

Annual ²⁰²⁴₂₀₂₅ REPORT



WESTERLY LIBRARY
& WILCOX PARK



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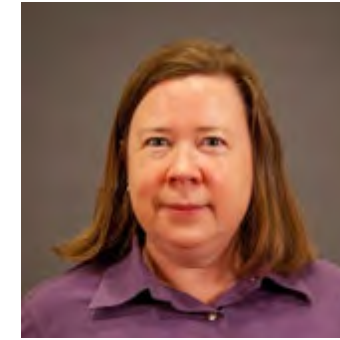
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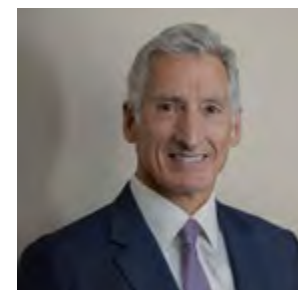
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2024-2025

Dear friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park,

As my term as President of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park Board of Trustees comes to an end, I’m happy to say that the Association is thriving and ready to meet the challenges of our times.

It’s been great to get to know people on the staff of the library and park. Seeing the knowledge, creativity, and enthusiasm of everyone who works here confirms that the Association is a unique foundation of the Westerly and Stonington community. The tremendous support and contributions of incorporators, donors, and committee members strengthens the work of the staff and administration of the library and park.

The Association has many unique services to offer the public. The technology department is a stronghold for computer needs, and the makerspace has equipment to facilitate many DIY projects. Stop by the Kids Room any day of the week if you need a reason to smile; you’ll see children playing with the games and puzzles, reading books, listening to storytime or making crafts, and caretakers grateful for the chance to have a fun and educational place to bring their kids. The various activities, clubs, and programs offered at the library give patrons of any age the chance to meet others with like interests and explore new opportunities. And Wilcox Park continues to be a haven for all. Almost 120 years later, this Victorian strolling park still provides a place for quiet walks and runs, family outings, and many kinds of community events and celebrations.

The financial support of the community continues to grow, confirming the value and appreciation of all the library and park has to offer. Since the first thread of life took place for the Association back in 1895, Westerly Library & Wilcox Park is well positioned to meet the needs of the community for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Mary Carol Kendzia
President, Westerly Library and Wilcox Park



“I’ve never seen a more community centered library in my life—thank you for the work you do.”

Looking back at FY25

FY25 marked a renewed focus on community engagement, accessibility, environmental sustainability, and cultural enrichment. As stewards of knowledge and nature, Westerly Library and Wilcox Park continues to serve as a vital hub for lifelong learning and shared experience. From expanding digital resources to hosting inclusive programs in our historic park, we strive to meet the evolving needs of our community while honoring our past. Using our guiding documents as a compass, road map, and fuel to drive every decision, inspire every action, and ensure long-term impact secures our connection to our primary charge - serving our community.

This past year, we welcomed thousands through our doors and walkways, and each visit is a testament to the enduring power of libraries, parks, public spaces, and community. Whether a child discovers the joy of reading, a volunteer plants hope in the park, or a neighbor finds warmth in a community event, Westerly Library and Wilcox Park remain a place where stories - both written and lived - flourish.

It takes a village to operate Westerly Library & Wilcox Park for our community and visitors, from collection management to programming, fiscal oversight to fundraising, and facility maintenance to park supervision.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our donors, volunteers, patrons, and visitors for using and supporting the library and park in so many ways. A special thanks to the Friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park for granting all of our wishes; our dedicated Board of Trustees for their continued support and leadership; and our amazing library and park staff for all they do to make Westerly Library & Wilcox Park a welcoming community space for everyone.

The enclosed pages shows a mere snapshot of the services, programs, and resources we offered this past year. I hope that you were able to take advantage of at least one of them last year but if you weren’t, be sure to keep an eye out for all that we are offering moving forward. I guarantee there is something for everyone, including you!

With sincere gratitude,
Brigitte Hopkins
Executive Director, Westerly Library and Wilcox Park



“I’ve probably told you this before, but I can’t tell you how much I love your library. The building is beautiful, and you guys are always so nice.”

Mission: To strengthen community and enrich lives by stimulating intellect and sparking imagination through access to literature, information, technology, nature, and the arts.

