard about preparations for the Learning Commons at the new high school; and with Leslie, we had an outstanding tour of “The Munroes of Lexington and Concord” exhibit.

Additional visitors from outside the library staff were also welcomed. Sherry Litwack, Chair of the Trustees, came to announce the exciting recent purchase of 151 Main Street, creating wonderful new opportunities for CFPL. Sandy Shen is the Committee representative for 151 Main Street planning, an ongoing process. Ned Perry of the Town Governance Committee attended a Committee meeting for a discussion about library issues related to town government. We were delighted to have Christine Lamb, president of the Friends, explain the amazing role the Friends play in supporting the CFPL, through book sales, readings, concerts and more. We are truly fortunate to have such an active, enthusiastic group. Last but not least, Anne Izra-Legget explained the structure of the Art Jury and subsequent exhibits in the upstairs gallery.

In June, the Committee bid farewell to Melissa Saalfield, who has

enthusiastically supported the library in many capacities over the years. Beverly Gauthier, a former language arts specialist at the Alcott School, became our new member. In addition, Heather Peachey agreed to share the chairmanship with Kitsy Rothermel.

Exciting news at the CFPL was the official launch of RFID (Radio frequency identification) in April on National Library Day. Things went quite smoothly, and the system has continued to function well for both patrons and staff. Thanks go to the many volunteers and employees who spent countless hours tagging items in preparation for the change, and to the Town of Concord for supporting the project. Freegal Music Service has been enthusiastically received and is well used already.

The Committee approved both the Concord Free Public Library Basement Collection Policy and an updated Computer Use and Public Internet Access Policy. Other policies are being discussed for updates and revisions, and a subgroup has been exploring the possibility of implementing CORI checks for volunteers and staff. Documents related to the LRPC of 2010 were summarized in preparation for the final report.

The Concord Free Public Library is an exciting, stimulating center for Concord, offering a great variety of materials and activities. Working together, the Director, the Assistant Director, the Library Committee, and the Staff do all they can to maintain the wonderful quality of the CFPL while supporting new challenges and opportunities as they develop. The Library Committee encourages guests to attend its monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Main Library. Residents are also urged to visit the library website and sign up for the library e-newsletter.

#### Concord Free Public Library Administration

Kerry Cronin, Library Director

The Concord Free Public Library enjoyed another successful year with a number of noteworthy accomplishments in our service to the Concord community. Among these were extended hours on Summer Saturdays at the Main Library, the successful launch of the Concord Seed Lending Library, and an expansion of our digital resources. Through the Library's participation in the Digital Commonwealth, we are now able to offer online access to Concord Town records for the years, 1774 – 1776. In addition, thanks to our Special Collections colleagues and support from the Garrelick family approximately 300 searchable oral history transcripts and a growing number of audio files are now available in digital form. We continually strive to improve accessibility to library services both on-site and via remote access.

In September we were pleased to launch a downloadable music service called Freegal, which now includes a streaming music option. In the first few

months' residents downloaded more than 1,100 songs. As new formats emerge library staff members are instrumental in assisting patrons in using these materials. Our Reference and Technical Services colleagues have done a superb job of assisting patrons in using the downloadable media collections by offering more than 25 free classes and individual tutorials on how to download these materials to various devices.

During National Library Week in April we officially launched Radio Frequency Identification Technology (RFID) at both library locations. We are grateful to the 26 volunteers who contributed 1,761 hours to tag the library collections in addition to all of the contributions on the part of CFPL staff that helped to make this initiative so successful. The addition of a new self-checkout kiosk for children at the Main Library has been well received, and residents are able rely on the same friendly customer service of checking out materials across the circulation desk in addition to enjoying the convenience of a self-checkout option.

Strengthening services to children and teens remains an ongoing priority and with the support of the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library we were pleased to host a spring tea for school librarians at the Fowler Branch Library to brainstorm approaches for collaboration. Attendance at youth programs continues to increase and we were honored that award-winning author/illustrator Jerry Pinkney was able to deliver the fourth annual Leslie Riedel Memorial Lecture for Young Readers.

