

# Hubbard Memorial Library

## Annual Report 2021



2021 saw the Hubbard Memorial Library open to our patrons once again on a fulltime basis. The library strives to provide as safe of an environment as possible. To that end, we have continued to provide curbside pickup of materials, as well as in-person services, and virtual programming for all our patrons regardless of location.

The library also has a wide collection of electronic databases with new content such as Comics Plus. Comics Plus provides unlimited, simultaneous access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from 100+ library-friendly publishers — without worrying about holds, wait lists, or monthly limits. A valuable resource for online learning is Universal Class which offers over 500 courses on topics ranging from Writing Skills to Psychology to Entrepreneurship! These resources are free and provide access from home to a wealth of knowledge and entertainment available from the convenience of your home.

The library staff has been instrumental in a wide range of programming for children, young adults and adults. In 2021, we offered 261 children's programs with 3554 attendees. Young adults were offered 183 programs with 1314 attendees. Adult had 65 programs with 541 attendees.



Some highlights of our programming include a return of our 6<sup>th</sup> annual car show which hosted over 37 cars with over 175 visitors.

Thanks to our partner Allfaze Auto for their support and expertise in judging the program.



The Youth Services Department partnered with the Ludlow Cultural Council to offer the Ludlow Community Market providing over 40 vendors offering a wide variety of crafts and goods for sale.

These programs along with ongoing adult and youth craft activities really allow for the patrons of Ludlow to release their creative energies!!



A historical note of importance – the library has recently acquired a whole group of historic photos and material relating to the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates and the town of Ludlow in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



Digitizing these unique historical resources will help to preserve them while making them accessible for all to see. Please keep an eye out on our website [www.hubbardlibrary.org](http://www.hubbardlibrary.org) for announcements and access to this vital part of our history.

The library is also excited to have begun to support the planning and development of the activities and events surrounding the yearlong 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the town. We look forward to sharing our resources and expertise to ensure that the work of 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quintennial Committee creates amazing experiences commemorating this important event.

We at the Hubbard Memorial Library are proud to collaborate with the Ludlow Area Adult Learning Center to host classes and ESL conversation groups to members of the community to provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas while learning about American culture.

Thank you to the staff and all our patrons for your hard work, patience, and understanding during these difficult times!

The Hubbard Memorial Library is dedicated to making your lives more enriched, informed, and interesting. We look forward to continuing to serve you and to helping you to have a safe and prosperous future.

Sincerely,

Patrick McGowan, Director, Hubbard Memorial Library

Linda Collette, Chairperson, Library Board of Trustees