Vision: Strive to be a premier intellectual, cultural, and botanical asset for the region.

Core Values: Stewardship, Equitable Access, Respect, Collaboration, Enrichment

Our mission helps us stay focused on serving our community and our users. Our vision inspires us and sets a high bar for growth and excellence. Our core values shape our culture and behavior ensuring that our decisions are ethical, inclusive, and community centered. Lastly, our Strategic Plan ensures that everything we do stays aligned with community needs; that we make thoughtful, transparent decisions, and we deliver services that are impactful and future ready.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Programming plays a vital role in enriching the community we serve: it provides engagement and connection, provides additional access to lifelong learning, offers cultural and intellectual enrichment, serves marginalized groups, and can be a catalyst for broader social impact. We are so proud of the programming we offer in the library and the park - and we are grateful for all of our community partners and collaborators that work with us to provide such wonderful programming to our community members free of charge.

Weekly Snapshot - Following is a week in library & park life. We have 35 staff members creating, collaborating, and executing programming which are offered during the 60 hours we are open each week. Here are just a few of the 1,078 programs and events attended by an estimated 38,827 people in FY25:



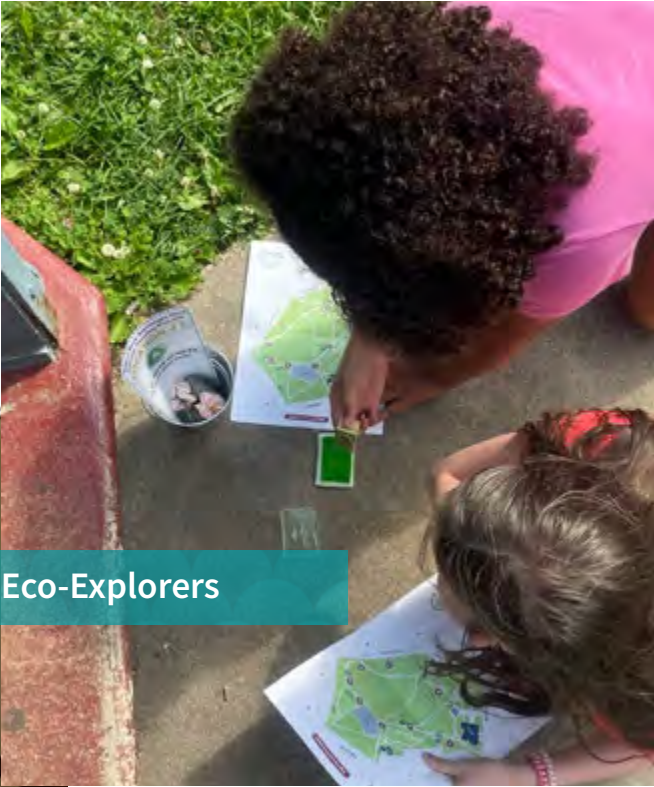
Author Panel Talk: On Writing with Lara Erlich, Deborah Goodrich Royce, Ann Hood and Vanessa Lillie

Mondays

- Eco-Explorers (kids & tweens)
- Freedom to Read Panel Discussion
- Monday Night Book Discussion
- Poetry Gathering
- Sewers N Stitches
- Stop Motion Mondays
- The Rhode Island 39 Club: Your Passport & Guide to Exploring RI
- The Truth Behind Investigating the Unknown



Eco-Explorers



Tuesdays

- Patricia Walsh Chadwick: *Breaking Glass: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street*
- Decoding the Mysteries of Cats
- Flutes and Piano Recital with John Graham, Karen Toy, & Sara Boyd
- Knit & Crochet
- Mostly Fiction Book Club
- Sewing Basics
- Teen Dungeon & Dragons
- Tween Dungeons & Dragons Groups
- Youth Garden Club



Author Talk with Patricia Walsh Chadwick



Get Your Bike Ready for the Season



Frauds & Scams Town Hall with Senator Gu



MLK Jr. Reading & Screening



Storytime

Wednesdays

- America and the Holocaust
- American Senior Benefits Informational Session: Medicare and Medicaid parts A, B, C and D
- Animation Nation (tweens)
- Dr. Adaira Landry and Dr. Resa Lewiss: MicroSkills: Small Actions, Big Impact
- Community Resource Advocate
- Cookbook Club
- Essentrics Stretch in the Park (seasonal)
- Genealogy Workshop: Do You Have a Revolutionary War Ancestor?
- Healthy Aging Meet-Up
- Irish Coastal Club Irish Language Classes
- Literacy Volunteers of Washington County: Immigration Lawyer Q & A
- Napatree Hawk Watch: 30 years of Identifying & Counting Migrating Hawks

