

Library FY 2018 Budget Presentation

Manchester Public Library March 2017

FY18 Recommended budget of \$1,896,444; increase of \$81,223 or 2.6%.

Maintain the three currently-frozen positions

Continue to streamline and create opportunities for residents to use the library from home without the need for as many trips in to the buildings for routine transactions

Because adult attendance at library programs doubled after the completion of the Accessibility project at the Whiton Auditorium, the General Manager's proposed budget reflects a slight increase in funding to further our success in providing additional programming opportunities

Top 12 in Loans, CT Libraries FY06 vs. FY16

| | <u>FY 06</u> | | <u>FY 16</u> |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Greenwich | 1,394,624 | Greenwich | 1,204,721 |
| Stamford | 911,639 | Fairfield | 866,797 |
| Fairfield | 887,214 | Stamford | 806,076 |
| Westport | 791,896 | West Hartford | 732,454 |
| West Hartford | 765,996 | Manchester | 720,003 |
| Darien | 750,210 | Danbury | 646,397 |
| Manchester | 739,358 | Darien | 638,957 |
| Middletown | 668,420 | Westport | 569,916 |
| Danbury | 634,485 | Wallingford | 540,663 |
| Glastonbury | 573,919 | Norwalk | 451,594 |
| Hartford | 512,832 | Trumbull | 444,625 |
| Wallingford | 511,782 | New Haven | 425,110 |

Non-traditional reading opportunities have increased:

Donated children's books (in mint condition) given to East Side Rec.

Summertime grant to the library from a Bank Foundation used for books and year-long "National Geographic Kids" magazine subscriptions for youngsters in the Summer Reading Program, a supplement to BOE's "SAAM" program to help prevent summertime 'reading slide'

Outreach to Squire Village provided books and services to children

Residents can stay home & renew books previously borrowed or can download/stream their choice of hundreds of thousands of titles, slightly reducing door counts as well as some of the pressure on the physical collection of items. 21,000 'e-materials' were loaned in FY '16

As part of our annual Performance Measurements, we survey library users on a variety of questions. Regarding *the availability and variety of materials*, where 7-8 years ago, library users ranked us in the 88%-90% range as Good or Excellent, the over-300 surveys administered in the past 18 months have ranked us as 100% on those qualities (as well as on the *helpfulness of staff*)

Cooperation with other Town departments & community organizations including:

BOE (including Summer SAAM; School Media Specialists; Family & Community Engagement Office; Adult & Continuing Ed; Head Start); Recreation Dept.; Health Dept.; Town Clerk's Office; Senior Center; School Readiness Council; MELC/Manchester Early Learning Center; W.I.C.; Manchester Community College; UCONN Health; CT Consumer Protection; Better Business Bureau; Small Business Development Corp.; Pride in Manchester; Association of Puerto Ricans and Latinos United of Manchester; READ/Reading Education and Assistance Dogs; Manchester Chapter of NAMI-CT; ECHN; Arbors of Hop Brook; White Oaks Retirement Community; local writers groups and local authors; SHARE; Homeschooling Parents; other local public libraries; home daycare providers; Squire Village Family Resource Coordinator; and others....



Storytimes at Squire Village

Summer 2016



Whiton's Accessible Auditorium

Author/Illustrator Jarrett Krosoczka talks with families about the art of writing and illustrating children's books