

# 2023 IN REVIEW

## CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



1. Officer Tony visits Storytime to read a book and give kids a tour of his Police vehicle

2. Tyrion from Trident Farm poses for a photo at our Horsing Around event



3. Kicking off our Summer programming with the Science of Bubbles really got our community "All Together Now"

4. Thank you to our longtime Director Joan Behm for 35 years of service to the Cambridge Community!



5. Princess Belle from the CD Players production of "Beauty and the Beast" stopped by Storytime to share her love of books and take photos

6. An exciting game of chess at our outdoor chess board grabbed some attention



7. We look forward to building graham cracker houses every year!



## Welcome new Library Director, Samantha Seeman



### Library Board of Trustees

**Jennifer Trendel, President**

**Kristin Martin**

**Paula Hollenbeck**

**Jennifer Simdon Budewitz**

**Cari Redington**

# ACHIEVEMENTS

2023 was a year of change! Our longtime Director, Joan Behm retired in June after 35 years of service. New Director, Samantha Seeman comes to us from Long Island, New York with over 10 years experience in the library profession.

The library participated in the community Cambridge Christmas event by expanding their Saturday hours and offering crafts and entertainment at the library.

# OUTREACH

Cambridge Community Library celebrated their 45th anniversary at the Community Dinner in January of 2024. Library Board of Trustees and Friends of the Library volunteered their time to serve the community and celebrate this anniversary.



## 2024 GOALS

- Replace and update copy machine and staff printers
- Expand program offerings for all ages
- Expand library hours
- Evaluate and update Library policies
- Initiate weeding project for all collections
- Create Makerspace

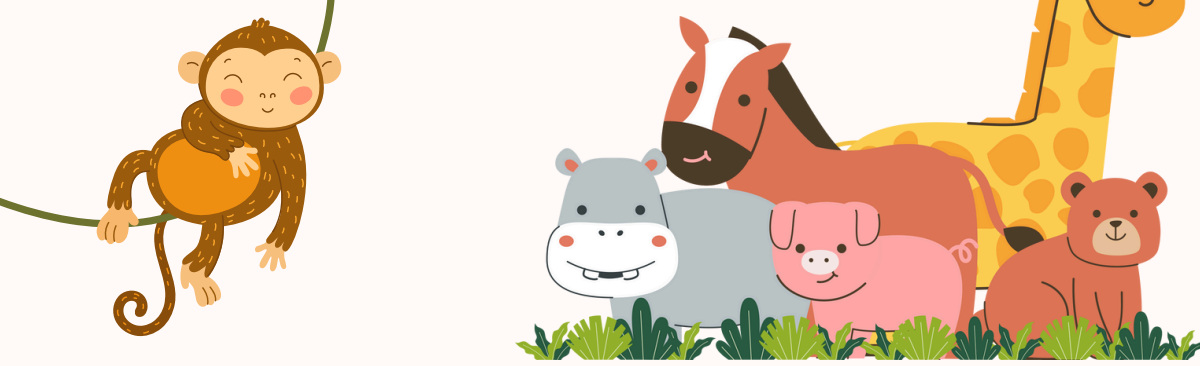
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## QUICK STATS

Materials Owned	
In-Library	Electronic
32,430	168,781
2,126	74,295
4,832	0

**2,630 PEOPLE  
ATTENDED  
130 PROGRAMS**

**324 ZOO VISITS**



**200 MORE  
people  
than 2022**



**17,964**

library visits

**31,462**

wireless connections



**53%**  
of  
Cambridge Residents  
**HAVE A LIBRARY CARD**

**40,835**

items circulated



**29,372**

items loaned to other  
libraries from Cambridge  
Community Library



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# BEHIND THE SCENES

## VOLUNTEERS

We are fortunate to have a group of volunteers who dedicated over 20 hours a month re-shelving returns and assisting with programs

Thank you!

**Cathy, Cheryl, Maryann,  
Bruce & Elise**  
for your service!

Cambridge Community  
Library Staff, 2023

**Director** - Samantha

**Youth Librarian** - Patty

**Library Assistants** - Bev, Robin, Kayla

**Cataloger** - Emily

**Page** - Greta

## Friends of the Library

In 2023, The Friends of Cambridge Community Library donated **\$2075** to assist with a number of programs, services and projects:

- Enrichment passes
- Summer Reading programs & prizes
- Rotating Audiobook and Large Print collection memberships
- Special programs: Cricut workshops, Turkey Bingo & Graham Cracker Houses
- Community Dinner

The Friends hosted their annual fundraising events (the Book Sale and Craft Fair) and participated in the Ruby Rose Adult Book Fair in addition to member events like the Chocolate Frenzy and Annual Meeting.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Cambridge Area Lions Club

Shirley Rucks  
Jennifer Trendel

the daily anonymous  
donors who contribute to  
the counter donation jar

Roger Rude Family  
Arne Maage  
Bertlesons  
Dickert Estate  
Gould Family  
Redford's

Donations made in memory of  
George Coulter:

Helen Peterson, Coulter  
Memorial, Mary Gjeremo, Riesch  
Family, Drolen Family, Carolyn  
Doyle & Julie Stitch

Mortenson/Smithback Families  
(in memory of Anbjorg Kaashagen)