4th Annual Head to Toe Wellness Fair



- Pride Club
- Romance author Elissa Bass: Happy Hour
- Silent Book Club
- Tech Socials
- The Serviceberry Book Club with Westerly Land Trust
- The Stonington Madrigal Singers presents "Italia Mia"
- Storytime (kids)
- 4th Annual Head to Toe Wellness Fair with Wood River Health

Thursdays

- Baby Playtime
- Hilary Klotz Steinman Doc Screening: "Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act"
- Friends Book Sale Pop-Ups on the Esplanade (summers)
- Get Organized & Clear the Clutter: Clearing Your Way to a Brighter Summer
- Laser Cutter Basics
- Mental Health Advocate
- Science Storytime (kids)
- Teen Crafternoons and Kids Craft Times
- The 3 Foragers: Edible Plants and Fungi of Autumn
- Tween LEGO Club



Playdough Playtime

Fridays

- AFP, RI Chapter: Philanthropy and Working Across Generations
- Project Outreach Veterans Assistance
- Tween Librarian Club





Lunar New Year Celebration



Summer Reading Kickoff

Saturdays

- 2nd Annual Community Connections: Every Neighbor Counts
- 3rd Annual Fall Fest & Pumpkin Stroll
- Westerly Writers Group
- Author Talk and Illustration Demo with Regina Linke: Big Enough
- Comic Con (all ages)
- Community Yoga Class in Wilcox Park
- Funda Fest 27
- Library of Things Demo Day
- Lunar New Year Celebration: Year of the Snake
- Master Gardener Walking Tours



3rd Annual Fall Fest & Pumpkin Stroll



Pride in the Park Library



2nd Annual Community Connections



- Pride in the Park
- Sensory Saturday (kids)
- Wreath Making Workshop and Annual Tree Lighting

Sunday

- Annual Garden Market Fair



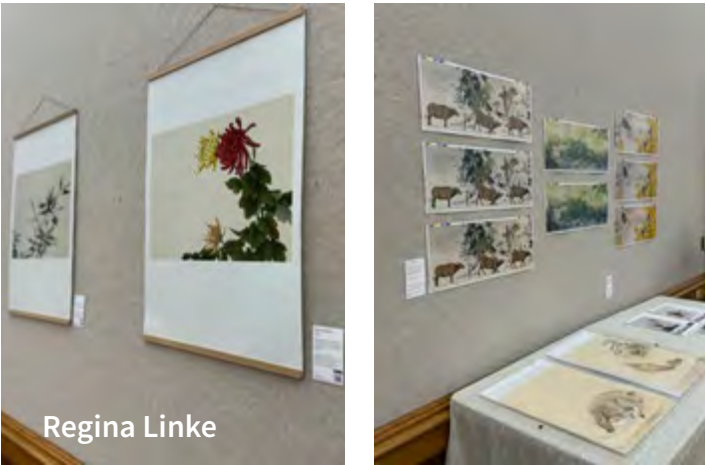
41st Annual Garden Market Fair

Hoxie Gallery - Our vibrant public exhibition space showcases the work of local artists throughout the year. Here is who we hosted this past year:

- July - local author-illustrator Regina Linke
- August - local artist Qimin Liu and his son Ethan Liu
- September - 2nd Annual Community Art Show
- October - local artist Ivona Herzog Verbeke
- November - Cryptid Museum
- December – “Paper Visions” group show with members of 19 on Paper
- January - Transcending the Blue: Touch, Look, and Wonder by artist Jen Wilkosz.
- February - local artist Ellen Gregory
- March - Paul Helgesen: Life in the Maritimes
- April - The Artists of the Olean Center: See ME
- May - Westerly Public Schools: Student Exhibition
- June - Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts | 114th Annual Juried Exhibition



Paul Helgesen



Regina Linke



CAFA 114th Annual Juried Exhibition



Susan Stephenson

Artist-in-Residence (AIR)

