

**2013 ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

**OF THE**

**FORBES LIBRARY**

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**FOR THE**

**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013**

**The Board of Trustees and Its Officers  
December 31, 2013**

Russell W. Carrier, *President*  
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Scott Morin, *Treasurer*  
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**FORBES LIBRARY  
TRUSTEES BY APPOINTMENT OF THE PROBATE**

George W. Hubbard	Apr. 1881 - Apr. 1888
Oscar Edwards	Apr. 1881 - Oct. 1894
William M. Gaylord	Jun. 1881 - Oct. 1894

**TRUSTEES BY ELECTION**

George W. Hubbard	May 1884 – May 1887
Oscar Edwards	May 1884 – May 1886
William M. Gaylord	May 1888 – Oct. 1894
Christopher Clarke	May 1886 – May 1889
John L. Otis	May 1887 – May 1890
Oscar Edwards	May 1889 – May 1895
Arthur G. Hill	May 1890 – May 1893
George H. Ray	May 1893 – Nov. 1903
Arthur Watson	Dec. 1893 – Aug. 1922
James R. Trumbull	May 1895 – May 1898
Haynes H. Chilson	May 1898 – Dec. 1935
Samuel W. Lee	May 1905 – June 1924
Henry P. Field	Dec. 1922 – Sept. 1937
Anna Gertrude Brewster	Dec. 1924 – Dec. 1957
Homer C. Bliss	Jan. 1936 – Dec. 1939
Walter L. Stevens	Jan. 1938 – Dec. 1960
Frederick W. Plummer	Jan. 1940 – May 1945
John E. Boland	Jan. 1946 – Oct. 1950
Richard C. Garvey	Jan. 1952 – Dec. 1957
John M. Buteau	Jan. 1958 – Dec. 1971
John F. Murphy, Jr.	Jan. 1958 – Dec. 1977
Kenneth G. Olson	Jan. 1962 – Oct. 1963
Robert M. Moriarty	Jan. 1964 – Dec. 1981
Judith A. Hubley	Jan. 1972 – Dec. 1982
Katherine M. Finn	Jan. 1978 – Dec. 1984
Russell W. Carrier	Jan. 1982 –
Keirnan J. Murphy	Jan. 1984 – Dec. 1987
Janet M. Hemminger	Jan. 1984 – Dec. 1995

Patricia B. Keating	Jan. 1986 – Dec. 1995
David Shearer	Jan. 1986 – Dec. 1997
Stephen Callahan	Jan. 1988 – Dec. 2003
John Detmold	Jan. 1996 – Dec. 1999
Alison Lockwood	Jan. 1996 – Apr. 2004
Edward Shanahan	Jan. 1998 – Dec. 2001
Richard C. Garvey	Jan. 2000 – Apr. 2004
Mary J. Harding	Jan. 2002 – Dec. 2009
David Bloomberg	Jan. 2004 – Dec. 2006
Bonnie M. Burnham	Jan. 2005 –
Peter N. Rowe	Jan. 2005 –
Jesse M. Adams	Jan. 2007 – Dec 2011
Marjorie R. Hess	Jan. 2010 –
Joseph A. Twarog	Jan 2012 --

### SECRETARIES

Samuel W. Lee 1894-1905  
 Charles H. Chase 1905-1938  
 Walter E. Denny 1938-1939  
 Joseph Warner, Jr. 1939-1947  
 Dwight W. Lee 1947-1961  
 Lawrence E. Kelley 1962-1965  
 James K. McDonald 1966-1985  
 Norma Roche 1985-2004  
 Elizabeth Barone Sheirer 2005 -

### TREASURERS

Frederick A. Macomber 1894-1920  
 Ralph E. Boynton 1920-1922  
 Edwin K. Abbott 1922-1929  
 Robert J. Miller 1930-1965  
 Lawrence E. Kelley 1966-1984  
 Edward A. Morin 1980-2000  
 Scott Morin 2001-

### LIBRARY DIRECTORS

Charles A. Cutter 1894-1903  
 William P. Cutter 1904-1911  
 Joseph L. Harrison 1912-1950  
 Lawrence E. Wikander 1950-1958  
 Oliver R. Hayes 1968-1973  
 James F. Hazel 1974-1977  
 Stanley Greenberg 1977-1978  
 Blaise Bisailon 1979-2004  
 Janet Moulding 2004-

**FULL TIME**

Janet Moulding	Director
Lisa Downing	Assistant Director/Patron Services Librarian
Jennie Pittsinger Lamour	Administrative. Assistant
Faith Kaufmann	Information Services/Head of Arts & Music
Judith McGowan	Head of Children's Department
Paula Elliott	Head of Technical Services
Jason Mazzotta	Information Services/Tech Services/Circulation
Kathryn Mizula	Technical Services
Jason Myers	Maintenance Supervisor
Jason Petcen	Library Technician/Projects Manager
Elizabeth Maguire	InterLibrary Loan Librarian
Brian Tabor	Circulation Supervisor
Christopher Teghtsoonian	Circulation
Dylan Gaffney	Information Services/ILL

**PART-TIME**

Stephanie Levine	Children's/Circulation
Martha Thorne	Periodicals/Technical Services
Mark Toczydlowski	Custodial
Frank Heston	Outreach
Benjamin Kalish	Information Services/Reference Librarian
Julie Bartlett Nelson	Archivist
Susan Schaeffer	Circulation
Molly Moss	Information Services/Head of Reference
Lilly Sundell-Thomas	Information Services
Lynn Gingras	Children's
Nicole Daviau	Children's
Susana Villar	Information Services/Reference Librarian
Ryan Duffy	InterLibrary Loan
Clare Cooke	Children's
Steven Stover	Circulation