In June the Library Corporation purchased an adjacent property at 151 Main Street and convened a small group of stakeholders to review potential uses. It has been an exciting process to solicit feedback from the community via an online survey and to explore ways this expanded space can offer innovative services while furthering the Library's mission.

Thank you to my colleagues at the Concord Free Public Library for their dedicated service to the Concord community, to the Library Corporation Trustees, Friends of the Concord Free Public Library, and our many volunteers and supporters. A special thanks and best wishes to long-term staff members, Enid Boasberg and Sharon McCarrell who both retired in 2013.

Please enjoy the following report of the Library's 2013 activities.

### Circulation

By the end of 2013 the Circulation Department will have checked in and out thousands of items each day, processed approximately 120,000 requested items and handled more than 2,300 museum pass reservations. We are very appreciative of the dedicated Library Pages who assist us by returning items to the shelves and maintaining the stacks.

After almost 18 months of preparation the Circulation Department went live in April with our new RFID technology. So many thanks have to go to the volunteers who gave hundreds of hours to the library to help complete this project. RFID has made it possible to process multiple items at a time. Patrons using the self-checkout stations are able to experience this “magic” first hand as the computer knows the titles of items simply by placing them down on an RFID pad. Self-checkout use has more than doubled since RFID was implemented. Though the use of self-checkout has increased, the Circulation Department continues to make personal service a priority as we strive to maintain a friendly, community atmosphere.

Circulation, as with other library departments, has had to stay current with changing technologies. The popularity of downloadable electronic books, Freegal for downloadable music, real time SMS text messaging to notify patrons of items coming due and held items, along with the RFID, the addition of a cash register to the desk, and creation of online “awesome books” displays are but a few examples.

**LIBRARY FACTS AT A GLANCE**  
(FY 2013\* Statistics)

Circulation	425,197
Collection holdings	298,996
Interlibrary loans received	46,991
Interlibrary loans provided	65,077
Registered Concord borrowers	11,940
New items (excluding magazines)	11,000+
Audio books and music CDs	15,472
DVDs	10,565
Downloadable eBooks & Audiobooks	19,172
Circulation of eBooks & Audiobooks	6,953
Hours libraries open	5,576
Children's programs	140
Program attendance	2,815
Adult and Young Adult programs	93
Program attendance	3118
Number of Volunteers	134
Number of hours worked	7150
Wireless Internet Access logins/month	1,500+
Website Page Views/month	125,200

Outreach programs continue to serve an important function for the Concord community. The Direct to You home delivery provided service to more than a dozen permanently or temporarily homebound residents. Other outreach initiatives included interlibrary loan service to local public and private schools, book group support, delivery to assisted living facilities and loans to federal and state prison facilities MCI and FMC Devens.

In 2013 we said goodbye to Circulation (and Fowler Branch) Staff members Enid Boasberg and Laura Faunce and Library Page Kathryn Gardner. We are grateful for their years of dedication and camaraderie and wish them all the best. We also welcomed new Library Assistant Carolyn Hottle.

### Children's Services

There is always something going on in the Children's Department of the Library. Events such as family films, book talks, storytimes, music programs, an Earth Month program on tornado chasing and a summer reading club have kept us very busy. In addition to our regular storytimes, we periodically host visiting readers. Terry Golson, author of *Tillie Lays an Egg*, read at a chicken themed storytime accompanied by one of her chickens.

Concerts with musician/singer Ed Morgan take place monthly at both libraries. Families have enjoyed singing and dancing with the talented Ed for the past 10 years.

We have book discussion groups that meet regularly. Third grade readers attend the BookEaters book group and children in the fourth/fifth grades attend the BookMarkers book group.

We have a wonderful relationship with the school librarians. We meet with them on an annual basis, coordinate programs, purchase books with them in mind and share booklists and information.

Outreach is important to us as we try to connect with patrons at varying levels of need. Regularly scheduled visits to the Concord Carousel are made as well as visits to the Library from area schools, Boy and Girl Scouts and after school groups happen. Exciting outreach programs sponsored by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library are new baby book bags given to the parents of Concord infants. The patrons are quite pleased with their gift of a book bag, a small shirt and a book to start the baby's early literacy.