- Susan Stephenson
 - o Provided an Informal Exhibition: Reconnecting
- Dave Solomon
 - o Film Screening and Q&A | Mr. Holmes
 - o Musical Theatre Audition Workshop
- Christine Koubek Flynn
 - o Imagination and the Transformation of Personal Experience in Fiction and Memoir
 - o Introduction to Personal and College Essays



Christine Koubek Flynn



Dave Solomon



The Pop-Up @ Coy - A temporary activation zone for non-profits, small businesses, artists, community groups, and individuals. The space was used for several purposes including:

- LRNZ Art & Design
- The Candy Box
- Holiday Pop-Up at Coy
- Girl Scouts Cookie Booth
- Friends Book Sales / Friends Hidden Book Shoppe
- Hygge & Hot Chocolate



SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

We offer a wide range of services that go far beyond lending books. This includes a robust summer reading program for all ages, digital access such as free Wi-Fi, public computers, eBooks and e-audiobooks, digitized Westerly Sun, digital historic photo library, and notary services. We strive to enhance what we offer by improving existing services and establishing new ones such as:

- Access to New York Times online including News, Games, Cooking, Wirecutter, and The Athletic
- New local author shelf, located near the new books on 1st floor
- Expansion of the world language collection (mostly Spanish)
- Kids Library of Things
- Additional museum passes: Niantic Children's Museum and Slater Memorial Museum
- Public and Staff Wi-Fi upgrades
- New carpeting in the Old Main Reading Room and Auditorium
- Plant Cutting Library
- ArbNet Level II Arboretum accreditation
- New interior signage/wayfinding
- "Homeless Training" for staff
- Artist Community Alliance membership for global Artist-in-Residence opportunities
- Free period product dispensers in public restrooms thanks to the Friends



"The library is the place to be in Westerly. I love the community engagement!"



COLLABORATION / PARTNERSHIPS

- We collaborated with so many wonderful local/regional partners including:
- Chorus of Westerly
 - Colonial Theatre
 - Dante Society of Westerly
 - Flock Theatre
 - Florence Griswold Museum
 - Frank Olean Center
 - Friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park
 - Irish Coastal Club
 - Literacy Volunteers of Washington County
 - New England Shoreline Section of the Society of Women Engineers
 - Next-Up Music
 - Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce
 - The Rotary Club of Westerly
 - The United Theatre
 - URI Master Gardeners
 - Westerly and Stonington Public Schools
 - Westerly ARC
 - Westerly Area Peace and Justice Group
 - Westerly Town Band
 - Wood River Health

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



We play a vital role in engaging with our community - not just as a place to borrow books, but as dynamic hubs of connection, learning, and support. It's not just about what we have for our community, but what we do for our community. Here are just a few statistics to show how much we reach the members of our community with our services, resources, and programs. Please see the infographic at the end of this report for more information.

- Newly refreshed monthly E-magazine sent to 9,902 people - 14.4% increase over last year
- School Visits
 - o To: 29 visits reaching 2,437 students
 - o From: 790 students during 39 visits
- Social Media followers increased by:
 - o Facebook 6.8%
 - o Instagram 17.1%
 - o YouTube 43%
- Homebound deliveries made to 3 patrons each month
- Seed & Plant Cuttings Libraries registered
- 1,218 library cards issued
- Makerspace equipment used 254 times
- Private event/meeting spaces booked 102 times with 1,675 attendees
- Study Rooms were booked 1,226 times
- Museum passes checked out 262 times
- 15 lbs. of leafy greens and herbs from the Youth Garden donated to Jonnycake Center of Westerly



STRATEGIC GOALS

Our strategic goals help us shift from being a reactive service provider towards a visionary community leader. They help to ensure that we remain vital, inclusive, and innovative and ready to meet today's challenges and tomorrow's possibilities.