**INTERMITTENT PART-TIME**

Elise Bernier-Feeley	Local History Librarian
Jane Sommer	Circulation
Jerome Windon	Custodial
Barbara Walz	Book Repair
Anne Regan	Information Services
Maureen Ryan-Wise	Circulation
Portia Henle	Technical Services

James Carroll	Special Collections
Andrew Grant	Information Services
Sara Kanig	Children's
Angela Rovatti-Leonard	Circulation
Lisa Shea	Circulation
Hilary Nolan	Circulation
Anna Carlacci- Grettenberg	Circulation
Daniele Stasky	Information Services
Bridget Mientka	Information Services
Dan Jarvis	Circulation
Erica Eynouf	Information Services
Meredith Madyda	Circulation
Sara Karol	Circulation
Brian Marchese	Circulation/Information Services
Anna Duprey	Information Services
Donna Edgerton	Circulation
Larua Soforenko	Information Services
Brian Marchese	Circulation/Information Services
Mairead Poulin	Children's
Erika Patsy	Information Services



**FORBES LIBRARY**  
**2013 Annual Report 2013**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2013**

2013 was the year the library began a successful fundraising campaign to replace the unreliable handicap lift at the library's entrance. The library as a community center continued to thrive with increased attendance at programs. Electronic resources usage also increased as more and more library patrons acquired and used their mobile devices.

**Budget**

- Operating Budget FY13 -- \$1,183,072
- Book Budget FY13 --\$145,051
- City Appropriation FY13-- \$1,129,624
- State Aid FY13-- \$35,598
- Clarke & Earle Income FY13 -- \$11,500

The library's operating budget for FY2013 consisted of personnel costs of \$1,001,621 and ordinary maintenance of \$181,451 for a total of \$1,183,072. The city agreed not to charge Forbes for ESCO energy upgrade costs which saved the library about \$15,000 which was used to supplement the Labor & Repairs line item and add to employee raises. Staff received step raises and a 2% COLA and intermittent part time workers received a \$.25 an hour raise to \$10.00 an hour.

**Trustees**

Russell Carrier was re-elected as President and Peter Rowe as Vice-President with Scott Morin as Treasurer and Betsy Sheirer as Secretary.

There was no Trustees Award given in 2013.

The Trustees goals for 2013 included 1) Launch Second Century Fund campaign for handicap accessible elevator and 2) Continue to advocate for Forbes Library with the public and with elected officials. The Trustees supported the City Council/School Committee resolution of March 7, 2013, urging the State Legislature to adopt fair and equitable tax reform to raise substantial revenue, a sufficient portion of which would be allocated to local aid so that the City of Northampton could continue to provide the level of public service its citizens require and deserve.

Forbes Library participated in Northampton's Pride Parade on Saturday, May 4th. The Forbes contingent included staff, trustees, volunteers and library patrons. They carried the library's banner proudly and were very well received by the crowd. This year bookmarks with LGBT reading suggestions from the library's collection were passed out.

**Capital Improvements**

The library presented three possible projects to the City Capital Improvements Committee in 2013. The library requested capital improvement funds to build a handicap accessible elevator at the front entrance, replace all library windows, and install a separate HVAC system for the Hampshire Rooms and Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum. The library received the design and cost estimate for replacing all the library's windows. The cost estimate was \$300,000. The estimate for installing a handicap accessible elevator was \$300,000. The Capital Improvements Committee awarded the library \$100,000 for partial payment of the handicap accessible elevator with the expectation that the library would raise the rest.

An application was submitted to the Community Preservation Committee for funding to replace windows in the library at a cost of \$301,821. The application was denied by the Community Preservation Committee in part because they did not feel the library building or its collections were in imminent danger because of the condition of the windows.

The Doland Reference Room renovation project was finished in 2012. The final cost was \$188,129.59. The estimate was \$186,000, but since the renovation also included things not budgeted for, like carpet in the circulation desk area and electrical outlets and carpet in the reading room, the project was considered to be under budget. Molly Moss and Jason Petcen were commended for their management.

Thomas Douglas Architects were hired to design and oversee the handicap elevator project for \$27,000 to be paid from the \$14,000 community block grant and the funds being raised in the "Forbes for All" elevator campaign.

### **Operations**

Due to an inadequate city appropriation, Forbes was once again closed Saturdays this year starting July 6th and running through August 31st.

A Coke machine was brought into the building December 12 and installed in the first floor alcove near the stacks and genealogy collection. Coca Cola was the only company that would agree to place a cold drinks machine in the library because of the low numbers of traffic through the building. There was no charge to the library and 10% of the profits will be given to the library. Coca Cola will leave the machine as long as the library wishes contingent upon there being sufficient use to make it profitable to the company.

The Media Education Foundation gave Forbes Library 37 more DVDs, which, in combination with their previous donations, means that Forbes Library owns all of the MEF DVDs. These documentaries are in demand by both individuals and teachers who use them regularly to raise awareness and stimulate dialogue in the classroom about mass media and its impact on our culture.

Information Services began a text reference system by which patrons can text a librarian for information. When a patron sends a text the Information Services computer receives an email with the text and when the librarian responds to the email a text is sent back to the patron with the reply.

The library now has color copiers on both the main floor and on the second floor, but no public copier in the children's room. The aging printer in the reference room was replaced with a leased machine that uses less expensive toner. The three ink jet printers and a table top copier in the business office were replaced with one networked printer/copier which saves money on toner and the business office copier was moved to the Children's Room office. A third coin operated



machine to be used with the main floor copier was purchased. The monthly lease and maintenance fees for all these new machines was less than the previous lease and maintenance in part because of not having the third machine in the children's room. The cost for copies is \$.20 for black and white and \$.50 for color for standard size paper, and \$.25 for black and white and \$.75 for color for the larger size paper.