One of our goals is to create a warm and inviting place for the teen patrons. Kids take the after school bus and are dropped off to do their homework and to attend programs. Monthly movies and workshops are scheduled at both libraries. This year teens learned about cake decorating, working with clay, learning about scientific principles with the creation of walk-along gliders and creating origami figures. A book discussion was held complete with a trip to Reasons to Be Cheerful for ice cream. A popular program on writing was led by Cal Armistead, author of the young adult book *Being Henry David*. Two times during the year, the Library stays open from 10 am to 10 pm in order for the kids to study for exams. Our Teen Advisory Board meets monthly to discuss issues related to teen patrons and to suggest programs. We rely on them to keep us up to date. A special thanks to the volunteers and the Town Youth coordinator who assist us with teen services.

Our summer concert series on World Music sponsored by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library included salsa and merengue with Los Sugar Kings, bluegrass with Southern Rail and Cajun and Zydeco with The Boogaloo Swamis.

We ended the year on a high note, with the 20th gingerbread creation crafted and donated to us by Dr. Andrea Resciniti, a surgeon at Emerson Hospital. In honor of this milestone we held a reception at CFPL complete with holiday cookies and music. Community members were invited to write notes of thanks to the doctor for her generosity in creating the gingerbread houses for us to enjoy.

### Fowler Branch

The Branch continues to be a lively part of the West Concord Community. Our circulation is always growing, and patrons take full advantage of the network transfer system and have requested a record number of items on hold. Early this year we broke our previous number of items waiting for patron pickup, with 356 items on the shelf! The staff and public have learned to work with the new RFID circulation system, and the self-checkout station has eased the lines at the desk and enabled patrons to save time. The library computers and the availability of WiFi have brought us a number of regular library users who come for the internet access and comfortable workspace. Fowler is a busy place!

Library patrons enjoy a wide range of programming, from Ed Morgan's sing-alongs for toddlers, to movie afternoons for teens, to the popular Friends Friday Flicks at Fowler series. A big event for Fowler this year was the launch of the Seed Lending Library, planned and implemented by staff members Enid Boasberg and Kitty Smith. This is a new and unusual way to preserve heirloom seeds and ensure genetic diversity, and attracted wide attention both in Concord and in the greater Boston area.

This year Library Assistant Enid Boasberg and Branch Librarian Sharon McCarrell retired after more than 50 years of combined service. We welcomed recent hires Carolyn Hottle as a Library Assistant and Alison DeMers as Branch Library Assistant. We are fortunate to have both of these new members on our staff.

### Reference

The Reference Department, a resource for all ages, has been busy this year assisting patrons in downloading electronic content to their devices. With a growing interest in reading e-books, the library has increased its e-book selection. Reference librarians are helping patrons with a variety of information and technological needs including using the public PC's, scheduling meeting space, questions on downloading e-books to Kindles,

Nooks, iPads, and other devices, navigating databases, websites and social media, sending faxes, using Freegal, a new service for downloading music, or using the new book scanner. The BookScan station is an all-in-one machine that allows users to scan to email, printer or flash drive in PDF or jpeg format. It was an instant hit thanks to its user-friendly design.

Obtaining books and other materials through interlibrary loan from outside of the Minuteman network continues to be a popular service. Reference staff members have a new larger office with quiet space that allows them to accomplish their work when not at the public service desk. Throughout the year reference staff stay abreast of changes and trends by attending network and State sponsored workshops and through webinars.

Reference provided income tax forms and resources to assist patrons with filing their income taxes. The department offered many popular book displays this year including a poetry display for National Poetry month in April. In collaboration with the Concord Health Department in May we offered a book display featuring books on Lyme disease and materials from the CDC on tick-borne illnesses. We have collaborated with the Concord Health Department on their Healthy Concord initiative and have developed resource lists on meditation and mindfulness.

Reference staff avail themselves by roaming the upper floors between their shifts to help patrons in the stacks. We continue to evaluate resources and services to be sure we are offering what patrons want and need as we move forward into the next year.

### Special Collections

Some 1,800 on-site visitors used the Special Collections for research in 2013. In addition, staff responded to hundreds of inquiries by e-mail, mail, and telephone.