We just finished year two of this four year plan. Here is our progress to date:
Over the past year we have completed 23 more tactics (of the 95) including the following:

Goal	Tactic	Completed	In Progress	Not Started	Totals
1	24	10	12	2	24
2	25	14	8	3	25
3	15	4	6	5	15
4	31	13	8	10	31
	95	41	34	20	95

- Goal 1: Strengthen financial sustainability and organizational stability
- Goal 2: Be resilient; be adaptable to change
- Goal 3: Build lifelong relationships
- Goal 4: Serve as the access point to resources that contribute to enhancing quality of life

Future Initiatives / Looking Ahead

- Renovating key library spaces with modern amenities
- Expanding bilingual collections and services
- Developing a new "Art in the Park" public installation series
- Launching a digital history archive in partnership with regional institutions

Donations and Grants



Funding is also crucial to our success. In addition to our annual operating budget funding sources, here are some of the funds we received that allowed us to go above and beyond.

- Friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park
- PLA's Digital Navigator Pilot Incentive Program grant: \$4,000 award funds training for staff to teach basic digital literacy skills using DigitalLearn platform funded by AT&T
- RI Legislative Grant from Senator Gu for staff de-escalation training
- Private donations towards the ongoing digitization of the Westerly Sun
- Private donations towards the construction of the retaining wall adjacent to the bandstand

BY THE NUMBERS



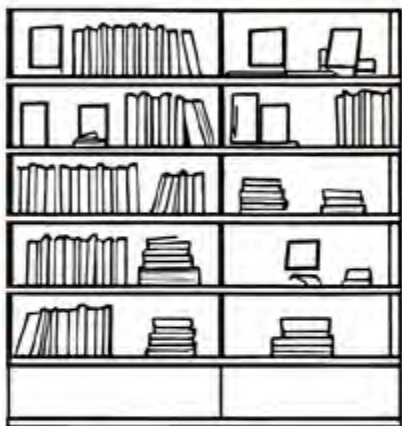
310,828 COLLECTION USE
170,566 TOTAL TRANSACTIONS