This year Forbes Library offered its fifth "Food for Fines" amnesty program. During this two week period overdue fines were forgiven in exchange for canned goods and other non-perishable food items. All food collected was donated to the Northampton Survival Center.

Forbes participated in a Pioneer Valley wide online fundraising campaign called Valley Gives Day which was held on 12/12/13. It was entirely an online event, so most of the library's promotion was done virtually with Twitter, Facebook, email, and on the website. As well as the online messaging, Forbes staff members created and performed in a video for the Valley Gives Day and later posted it on the library's homepage. The event raised a total of \$5,800, including a \$1,200 "golden ticket" award. There were 96 donors and approximately one third were new donors who had not been previously solicited, one third were on the Forbes fundraising list but had not yet made donations, and one third were repeat donors. The check, minus a 4.9% fee, was deposited in the Second Century Fund.

### **Anna Gertrude Brewster Children's Room**

The Children's Summer Reading Program featured the Super Tuesday Family Entertainment series. The series featured Ricardo Frota with music from the Brazilian Rainforest, a live owl presentation, furry (and not) friends from the Forest Park Zoo, and Gary Pozzato with his friend Robo.

### **Grants/Awards**

Forbes received a \$1,000 grant from Mass Humanities for a writing and discussion series "Time Enough" which was based on the book World Enough and Time by local author Christian McEwen.

Forbes Library won two awards in the biennial publicity awards given by the Massachusetts Library Association. One was for the Pleasant Street Video collaboration and fundraising endeavor and the other for the Valley Gives video. Faith Kaufmann produced the Valley Gives video which featured the talents of Steven Stover, Elise Feeley, and Jason Mazzotta.

A Community Development Block Grant of \$14,000 was awarded to Forbes Library for its handicap elevator project.

### **Bequests**

- \$500 was received from the estate of John E. Emerson and deposited in the Second Century Fund

### **Sales**

- \$1,500 from Old School Commons for lease of land to be deposited in the Second Century Fund
- \$52.50 from NEBA to be deposited in the Second Century Fund

- \$24 from NEBA for sale of a book to be deposited in the Special Collection Fund

### Gifts

- \$1,200 from anonymous, to be used for preservation, deposited in the Special Collections Fund
- \$20 from Arlene Carmichael, Pelham, in memory of her mother, to be used to purchase large print books, deposited in the Book & Media Fund
- \$150 from Lawrence & Ronnie Field, Florence, to be deposited in the Book & Media Fund
- \$50 from Robert Barber & Carol Edelstein, Northampton, for the purchase of the book Ladder to the Roof, to be deposited in the Book & Media Fund
- \$25 from Marcia Waliser, Florence, in appreciation of the “knowledgeable and kind staff of the Children’s Library,” to be deposited in the Book & Media Fund and used to buy children’s material
- \$500 from Todd Thompson, Northampton, for children’s services, to be deposited in the Book & Media Fund
- \$500 from the Harris & Eliza Kempner Fund, as a matching gift for that from Todd Thompson, for children’s services, to be deposited in the Book & Media Fund.

The following gifts were deposited in the Second Century Fund:

The following gifts were given in memory of Phil Chu and deposited in the Second Century Fund:

- \$36 from David Knee, Forest Hills, NY
- \$40 from Michael Ling, Flushing, NY
- \$20 from Janet Woo, Ossining, NY
- \$25 from Elizabeth Boyle, Jamaica Plain, MA

### The following gifts were deposited in the Second Century Fund (Forbes For All):

Abrams, Estelle 25.00	Bachinsky, Larysa	Bissell, Janet & Robert
Abramson, Julie 25.00	100.00	200.00
Ackelsberg, Martha 50.00	Bailey, Marsha & Geb 50.00	Bissett, Ann W 25.00
Adamski, Tracy 550.00	Banta, Ruth 50.00	Blake, Lorna 500.00
Agna, Gwen 100.00	Barassi, Louis 100.00	Bleiman, Dr. Bruce & Mrs. Rita
Ahearn, Carmen 100.00	Barham, Ruth 10.00	150.00
Aker, Jane 20.00	Barrett-Mills, Frank & Marjorie	Bloomberg, David
Alberts, Even 50.00	50.00	500.00
Aldrich, Mark & Michele	Bartholomew & Company, Inc.	Boos, Kit Sang L 100.00
500.00	1,500.00	Borson, Rachel 20.00
Alpern, David 25.00	Barto, Bette 25.00	Boucher, Yvonne R. 5.00
Alternative Recycling Systems	Baskin, Hosie 12.00	Bouley, Mary Lou 50.00
100.00	Baskin, Lisa 1,000.00	Bowman, John & Francesca
Anonymous 25.00	Bedell, Marguerite	25.00
Anonymous 5,000.00	500.00	Boyle, Elizabeth 25.00
Anonymous 5,000.00	Bedell, Mrs. Albert Pomeroy	Branch, Dr. & Mrs. Alan
Anonymous 15,000.00	100.00	500.00
Anonymous 1,000.00	Bertram, Harry & Justine	Brentano, Carroll & Robert
Anonymous 2,000.00	150.00	30.00
Anonymous 1,000.00	Beyel, Karen 50.00	Brown, Cathie 25.00
Anonymous 300.00	Bidwell, Dennis P.	Brown, Elizabeth & Frederick
Aquadro & Cerruti	100.00	Jr. 100.00
100.00	Bisaillon, Blaise & Linda	Brown, Judson & Sandra 25.00
Askew, Edwina 50.00	500.00	Bruce, Debin 100.00
	Bishop, David 50.00	Burger, Bob & Ann 50.00