Departmental staff spoke to a wide range of groups including: a delegation from Nanae (Concord's sister city in Japan); an NEH-funded teachers' seminar on reform in Boston and Concord; classes from Concord Academy and the Fenn School; Concord Guides in training; and the Thoreau Society, among others. In addition Curator Leslie Wilson and Technical Services Associate Robert Hall delivered a joint presentation at the Massachusetts Library Association's Annual Conference entitled, "Big Description, Big Access, Modest Resources" on the relationship between Special Collections and Technical Services.

In April, with the Transcendentalism Council of the First Parish in Concord, Special Collections cosponsored a lecture ("Margaret Fuller in Love") by biographer Megan Marshall and hosted an accompanying reception. The program drew 160 attendees.

In November, we opened the gallery exhibition “The Munroes of Lexington and Concord,” a collaborative effort with the Lexington Historical Society. Professor Robert A. Gross of the University of Connecticut spoke at the opening event to an audience of about 100. Two related programs were planned in conjunction with the exhibition—a slide lecture by David Wood (Curator of the Concord Museum) and a Scottish tea and tour of the Munroe Tavern by the Lexington Historical Society.

Staff mounted several small exhibitions in the showcases outside Special Collections, in the library lobby, and at the Fowler Branch. The subjects of these displays included a recently purchased Louisa May Alcott letter; autograph books; the World War II service of Robert Field (drawn from a collection given by the Dee family) Walden Pond in 1924 (photographs by Herbert Wendell Gleason); and the effect on Concord of the Hurricane of 1938.

Leslie Wilson selected and wrote text for Gleason images of flowering plants of Concord for a summer display at the Concord Museum. Robert Hall undertook the digital work necessary to prepare the images for exhibit. In final form, they were hung in a gallery adjacent to the Museum’s exhibition “Early Spring: Henry Thoreau and Climate Change.” Wilson delivered a gallery talk on the exhibited items to members of the Thoreau Society in July.

The department facilitated the loan of the library’s marble bust of Emerson by Daniel Chester French to the Concord Museum for inclusion in the exhibition “From the Minute Man to the Lincoln Memorial: The Timeless Sculpture of Daniel Chester French.”

Leslie Wilson identified and scheduled candidates for two rounds of oral history interviews (conducted in June and November by contractors Carrie and Michael Kline), while Robert Hall continued to retroactively mount oral history products (audio and transcript) on [concordlibrary.org](http://concordlibrary.org).

Robert Hall added several other substantive pages to the Special Collections portion of the library website, among them the online exhibition “Antislavery in Concord”; transcripts of the Town records for 1774-1776 (scanned as part of a Digital Commonwealth project); photographs and data on the bridges of Concord from the 1921 printed town report; and the text of Concord historical markers from a 1965 typescript compiled by local historian Ruth Robinson Wheeler.

Leslie Wilson and Constance Manoli-Skocay completed the processing and description of an extensive collection of Beecher, Bartram, and related family papers (38 containers occupying 36 linear feet). Robert Hall mounted the completed finding aid on [concordlibrary.org](http://concordlibrary.org) and subsequently prepared a MARC record for the Minuteman Library Network database.

Major archival gifts during 2013 include the Robert Field papers (the gift of Susan Dee on behalf of the Dee family); a scrapbook of materials gathered by Richard K. Walton during the writing and publication of his book *Birds of the Sudbury River Valley* (donated by the author); a collection of Munroe family papers and photographs (including many vintage daguerreotypes) from Munroe descendant Martha Cole; the gift by Joseph C. Wheeler of an extensive collection of professional papers relating to his career in international development and diplomacy; and Minot Pratt's copy of Gray's *Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States* (transferred from the New England Botanical Club Library in the Harvard Botany Libraries by vote of the NEBC Council in October of 2013). Notable purchases include a Louisa May Alcott letter; a Daniel Chester French letter; and a work by De Gérando (*The Visitor of the Poor*) translated by Elizabeth Palmer Peabody and published in 1832.