36 STAFF MEMBERS
300 DAYS OPEN
60 HOURS A WEEK
2,980 HOURS ANNUALLY
227,546 ANNUAL VISITORS



11,916 ACTIVE CARDHOLDERS



HOLDS FILLED
LENDING TO: 36,006
BORROWED FROM: 31,926

MUSEUM PASSES USED 262 TIMES



1,078 PROGRAMS
38,827 ATTENDEES

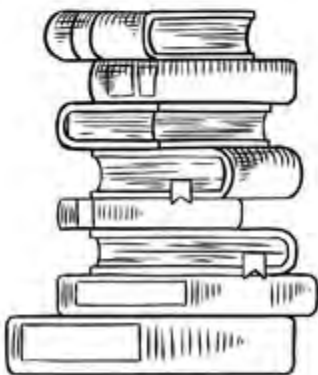
1,226 STUDY ROOM USERS



18,153 LIBRARY USER QUESTIONS ANSWERED

E-CONTENT CIRCULATION
HOOPLA/KANOPY/COMICSPLUS/EZONE (LIBBY)
76,343

236,000 WEBSITE VISITS



29 PUBLIC COMPUTERS
13,103 COMPUTER USERS
37,860 WIRELESS SESSIONS

200 VOLUNTEERS DONATED
5,534 TOTAL HOURS=\$195,800

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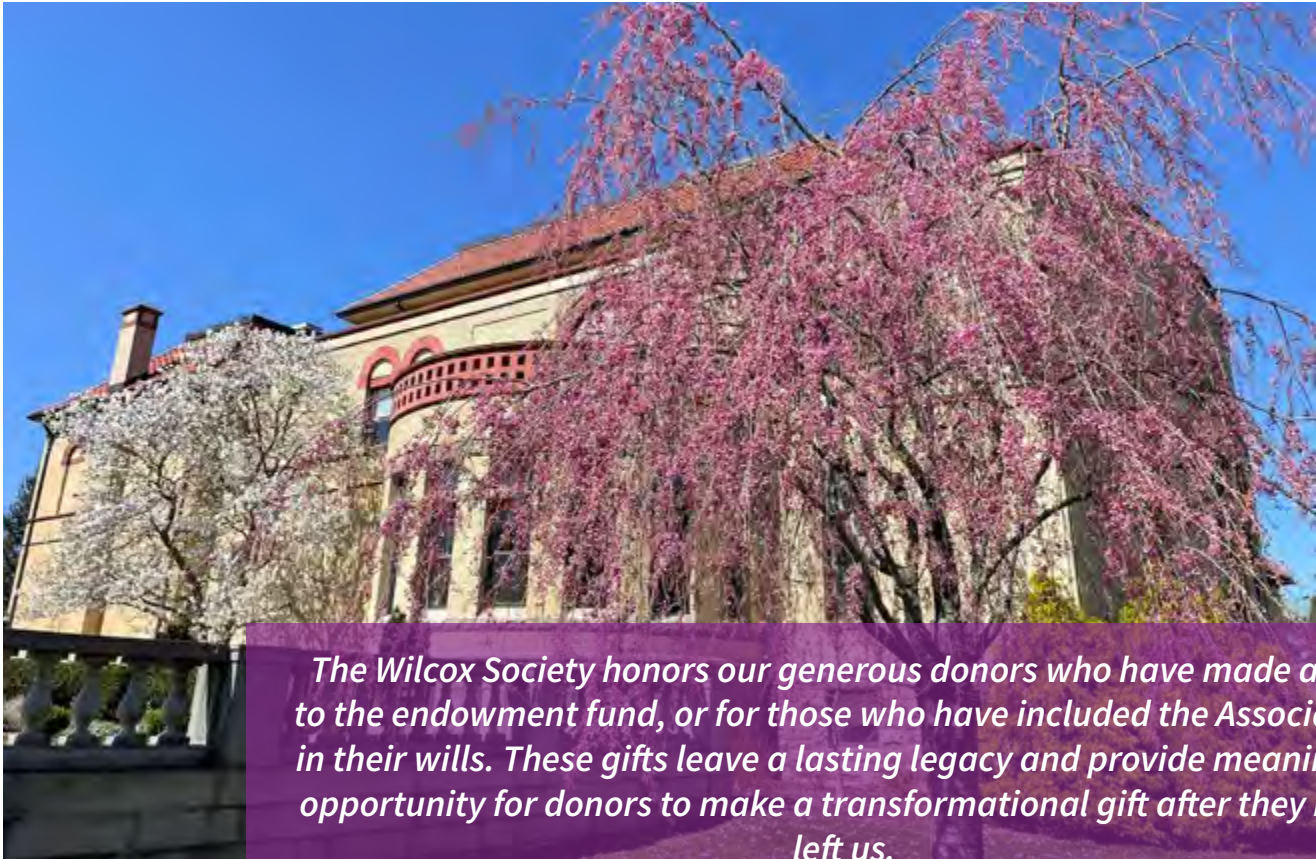
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WE REMEMBER

We would like to take a moment to remember formor Incorporators, Trustees, volunteers and Friends who have passed away this fiscal year.



Incorporators

Ellen L. Bell | July 2024

Ellen was a Trustee of the Library and Park and during her time she was in charge of the Annual Fund and an active campaigner for the Centennial Addition Capital Campaign. She was always an active volunteer in the community. She helped establish the Meals on Wheels program for Westerly, and was a volunteer tax preparer for many years. She was an Incorporator for several decades and a member of the Friends of Westerly Library & Wilcox Park.

Marion S. Palm | July 2024

Marion had a deep appreciation for libraries. She had worked as a librarian at Leicester College in Massachusetts. She served as an Incorporator and a volunteer over the years and was a member of the Wilcox Society as well as the Friends.

Candace “Candy” Sanford | January 2025

Candy was an educator and champion for literacy. After graduating from Columbia Teachers College, she held various teaching positions, tutored children with dyslexia, and taught Sunday school. She even published her own children’s book, *Captain Nathaniel Brown Palmer: a Maritime Pioneer*. Candy served as an Incorporator and supported the library and park philanthropically.

Volunteers

Susan E. Hayes | January 2025

Susan immersed herself in volunteer efforts in Westerly, sharing her time and talents with the Babcock Smith House, Christ Church, State Street Elementary School, and Westerly Library & Wilcox Park. She was an avid reader and volunteered at the annual Friends book sales.

Nancy Sutton | August 2024

Nancy was an avid reader, and she loved her book clubs and the close friends she made through the love of reading. Nancy enjoyed countless hours participating in aqua aerobics classes at the Cornerstone pool, volunteering at the West Hartford Food Pantry, and in the Circulation Department here at the library.

The individuals listed above passed away between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Every effort was made to ensure a complete list, but please notify us of any corrections or omissions.

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