

## Wellfleet Public Library 2013

The celebration of Wellfleet's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary brought a number of special events to the library including art exhibits of historical paintings, prints, maps, artifacts and memorabilia and an exhibit of the contents of the 1963 time capsule and the items being put into the 2013 capsule. The Library congratulates the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee for a job well done. We looked back and we also looked ahead. With grants from SPAT and the Wellfleet Cultural Council, the library sponsored **The Next 250**, a series of readings and discussions that brought people together from all over the Outer Cape to think deeply about the future and what we can do to create a sustainable local economy. Lively discussions were held on the topics of **Food**, led by Elspeth Hay, **Money**, led by Dave Roberts of the Truro Vineyards, **Power**, led by State Senator Dan Wolf, **Work**, led by Dan Silverman and **Home**, which showcased the Affordable Accessory Dwelling Design competition.

Major improvements were made to the building in 2013. Capital funds were voted to replace the aging air conditioning system and a Community Facilities Grant from the USDA was secured to replace the boiler. Building insulation was also improved with funding from the Cape Light Compact Incentive program. The library received an award for its new website [wellfleetlibrary.org](http://wellfleetlibrary.org). presented by the Massachusetts Library Association at their 21<sup>st</sup> biennial public relations awards in April. The library was deeply honored and grateful to receive a donation of \$30,000 from Shirley Stone Garrett, a former, longtime summer resident and library volunteer.

In October, the library was awarded a \$7,300 federal LSTA grant through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a project called Libraries for Job Seekers. With the funding, which is being matched by the Friends of the Wellfleet Library and the Wellfleet Library Fund, the library is beginning a year long program called **Ways2Work**. The library will become an active center for job seekers on the Outer Cape, providing up to date print and online resources, programs, classes, networking opportunities and support to help community members develop effective strategies, skills and connections to find meaningful work. The library will foster collaboration with organizations across the Cape involved in assisting job seekers to connect people in our area with their services. People who are unemployed, underemployed and in transition will learn new ways to explore choices and acquire new skills to be successful in today's job market. Library staff members are being trained to offer ongoing assistance to job seekers.

As you can see from the statistics, the staff, volunteers, Trustees and Friends of the Library worked together to bring another year of 5 star service to our community. Please read the library Trustees report for more information on Wellfleet's five star status.

### Statistics

| <b>Circulation</b>                 | <b>Adult/YA</b> | <b>Children</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Books                              | 48,023          | 14,959          | 62,982         |
| Periodicals                        | 617             | 21              | 638            |
| Audio                              | 9,113           | 342             | 9,455          |
| Video                              | 35,329          | 2,109           | 37,438         |
| Ebooks, CD-ROMs<br>& downloadables | 3,764           | 35              | 3,799          |
| Miscellaneous                      | 480             | 331             | <u>811</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL FY13</b>                  |                 |                 | <b>115,123</b> |

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| <b>Interlibrary Loan:</b>               |        |
| Received from other libraries:          | 15,565 |
| Provided to other libraries:            | 19,220 |
| <b>Attendance in Library:</b>           | 92,260 |
| <b>Reference Transactions:</b>          | 6,432  |
| <b>Children's Programs:</b>             | 281    |
| <b>Attendance at programs:</b>          | 5,058  |
| <b>Adult Programs:</b>                  | 297    |
| <b>Attendance at programs</b>           | 10,395 |
| <b>YA Programs</b>                      | 29     |
| <b>Attendance at programs</b>           | 232    |
| <b>Meeting room uses (MR &amp; CR):</b> | 1,184  |
| <b>Registered borrowers</b>             | 10,984 |

Respectfully submitted,  
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