### Technical Services/Technology

Technical Services/Technology Department is responsible for library materials/resources management and technology enhancements. We plan, implement and maintain library technology, update library web pages, publish library eNewsletters, train staff and teach public computer and eBook classes. Some staff members are also book selectors and participate in reference/public services. Some are members of multiple Minuteman Library Network Interest Groups and/or Working Groups and attend their meetings.

Kitty Smith who joined us as a Technical Services Assistant in April had a highly productive year.

In 2013, a total of 11,117 books, CDs, DVDs and eBooks were ordered, cataloged, entered, processed and added to the library collections.

One of the biggest accomplishments we had was to provide regular Downloading Library eBooks to Your iPad and Kindle Classes at Main and Fowler Libraries. A total of 25 free classes were offered from January through December 2013. In addition, staff provided one-on-one individual lessons/demos to patrons on how to use computers, Internet and to download eBooks/audiobooks. As an outreach effort, staff taught eBook classes to residents at Newbury Court in Concord. We will be offering the same classes to seniors at Harvey Wheeler (Council on Aging) in early 2014.

In June we completed staff Gmail migration as part of the Minuteman Library Network email system upgrade project. The robust Gmail program and other Google Apps facilitated information sharing and organization. Staff created a library intranet or staff portal using Google Site.

In response to Microsoft's decision to discontinue XP operating system effective in April 2014, we have begun to upgrade all public and staff

workstations to Windows 7. We expect to complete the project in early 2014.

The Library launched RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) service in April 2013 thanks to a collective effort of library staff and volunteers. We integrated RFID tagging into our regular workflow and provided timely support/assistance in the weeks following the installation to ensure that the new technology worked properly at both Main and Fowler branches.

We have developed a virtual “Lobby Book Display” where patrons can view items added to the collections in real time. Please visit our library website at [www.concordlibrary.org](http://www.concordlibrary.org) to check it out.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to our long-time and new volunteers who contributed their time, talent, knowledge and skills to the Department and the Library in the past year.

Concord Free Public Library Corporation



From left: Rick Briggs, Jerry Ward, Di Clymer, Jeff Adams, Sherry Litwak, Mario Favorito, Sandy Smith. Not pictured: Fred Lovejoy & Sally Schnitzer

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 Trustees is to maintain the Library buildings and grounds – the Main Library in Concord Center and Fowler Branch in West Concord – and to preserve and grow the Special Collections. The Corporation provided over \$500,000 to the Library, including over

\$100,000 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.

Our most exciting and significant news is the purchase of the property next door to the Main Library at 151 Main Street. This will open new and exciting possibilities for the Library to grow and meet future needs of the community. We have been engaging in a process to solicit ideas from the Library staff, Library Committee, Friends of the Library, and Town groups and individuals to determine its best uses.

The William Munroe Special Collections continues to be an outstanding resource for researchers from around the world and the community. A highlight this year was the collaborative exhibition with the Lexington Historical Society on the Munroe family in Lexington and Concord. William Munroe founded the Concord Free Public Library in 1873, and the Special Collections are named after him. To learn more about 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.

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

We welcomed our new Development Director, Marcy Bouley Eckel. She has already used her expertise and experience to enhance the Library Corporation's fundraising and communications, including the Annual Report that was sent to every household in Concord.

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

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E. Glenn Mitchell, Poetry Series  
Fiona Stevenson, Young Adult Programs  
Jane Torpie, Membership  
Victor Curran and Diane Weiss, Film Series

Deb Ervin, Library Liaison

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 1,100 member and volunteers, the Friends funds library materials, professional development, performances and programs not otherwise provided for in the Library budget. A selection of highlights from 2013 follows.

### Poetry Series

Program Chair: E. Glenn Mitchell. The Friends' Weekend Poetry Series hosted Tanya Larkin and Katie Peterson in February. In April, physician poet Rafael Campo read his work and in November, Jillian Weise held her reading.

### Music Program

Committee Chair: Sally Sanford. This popular series featured Ensemble Chanterelle in February, George Li in March and the So Percussion duo in April. Concerts are free but seats are reserved and generally sell out ahead of time.

