

Hubbard Memorial Library

Annual Report 2020



2020 has been a challenging year for us all. The library strives to provide as safe of an environment as possible. To that end, we have been providing curbside pickup of materials, as well as in-person services, and virtual programming.

To date, we have assisted 756 patrons with in person appointments. This provides patrons with the ability to access computers, printers, copiers, scanners as well as all of our collections. We feel that these services are vital to members of the community who may not otherwise have access to these resources. We have also provided 2,498 patrons with curbside pickup services, allowing patrons to access all of our collections as well as the collections of 150 libraries that are members of our consortium.

The library also has a whole collection of streaming media and electronic databases covering everything from learning to cook enchiladas to watching your favorite British mystery series. These resources are free and provide access from home to a wealth of knowledge and entertainment.

The library staff has been instrumental in providing virtual and a limited number of in person programming for adults, teens and children. To date, we have offered 169 programs to 1,440 patrons.

Some highlights of our programming include a Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners grant funded program to allow teens to participate in a live action roleplay daylong event. This program was developed by July Siebecker, Youth Services Department Head and Olivia Chartrand, Youth Services Library Assistant. This innovative program provides teens with the opportunity to creatively interact

with each other through a scripted and facilitated story while complying with all necessary safety protocols.



The Youth Services Department also hosted a Unicorn program with real live unicorns. This program was in partnership with the Ludlow Cultural Council.

This encounter has allowed these magical creatures to spread their joy and good luck to children in our community.

Thanks to the Ludlow Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department for their help in supporting the unicorns and this program!!!



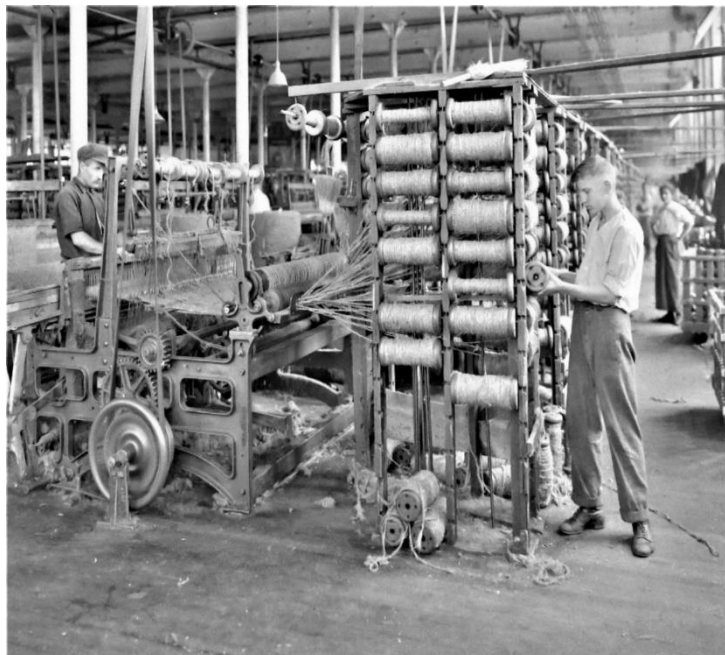
These programs along with ongoing adult and youth craft activities really allow for the patrons of Ludlow to release their creative energies!!



Due to the pandemic, virtual programming is more important than ever.

A historical note of importance – the library just acquired a whole group of historic photos taken of the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates and the town of Ludlow in the late 19th Century and early 20th 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 for announcements and access to this vital part of our history.

Thank you to the staff and all of 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

Christine Davis, Chairperson, Library Board of Trustees