Burick, Marcia E. 550.00	Denny Nolan Real Estate	Gare, Joice G. 100.00
Callahan, Stephen & Diana	100.00	Gaustad, John & Gail
200.00	Derose, Charles & Kelly	500.00
Carmien, Mark 50.00	500.00	Glazer, Myron & Penina 50.00
Carnes, Jane & Richard 50.00	DeRose, Peter & Florence	Goggins, Kim & Mike
Carney, Maureen 25.00	500.00	200.00
Carrier, Russell & Andrew	Detmold, Hilary K. 25.00	Goggins, Mark & Rebecca 25.00
Dausch 1,000.00	Diamond, Harriet & William	Gold, Joanne 18.00
Cathro, Charlotte 25.00	50.00	Goldfield, Norbert
Caws-Elwitt, Hilary 40.00	Doherty, Kathleen 50.00	2,000.00
Cennerazzo, Albert 50.00	Donohue, Joseph 100.00	Goldstein, Bruce & Nancy 50.00
Cernak, Anne 50.00	Donovan, Mary 25.00	Goodman, Amy Sargis
Chamberland, Cynthia	Dostal, Eric 25.00	100.00
200.00	Downing, Lisa 25.00	Gordon, Diana & Jeff 50.00
Charren, Debbie 20.00	Downing, Robert & Linda	Gorman, Cleo A. 25.00
Christakos, Peter & Deborah	100.00	Gorra, Dorothy R. 50.00
50.00	Drisko, James 100.00	Gorra, Michael 150.00
Christenson, Virginia	Drollette, Barbara A. 25.00	Greene, Celeste J 12.00
100.00	Drury, Ruth 35.00	Greene, Edna 25.00
Clare, Maryilyn 10.00	Duckworth, Christine & Jeff	Greenfield Savings Bank
Cloutier, Normand 10.00	100.00	500.00
Coates, Beth 200.00	Dyer, Jane & Tom	Gregory, Patrick & Justina 75.00
Coates, Gordon & Nancy	100.00	Griffin, Anne 10.00
100.00	Edelstein, Sally & Hyman	Griggs, Al & Sally
Cohen, Adam 50.00	125.00	1,000.00
Cohen, David & Doris 50.00	Edwards, F. Aldrich	Grimm, Mary & Ronald
Cohen, Michael 500.00	100.00	500.00
Cohen, Robert J. 25.00	Emerson, Karen Smith 25.00	Groesbeck, Margaret
Committee to elect OFD	Epstein, Gerald 100.00	350.00
100.00	Erickson, Marilyn 12.00	Gronim, Judith Ann 25.00
Conroy, Maureen 100.00	Felton, Nancy 150.00	Gross, Joan 525.00
Constantine, Ruth	Fenton, Stephen 50.00	Gross, Nicolas & Janet
500.00	Fierst, Frederick & Eva	200.00
Cook, Jean 500.00	250.00	Haas, Deborah & Matt 25.00
Cooley, William C. & Margo	Fine, Bernard 50.00	Haas, Peter 20.00
60.00	Fink, Barbara 50.00	Halbeisen Johanna 35.00
Cooper, Susan L. & Scott R.	Fitz, Phil 500.00	Hall, Lisa A. 18.00
100.00	Flandreau, Phyllis & Alexander	Ham, Joe 10.00
Corliss Law 50.00	50.00	Handel, Elaine 50.00
Cornelissen, Cornelia & Marten	Flannery, Maureen	Hansen, Russ & Joyce 25.00
100.00	250.00	Hartry, Lucy 60.00
Cornwell, Robert 100.00	Fleishman, Jane 25.00	Haug, Mary & Christian 90.00
Cranshaw, Laura 50.00	Florence Savings Bank 35.77	Hawkins, Bruce & Ruth
Crawley Family Foundation	Fong, Herman 25.00	1,000.00
3,000.00	Ford, Michael & Mary 12.00	Hawkins, Lee 200.00
Crystal, Andrew 100.00	Fortier, Jack & Shelley	Haxby, Beth & Bob
Currie, Colleen 500.00	500.00	100.00
D'Agostino, Eliza 20.00	Foster-Moore, Paul & Laurel	Haynes, Elizabeth 25.00
Dahlquist, Kendra 25.00	100.00	Heady, Lyn 100.00
Daniell, Deborah & Stephen	Foudy, James & Christine 25.00	Hemminger, Janet & Charles
50.00	Fraulo, Joseph 100.00	1,000.00
Dayton Foundation Depository ,	Freedberg, William & Sarah	Herold, Donald 500.00
Inc 25.00	100.00	Hershkowitz, Melvin
Dechanupong, Saowanee 50.00	Freedfeld, Robin 50.00	100.00
DeLaCour, Edmund P.	Frey, John D 45.00	Hess, Marjorie & Talaber,
3,200.00	Friends of Forbes 25,000.00	Rudolph 500.00