### Film Series

Program Chairs: Jacqueline Barnard, Dianne Weiss. The 19th season of The Friday Flicks at Fowler continued its successful screenings of acclaimed international and independent films including Ushpizin (Israel) 2004; The First Grader (UK, filmed in Kenya) 2010; Still Walking (Japan) 2008; The Overture (Thailand) 2004; The Sea Inside (Spain) 2004; Dor (India) 2006.



The Bluegrass group Southern Rail played to an enthusiastic audience as part of the Summer Concert on the Lawn series.

#### Author Series

Program Chair: Maureen Belt. The Thursday Author Series of readings and presentations includes from Concord and the greater Boston area. Speakers included Concord resident and Brandeis Economics professor Catherine Mann, NYT bestselling author of women's fiction, Margot Livesey, Concord resident and novelist Alan Lightman, Concord residents psychiatrist James Chu, MD and cardiologist Melissa Wood MD, as well as Diane Frampton, author of a cookbook on the Paleo diet. Speakers are invited to sell their books after the lecture.

#### Summer Programs

Program organizers: Karen Brown, Librarian, and Fiona Stevenson. Friends funding supports the Summer Concerts on the Lawn including Los Sugar Kings, Southern Rail, Boogaloo Swamis; Workshops - Cake Decorating and Polymer Clay Bead Making Workshop for Teens; Wingmasters Presentation for children of all ages - Raptor Rehabilitator brought live birds of prey; Middle School 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.

#### Children and Teen Programs

The Friends supports monthly reading groups for elementary aged children and teen groups led by staff and volunteers, after-school Friday films for middle school students at both the Main and Fowler branches, and 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. The TAB's CCHS Teen Library Liaison helped evaluate several online music services for purchase by the Library, also volunteers at monthly children's book groups to assist staff. Music and Movement is a new series of programs for young children given by the Concord Conservatory of Music and their Delcroze Eurythmics instructor.

#### 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 2013, the Ruth Ratner Miller award for Excellence in American history was presented to Drew Gilpin Faust, president, Harvard University.



Pianist George Li gave a wonderful Friends-supported concert in the lobby of the Concord Free Public Library

Karen Ahearn

Fundraising

The Friends gifts and programs are funded through memberships and sales of donated books, as well as online Book Sales, Friends Book Sale Shelf, and sales of Historic Concord, a self-published book. Online sales are managed by Empire Books and books are for sale every day on the Friends Book Sale Shelf at the Main Library.

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 \$7,000.

The heart and soul of the Friends operation is the book sorting area, run by a dedicated group of people who love books and enjoy organizing them and volunteer their time each week in the basement of the library.

## Membership

Friends memberships are tax deductible. To join, 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-San Marcos -- Sister City Committee

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## Mission

The Concord-San Marcos Sister Cities Committee encourages peace and mutual understanding and socioeconomic development in Nicaragua, through programs of cultural exchange and economic assistance carried out in a spirit of cooperation by the people of Concord and the city of San Marcos, Nicaragua. Concord Town Meeting established the Sister Cities Committee in 1986. Town Meeting reaffirmed the value of the Committee's work by a second vote in 1987. Voluntary membership of Concord citizens and voluntary support by means of financial donations and the contributions of goods and services from citizens in and around Concord sustain the Committee's work.

## Projects in 2013

In the aftermath of the committee's successful sponsorship of a summer 2012 trip to San Marcos for ten Concord-Carlisle High School seniors, productive communication between the Sister Cities Committee and its counterparts in San Marcos became difficult. Reasons for this included:

- a generational change of leadership from longtime San Marcos partner María Dolores Vado to less committed and reliable hands;

- the transition of governance for the Sister Cities relationship in San Marcos from its traditional personal contacts to a duly elected board of a now-legal entity, FUNDISMAR (the Foundation for the Development of San Marcos), which has been virtually inactive since its founding in March 2012; and
- a failure by the new board in San Marcos to make a full accounting and recovery of the financial base of FECONDESAM, the Concord-San Marcos small-loan program initiated in 1996, thus rendering that program, long a foundation of good works and trust between the two communities, essentially inoperable.

### Sources of Funding

Donations from Concord citizens, as well as contributions of goods and services from Concord institutions such as the Concord Public Schools and Emerson Hospital have, historically, sustained the work of the committee. In 2013, owing to concerns the committee had with regard to the viability of its partnership with the people of San Marcos, formal fundraising did not occur for the third straight year.

