

LIBRARY REPORT

The library had a full, productive and happy year of service. The collection continued to grow and to offer new and interesting materials for everyone. Our computer offerings include a wireless 'hot spot' and the state-sponsored informational data bases, as well as Internet access and word-processing. There were exciting weekly programs for all ages, including the popular Chef Series and Author Talks.

Figures are for the calendar year 2005.

Library Statistics

	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
Total	35,964	58,118
Adult books	19,876	16,329
Children's books	9,204	12,813
Audio-visual	6,884	23,066

(Note: magazines and newspapers are not included in the collection figures, but are in the circulation figures.)

272 Inter-library loan requests received from other libraries, 75 sent to other libraries.

42,444 people in the library during business hours (using 'people counter')

3623 users on the public access computers; wireless service initiated in July; this usage is consistent but not measurable.

305 programs, serving 3196 adults and children.

The Book Festival on August 7, 2005 had 34 authors and an estimated 700-800 in attendance.

Information:

The library web-page is: <http://library.chilmark.ma.us/index.html>

On-line databases are available, at our web-page and at <<http://www.semls.org>>, provided by the Southeastern Massachusetts Library System and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, for library card holders. These databases include full-text articles from hundreds of newspapers and thousands of magazines. They include reference sources for general interest, business, health, literature, government and special archives.

Library Thanks: Thanks to our many volunteers and the Friends group for their continued generous support. The Friends support our programs and events with help in many ways.

We rely upon year-round volunteers, Charlotte Rubin, Happy Spongberg, Sharon Meade and Rose Anthony. Lillian Kellman continues to tell her wonderful stories during the school year, and the summer season.

Other news:

In 2005 Kimberly Schlesinger joined us as Associate Librarian in June. Kristin Maloney observed her fourteenth anniversary as Assistant Librarian/Children's Librarian, and Catherine Thompson completed her seventeenth year as Library Director.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Library Trustees
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