Hicks, Katherine 50.00	Koteen, Ellen 50.00	McCarthy, Thomas & Patricia 50.00
Hills, Sara 25.00	Kourbage, Melanie 50.00	McClamroch, Margaret 100.00
Hinckley, Dr. Richard & Jo Ann 500.00	Krueger, Vicki 36.00	McCormick, Mark & Martha 100.00
Hirsch, Barry & Eileen 100.00	Ksieniewicz, Charles & Karen 50.00	McDonald, Donald 25.00
Hoffman, Elaine B. 25.00	Kurose, James & Julie 100.00	McIntosh, Susan 25.00
Hogan, Jonathan 52.00	Kurtis, Jonathan & Suzanne 100.00	Merithew, Marcia 50.00
Holden, Marcia & David 100.00	Kusiak, Anne 50.00	Miller, M.D., A. Ron 500.00
Hooks, Julie 50.00	LaBarge, Marianne L. 100.00	Millette, Brenda 25.00
Hoover, Sandra 25.00	Lam, Andrew & Christina 50.00	Milne, Teddy 15.00
Hope, Tryna 10.00	Lantz, Susan 50.00	Misterka, Joseph & Judith 100.00
Hornor, Jack 5,401.90	Lathrop Community, Inc 25.00	Moore, Caroline 2,500.00
Humphreys, James E. 50.00	Laurila, James R. 500.00	Moore, Howard & Stephanie 100.00
Hunt, Larry 500.00	Leary, Lisa 25.00	Moore, Louise 100.00
Jakuc Leverett, Monica & Bob 100.00	Lee, Anne 50.00	Morbey, Gillian 20.00
Joe's Cafe 25.00	Levin, Claudia 40.00	Moreira, Naila 12.00
John Carlo Woodworking 500.00	Levin, Jonathan P. 1,000.00	Morin, Ed & Rose 25.00
John W Locke Trust 10,000.00	Lewis, Karen & Stanley 50.00	Morin, Scott A. 25.00
Johnson, Heather 25.00	Lieneck, Marjorie 10.00	Morrissey, Ann 500.00
Jolly, Carol A. 25.00	Lind, John 10.00	Moseychuk, Peter & Louise 50.00
Jones, Daniel 20.00	Linderman, Christine Emma 35.00	Moss, Molly 10.00
Kakos, Rev. Peter & Linda 50.00	Ling, Michael 40.00	Moulding, Richard & Janet 500.00
Kalin, Robert & Nancy 25.00	Linker, Marci 15.00	Murnane, Arleen 25.00
Kallaughter, Steven 200.00	Loisel, Laurie 25.00	Murphy, Carol & Keirnan 50.00
Kane, Matthew 100.00	Lombard, Anne S. 1,000.00	Murray, Peg 100.00
Kane, Michael J. 50.00	Lombard, Elizabeth & John 50.00	Nagy, Michael 50.00
Karol, Sarah R. 25.00	Longtin, Betty 50.00	Nahabedian, Gregory 75.00
Karpel, Mark 100.00	Loughney, John 100.00	Narkewicz, Daivd 2,600.00
Kaskey, Michelle 36.00	Luadtke, Ina 25.00	Nathan, Martha 100.00
Kasper, Mary & Michael 50.00	Lubitz, Faith Ann 25.00	Neimark, Rebecca 150.00
Kaufmann, Faith 18.00	Lucey, Margaret 600.00	Nelson, Julie 20.00
Kenefick, William 30.00	Lyons, Charles & Susette 100.00	Nelson, Karyn 25.00
Kenny, Donna & Peter 1,000.00	Lyons, David & Rebecca 100.00	Nelson, Robyn & Arvid 100.00
Keppler, Anne 500.00	Maclachlan, Patricia M. & Robert F. 100.00	Nemetz, Dorothy 350.00
Kessler, Greta 25.00	Maguire, Charles & Elizabeth 750.00	New England Book Auctions 52.50
Kirchgasser, Alison 100.00	Mahar, Robert & Eileen 100.00	Newman, Anna 20.00
Knapp, Kari & Karl 500.00	Majumder, Flora & Sanat 30.00	Newman, William 500.00
Knee, David 36.00	Mark, Jennifer 50.00	Nigrosh, Ellen & Barry 100.00
Knight, John 500.00	Martin, Raymond & Nancy 25.00	Nolan, Christine 150.00
Koch, Deborah 50.00	Matthew Perlman Account 25.00	Northampton Area Pediatrics, LLC 250.00
Kohler-Gray, Susan 30.00	Maxfield, Hannah 20.00	Northampton Lions Club 500.00
Kohout, George 50.00	May, Bonnie 50.00	
Kokman, Phil 50.00		
Kopf, Linda & Silas 200.00		
Korza, Kathleen & Ronald 35.00		