### Future Directions

The Sister Cities Committee, frustrated in its attempts to find new leadership in San Marcos that can share a vision for mutual cooperation, met in Concord in September 2013 to assess the Committee's history and to chart a path for the future. Options considered included shutting down the program or communicating with San Marcos counterparts about a sort of "hibernation" that would take place in Concord until new individuals might assume the direction of FUNDISMAR's board or a wholly new and different entity might emerge as a credible partner. The Committee unanimously chose the latter course, but the year ended with no evidence of further movement in San Marcos.

The Committee has had some hopes toward reviving Concord-Carlisle High School summer trips to San Marcos, which, despite the lack of institutional leadership there, could be carried out through existing networks of youth cooperation in San Marcos. The high school's commitment to other partners for global experiential-learning appears to offer little space for now, however, for revisiting these initiatives in San Marcos.

The committee's website resides at: [http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA\\_BComm/San\\_Marcos](http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BComm/San_Marcos).

### Concord Nanae Network

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It is gratifying to know that Concord has just completed its twenty-first year of friendship and sixteenth year as a sister city with Nanae.

Coordinator of International Relations (CIR) Nick Ferbert followed in his predecessors' footsteps by posting insightful comments on the concordnane.com website, working with the Nanae High School English Club, teaching adult education English classes, and participating in numerous community events.

Meanwhile, Ben Haydock finished his two-year assignment as ALT (Assistant Language Teacher) in Nanae in August. During his two years as the first ALT, he taught in numerous elementary and junior high school classrooms, greatly endearing himself to the students, teachers, and parents in Nanae. After a brief vacation, Ben transitioned to the CIR position in the Nanae Town Office.

With excellent Japanese language skills and with well-established relationships with his coworkers, he has stepped into his new role handily.



The Nanae delegation departs from Hakodate International Airport. The sign reads: "Nanae – Concord Sister City Exchange Delegation"

Koji Teraya

On arriving in Nanae in August, David Mclean Shoup, a 2009 CCHS

graduate and a 2013 graduate of Tulane University, wasted no time following in Ben Haydock's footsteps as ALT. He is thriving on the work and is making his own mark in the classroom. He, too, is greatly appreciated by the students, teachers, and parents of Nanae. People have been impressed with his enthusiasm and the speed with which he is learning Japanese.



Nanae Firefighter Takuya Sasamura dons a Hazmat suit assisted by Captain Owen Neville

Kiyoshi Okada

Ben Haydock accompanied Nanae's annual October delegation to Concord. All six adults and eight students had home stays, visited the North Bridge and Orchard House, toured Boston and Cambridge, and attended the annual Concord Nanae Friendship event. Highlights for the adults were their comprehensive visits to the Concord Public Library, the Concord Fire Department, and Emerson Hospital. Students enjoyed attending classes at CCHS, joining a Sci Fi Club meeting, and participating in CCTV and CCHS Radio Station productions. Ben Haydock has posted an excellent report on the Nanae October Delegation to Concord, including a number of great photos. You can see it on the Concord-Nanae website ([concordnanae.com](http://concordnanae.com)).

While you are on the site, please look at some of the other work Ben has done with the Nanae High School English Club and students at one of the elementary schools he worked in last year. "Protected: Nanae to CCHS Video Exchange 11/18/13" can be found immediately after the report on the October delegation. The password is "minutemanapple". Ben's other video can be found by clicking on the Sister Schools link at the top of the web page. The password for this is also "minuteman apple."

In addition, you may want to explore some of the sixty-four short videos posted by former CIR Ben Mirin. They are timeless samples of life in Nanae that include holidays, food, CCHS delegations, and ceremonies, among others.



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CCTV enters its 9th Year of Service

It has been an exciting year for CCTV, Inc., which continued to produce an ever-expanding range of programming for the communities of Concord and Carlisle. Production training and outreach remained a high priority for our staff who continue to arm our members with the high level shooting and editing skills needed to produce effective compelling programming that reflects the interests and passions of the communities we represent.