Notar, Beth	25.00	Riesz, Gaby	25.00	Smith, Sibyl	25.00
Nyary, Cynthia	100.00	Rigali, Linda	100.00	Smith, Suzanne	100.00
O'Brien & Family, William & Judianne	5.00	Robards, Brooks	10.00	Smith College	20,000.00
O'Leary, Annette	25.00	Robbins, Alice	50.00	Snoek, Diedrick	500.00
O'neil, Jean	100.00	Robinson, Linda & David	5.00	Snook, George & Lena	1,000.00
Optical Studio	100.00	Rochat, Denise	100.00	Solie, Ruth	1,100.00
Orr, Bill	25.00	Rogers, Jean	25.00	Sommer, Jane	250.00
Osborn, Francis	180.00	Rogers, Susan Carol	50.00	Stauder, Wunderley	50.00
Osherow, Marjorie	100.00	Romeo Beaulieu & Sons	100.00	Stern, Peter	100.00
Ostberg & Associates	100.00	Rose, Hedwig C	200.00	Sternbach, Nancy	10.00
Ostrander, David	50.00	Rose, Julia S	25.00	Stinson, Susan	10.00
Ovrutsky, Kim	10.00	Rosenberg, Stanley	50.00	Strange, E.Bruton	10.00
Pace, Anne Marie	5.00	Ross, Amiee	10.00	Stromsted, Barbara	25.00
Panik, Marie	25.00	Rossi, Sandra	25.00	Strong, Sarah M	20.00
Paradise Copies	500.00	Rothman, Eleanor	50.00	Stubbs, Harold & Lucille	30.00
Parent, Robert	500.00	Rowe, Peter	2,500.00	Suprenant, Rhianna	100.00
Pasternack, Jay & Sherry	500.00	Ruddy, Mary	5,000.00	Susenski, David Adam	10.00
Paynter, Robert	100.00	Rundquist, Marcea & Robert	300.00	Susskind, Bob & Monica	50.00
Perera, Judith & Ronald	500.00	Ruszczuk, David & Janice	50.00	Tansey, Joel	100.00
Perlman, Michael & Gail	100.00	Ryan, Meg	500.00	The Murphys Realtors, Inc.	100.00
Perry, Holly	100.00	Ryan, Michael & Judith	1,000.00	Thomas, Margot	50.00
Peters, Sarah	30.00	Salmon, Marylynn	100.00	Thomson, Cynthia L	10.00
Polachek, Daniel & Tracey	50.00	Sanders, Eric	50.00	Thorne, John & Matt	25.00
Pool, Judith	75.00	Saner, Julia	1,000.00	Tonet, Earl & Lee	550.00
Prior, Scott & Nanette	200.00	Savarese, Cathy Ann & Joseph	100.00	Topal, Samuel & Cathy Weisman	500.00
Procaccini, Alfonso & Arriana	50.00	Scagel, Ann	10.00	Torberg, Herbert E.	1,000.00
Pucci, John	500.00	Schmidt, Maxine	100.00	Tropp, Jessica & Naomi	25.00
Pulsifer, Liza & Stephen	10.00	Schwab, Lois & Tom	100.00	Tropp, Naomi E	25.00
Quinn, Tom & Barbara	50.00	Schwartz, Linda	50.00	Turcotte, June M.	20.00
Rajam, Elizabeth	750.00	Schwartz, Pamela	100.00	Twarog, Joseph	550.00
Ralph, Alicia	1,100.00	Seibert, Marian	25.00	Tymoczko, Maria & Nicolas	1,000.00
Ranker, Alyssa	10.00	Shaughnessy, Peter & Linda	20.00	Vaget, Hans R.	50.00
Ravett, Abraham	20.00	Shaw, Beverly	50.00	Van Gordon d'Errico, Lisa	500.00
Ray, Stratton	10.00	Sheirer, Elizabeth & John	200.00	Verson, Alan & Paula	100.00
Reall, Elaine	150.00	Shelburne, Ellie & Peter	50.00	Volkman, Elizabeth	100.00
Reber, Andrea	50.00	Shelton, Christine	500.00	Wagner, Richard	500.00
Reed, Jeanne	20.00	Sidwell, Marilyn	25.00	Ward, Beth	100.00
Reeves, Nancy & Eric	500.00	Silverman, Dr. Stephanie	500.00	Warren, Nicholas	50.00
Reinhardt, Nola	25.00	Simmons, Jean	50.00	Weir, Robert E. & Emily H.	25.00
Reiter, Jendi	50.00	Slater, Paul & Miriam	25.00	Weiss, Mikal	25.00
Rescia, Richard & Helen	600.00	Slavitt, Deborah Jane	100.00	Welch Law Offices	25.00
Respass, Tucker	50.00	Slay, Leslie	5.00	Welch, Jr. DDS, Edward	250.00
Rich, Alice	12.00	Small Beer Press	25.00	Well, Susan & Arnold	50.00
Riddell, Thomas	100.00	Smith, M. Barry	200.00	Welter, Diane	50.00
Ridley, Graham	25.00	Smith, Serena	500.00		

Werba, Carol L	200.00	Wohl, Martin	1,000.00	Wright, Jonathan & Meg Kelsey	250.00
Werth, Barry	100.00	Wolfe, Traci	25.00	Zagrodnik, Charlene	25.00
White, Gregory	200.00	Wolinsky, Lilith	10.00	Zinn, Megan E.	25.00
Wicinas, David & Pamela	10.00	Woo, Janet	20.00	Zuchowski, Edward	25.00
Wilbur, Suzanna	20.00	Woodman, Marilyn	25.00		
Wilinsky, Cindy	25.00	Wooster, Virginia & Thomas	25.00		
Williams Jr., Staunton	50.00				
Winnick, Richard & Lynda	50.00	Wright, George E.	50.00		



### **Forbes For All Campaign**

There was no Annual Fund in 2013 because the Trustees conducted the capital campaign to replace the handicap accessible lift with a fully functional elevator at the front entrance. A committee chaired by Mike and Judy Ryan was formed to fundraise. Committee members were all five trustees, the library director and assistant director and Alicia Ralph, Mary Fagan, Blaise Bisailon, Chris Nolan, Colleen Currie, George Snook, Gerry Budgar, Margaret Groesbeck, Jack Honor, Jan Hemminger, Martha McCormick, and Kate LaMay-Miller. The Forbes For All fundraising campaign was officially launched on April 11 and money raised was deposited in the Second Century Fund. Kate LaMay Miller filmed a promotional fundraising video in the library and recorded Ms. Downing and architect Tom Douglas speaking about the project. Sandy Duclos designed the printed materials. The website which included photos and testimonials from people who benefit from the elevator was built by Faith Kaufmann with materials from Sandy Duclos and Kate LaMay-Miller. Including \$100,000 from the City's Capital Improvements Committee and a \$14,000 Community Development Block Grant, over \$307,000 was raised.

### **Programming**

Programming was attended by 17,265 patrons at over 1,391 events. Each of these programs was made possible through a formula of dedicated staff and volunteers, engaged community members and generous support by the Friends of Forbes Library. The library's ongoing programs included six book groups each month, the Writing Room twice each week, yoga twice a week, and two career programs each week. There was also a strong Local History/Local Novelists series thanks to Susan Stinson, Forbes' Writer in Residence, monthly acoustic concerts in the Community Room, the large lawn concert in June, as well as many new standalone presentations on self-improvement, literature, nature and science.

Susan Stinson completed a third year as Writer in Residence. The Local History/Local Novelists lecture series which she curated is one of the library's premier events. She also kept the Writing Room open every Wednesday and Saturday morning as a place for writers to come

together for companionable writing time. She facilitated two Writer's Life roundtable discussions during the summer to discuss issues of interest and concern to writers. She was a panelist at the library's "State of the Book in the Digital Age" program that former Friends of Forbes board member Dee Michel moderated. The program idea was picked up on by the Western MA Library Advocates and they worked with the MA Library Association to co-sponsor a repeat of the program during the annual library association conference. Ms. Stinson acted as a judge in Forbes' first Library Book Spine poetry contest held during National Poetry Month. She also continued to strengthen the relationship of the library to the writing community and between readers and writers of all kinds. Ms. Stinson was awarded a \$2,000 honorarium with \$750 from the programming funds received from the Friends of Forbes and \$1,250 from the Trustees.



Susan Stinson's book launch for her novel about Jonathan Edwards, Spider in the Tree, was held October 2 in the First Churches. It was a lovely event, attended by more than 150 people. The beautiful old church which is located on the site of the church where Jonathan Edwards' church stood and Susan's dramatic reading from the pulpit gave the whole evening deeper resonance.

Forbes participated in First Night again this year. The building was open from 3-5 PM on New Year's Eve for a puppetry and storytelling show in the Community Room.

During the month of April Forbes held an online poetry contest using the words and layout on the spines of books to assemble a poem. There was a prize of a \$25 gift certificate to Broadside Bookshop for teens and one for adults.

The Hosmer Gallery hosted an Arts Night Out reception for the Northampton High School student exhibition on Friday, May 10, after the library was closed for the evening. About 150 students, teachers, parents and guests attended.

"Be Here Now," a juried exhibition of work interpreted freely by 2D, 3D, video, and performance pieces by 22 artists living and working in Western Massachusetts was held in the Hosmer Gallery during the month of October 2013. A solar powered sculpture was on the Forbes lawn.

On December 4, The Local History/Local Novelist program featured images from Hampshire County Memories, the new Daily Hampshire Gazette book of photos of historic Hampshire County. Faith Kaufmann and Dylan Gaffney showed slides and explained some of the photos in the book that were from the Forbes Library collection. Speaking to a packed Coolidge Museum, both were eloquent and informative about local history and the Forbes



collections. Photographer and Historic Northampton board member, Stan Sherer showed historic and contemporary photographs side by side and discussed the importance of documenting our history through images. The Gazette gave Forbes 37 copies of the book. Several have gone into the collection and the rest will be sold at the main desk.

Smith College's Josten Library and Forbes Library collaborated on the first open Holiday Jam and Sing-Along held on December 7, in the Coolidge Museum. About thirty people attended, many bringing their own ukuleles or ukulele-type instruments. Playing from a ukulele song book projected on the screen, the participants played and sang through nearly twenty holiday favorites.

The All Hamptons Read program was inspired by the themes of this year's book selection, Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference. Book discussions, film screenings and other events were scheduled in the four "Hamptons," Northampton, Easthampton, Westhampton, and Southampton, through mid-November. The event was kicked off on September 15 with a soccer tournament at Northampton High School featuring six teams with players who immigrated to the Pioneer Valley from El Salvador, Honduras, Columbia and other Latin American countries where soccer is the national sport.

The Forbes annual Midsummer's Night Lawn concert featured Samirah Evans, a highly regarded jazz and blues singer originally from New Orleans.

The library's summer reading program ran from June 24 to August 31 with the theme "Groundbreaking Reads." Buttons were designed by Jason Mazzotta and Anne Reagan, members of the Information Services, staff for the program. For every three books read, participants received a raffle ticket for weekly prizes and grand prizes. The Friends of Forbes donated a pair of tickets for the September Wine Tasting to the winners.



### Staff

Forbes Library Employee Association (FLEA) officers in 2013 were Jason Petcen, President; Dylan Gaffney, Vice President; Molly Moss, Secretary; and Benjamin Kalish, Financial Officer. Administrative Assistant, Jennie Pittsinger, was married on July 19, 2013. She



is now known as Jennie Lamour. Archivist Julie Nelson was on maternity leave from December 29, 2013 through March, 2014.

Forbes sponsored a team for the Amherst Cinema Screen Test Trivia contest held on Sunday, March 10. The team, The Raiders of the Lost Archives, consisted of Dylan Gaffney, Jason Mazzotta, and Steven Stover and they were so good they were the last team eliminated before the final round which effectively put them in third place out of twenty-four entries.

Forbes Library was represented by the team of Lilly Sundell-Thomas, Ben Kalish, Jason Mazzotta, and Tex Teghtsoonian at the Dollars for Scholars Local History Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, October 5. The team came in third just a few points behind the winners. The Forbes team got the award for best “Team Spirit.”

### **Special Collections**

The Breast Form Fund, which sponsored the Northampton “Show Us Your Bra Contest” as a fundraiser for breast cancer survivors, donated their archives and some artifacts to Forbes Library along with \$3,500 to be used to process and house the materials and provide programming if possible.