CCTV is an independent corporation that operates under contracts with the Towns of Concord and Carlisle, and utilizes franchise fee revenues from Comcast to fund most of the operations of the station. Major services include programming on Channels 8, 9 and 99, devoted to Public, Government and Education programming respectively.

As always, community access television relies on local citizens to produce our programming. Anyone living in Concord or Carlisle or affiliated with a town organization or company may apply to join as a member of CCTV.

We had a very busy year adding new Community Organizations to our roster

as well as working on various community events such as the annual holiday tree lighting in both towns, Concord's Picnic in the Park, and Carlisle's Old Home Day.

On the CCHS front, board member (and teacher) Andy Sapp and Education and Outreach Manager Kester Krueger, continued to expand their after school club CC-News. Together they are teaching students studio production skills and creating a monthly newscast with stories that affect the students directly. Additionally, they have teamed up with the student newspaper, The Voice, to find a broader audience, and include more students.

CCTV remains committed to use of our cable access facilities and channels to improve civic participation. The government access channel (9) provides live coverage of Concord Selectmen meetings on Monday nights, and live coverage of Carlisle Selectmen meetings on Tuesday nights, Concord-Carlisle School Committee meetings, Concord School Committee meetings, special Carlisle School Committee meetings, and many of the meetings of local boards and committees. Committee meetings leading up to Concord Town Meeting are cablecast live and streamed on the web, and we also had gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Town Meeting, in both communities.

Government meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 9 and they are also archived on CCTV's video-on-demand website for instant access on [concordtv.org](http://concordtv.org).

Nearly 500 locally produced programs were submitted for air on CCTV last year by dozens of member volunteers. Over 3,400 hours of government meetings were cablecast on channel and nearly 600 different programs aired on the education channel. Web access of our programming on the CCTV server has been reaching record numbers. Over 2,800 unique visitors came to CCTV's Video on Demand site last year to view Concord and Carlisle Board of Selectmen meetings, CCHS Band and Choral Concerts, political forums and the over 1000 programs available as video on demand content.

In fiscal year 2013, CCTV had total revenue and support of \$410,836 with expenses totaling \$248,014. CCTV continues to prepare for future technology needs and long-term financial stability beyond the current contract periods with the towns of Concord and Carlisle. This year we also continue to work with the school administrators and architects on planning a state-of-the-art media production facility in the new high school.

CCTV invites all residents to join their community television project. Come in and learn how to operate a camera, edit a program, and share the fascinating activities of Concord and Carlisle with an enthusiastic and interested audience. Our goal is to continually add to the transparency of the Concord and Carlisle communities through utilization of the three CCTV Channels. For more information, a membership form, and to volunteer,

please see [www.concordtv.org](http://www.concordtv.org), or email [manager@concordtv.org](mailto:manager@concordtv.org), or call the station at 978-369-5038.

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Thoreau Farm Trust, a nonprofit organization, serves as steward of the Henry David Thoreau birthplace on Virginia Road. At one time suffering from neglect and deterioration, the Thoreau birthplace has been transformed through a \$1 million restoration greatly supported by the local community, including Concord Community Preservation Act funding. The site is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and received two awards for the restoration project.

Thoreau Farm Trust offers a unique historic house experience for visitors from Concord and around the world. We believe Thoreau's extraordinary insights and ideas about life, nature, and individual responsibility are as relevant today in the 21st century as they were during his lifetime, and we use his birthplace as a source of inspiration for living deliberately, practicing simplicity, and exploring new ideas for positive change. Tours and educational programming focus on Thoreau's ideas, stimulate discussion and debate with visitors, and encourage visitors to reflect on how they can live more deliberately in accordance with their own values.

Thoreau Farm Trust continued to expand its educational and programming offerings at the site and welcomed its highest number of visitors to date in 2013. In addition, we joined the Concord Solar Challenge, the town-wide effort to increase solar power generated in Town. The installation of a solar photovoltaic system at Thoreau Farm is important given Thoreau's stature within the environmental movement. The installation will result in educational, environmental, and economic benefits for the organization.



The Birth House is open May-October on Saturdays and Sundays, but guided tours can be arranged at any time throughout the year by appointment.

Kristi Martin