Forbes Library was part of a book project by the Daily Hampshire Gazette and an independent publisher to create a photographic book of the early years of Hampshire County. The publisher used images from the Forbes collection and there were three public scanning sessions, one of which was at Forbes Library, at which anyone could bring in old photos and have them scanned. Copies of all public photos scanned and the rights to use them were given to Forbes Library after the scanning sessions.

David Brewster, an artist whose studio is in Florence, donated three of his oil paintings of Western Massachusetts scenes to the library. The larger painting, “Deerfield Power” is in the Reference Room and the companion pieces, “Porcupine City” and “Behind Colrain Village” are in the Arts & Music Department. The portrait of Gerald Stanley Lee was moved to the Hampshire Room where his papers are archived.

The Eric Carle Museum donated a print of a dragonfly which was framed and hung in the Children’s Room.

### **Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum**

The six volume set of law books which belonged to Calvin Coolidge received conservation treatment by Stephanie Gibbs of Bookbinding and Conservation of Easthampton. The books were repaired with new covers and spines and new boxes were made for them and they are now sturdy enough for display and use by legal scholars and other researchers. The cost of the treatment was \$2,425. The books are unusual because they are signed J. Calvin Coolidge, which is a signature he only used for a brief period early in his career. These books represent about half of the original set and the location of the remainder of the set is unknown

C-Span filmed much of the Grace Coolidge episode in their First Ladies series at the Coolidge Museum. Archivist Julie Nelson took the C-Span producer on tours of the Clarke School, the Massasoit Street house, and then the Beeches and Road Forks houses as well as in the Coolidge Museum. She was featured prominently in the program.

The White House Christmas Tree ornament in 2015 will feature Calvin Coolidge. Several designers worked on it, and contacted the CCPLM for information. Forbes may offer the ornaments for sale when they become available.

### **Friends of Forbes Library**

The Friends of Forbes officers for 2013 were Martha McCormick, President; Serena Smith, Vice-President; Tim Umbach, Treasurer; and Mikki Michon, Secretary. Peter Kobel and Mary Fagan were elected as new board members. The Friends annual meeting was held on April 3 with guest speaker Kristin DeBoer from the Kestrel Land Trust.

The summer membership drive raised \$8,000, \$998 was made on tickets for two raffle baskets in February, and the garden tour raised \$6,052. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Tour was held June 8. The Friends placed fourth in the Florence Savings Bank Customer Choice Community Grants program and were awarded \$3,500. The Edible Book, a fundraiser for the Friends of Forbes and the Friends of Lilly Libraries, was held Sunday, April 21, at the Florence Civic Center. There were about 25 entries and over 100 attendees.

On Valentine's Day the board adorned the table in the staff room for the holiday and brought in a bounty of sweets and baked goods in appreciation of the staff. The Friends provided funding All Hamptons Reads. The Friends purchased annual liability insurance for the library to be able to serve alcohol which is necessary for the planned wine tasting and will also allow the library to serve alcohol at other events.

This year The Friends of Forbes gave \$2,000 for the Staff Development fund, \$5,000 for the Book & Media fund, \$1,200 for the Outreach Car fund, \$3,000 for adult programming, \$2,000 for children's programming, \$475 to subscribe to Bookpage magazine, \$200 for the volunteer appreciation barbeque, and \$25,000 for the Forbes For All Campaign.

## **STATISTICS**

### **July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013**

This year's holdings were up a little due to an increase in digital content. Specifically, the number of e-books increased by 300%. DVD holdings were also up due to the addition of the Pleasant Street Video collection and some VHS being transferred to DVD. Circulation of e-books and downloadable content also increased by 300% this year, in correspondence with the increase in e-book holdings. Circulation overall was level, although the switch to Evergreen software resulted in some circulation data being lost. Books and DVDs were still the top circulating items.

Approximately 67% of Northampton residents have library cards, and about 2,000 non-residents have cards. Meeting room use increased, while door counts, reference questions, and program attendance were down slightly this year, although they had increased significantly in the prior year. Overall there was some leveling off, but the library and staff continued to work at a very high level.

### **Holdings – 209,015**

Books – 156,063

Periodicals & Newspapers – 1,809

Audio media – 12,593  
 Videos – 12,370  
 E-books (through OPAC) – 17,026  
 Downloadable Audio (through OPAC) – 4,890  
 Downloadable Video (through OPAC) – 758  
 Microfilm – 2,517  
 Miscellaneous – 644  
 Materials in Electronic Format -- 345  
 Number of databases – 17

### **Circulation – 396,808**

Books – 203,555  
 Periodicals & Newspapers – 7,816\* (Software lost circulation data so number is inaccurate)  
 Audio media – 48,841  
 Videos – 126,711  
 E-books (through OPAC) – 6,530  
 Materials in Electronic Format -- 987  
 Miscellaneous – 2,368

### **Interlibrary Loan**

ILL received from other libraries – 38,434  
 ILL provided to other libraries – 29,390

### **Services**

Hours library open – 2,245  
 Number of Sundays open – 0  
 Attendance in library – 197,636  
 Number of Reference transactions – 54,835  
 Number of children's programs held – 813  
 Attendance at children's programs – 9,756  
 Number of YA programs held – 57  
 Attendance at YA programs – 552  
 Number of adult programs held -- 521  
 Attendance at adult programs – 6,957  
 Number of Volunteers – 130  
 Number of Registered Borrowers – 19,273  
 Number of Public Use Internet Computers – 27  
 Number of users of public computers during typical week – 779  
 Number of times meeting rooms used by public – 1,052