



**Cranston Public Library  
Annual Report 2016**

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## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

To say “2016” was a busy year at the Cranston Public Library is an understatement. All of our locations were full of energy; whether our users came in to borrow a book or movie or attend one of the 1500 free library programs or 425 community programs we hosted this year. Our staff continued their commitment to serve the people of Cranston, both by providing excellent customer service in the library and by meeting people in the community at one of our outreach events.

We are very proud to have received the national LibraryAware Community Award this year. This award recognizes our efforts to bring library services to new immigrants moving into our city. We are especially proud as the other winners this year were the much larger New York Public Library and Louisville Public Library.

The library is also proud to be part of #TeamCranston, which helped to make Cranston one of the Top 50 places to live in the U.S. according to 24/7 Wall Street, and the #2 community to live in RI according to GoLocalProv.com. We continued our efforts to use the funds from our 2014 voter approved bond to improve our facilities and make them more inviting places for our users. In this report you will see a long list of the upgrades and major repairs that were undertaken this year.

We worked hard to obtain more funding at both the city and state level.

We worked with Mayor Fung and the City Council to receive a 5.7% increase in our city appropriation including funding for a much deserved pay increase for our part-time library workers. Cranston partnered with 20+ communities to push for an increase in state aid to public libraries.

With the help of those communities, the Cranston City Council (who unanimously passed a resolution supporting the increase) and the Cranston delegation to the General Assembly (with a special thanks to Rep. Robert Jacquard for spearheading this effort) a \$900,000 increase was allocated to RI libraries. Cranston received a \$62,000 increase in our state aid. Those funds enabled us to complete building projects, increase hours and buy more books for our branch libraries.

“2016” was a great year for the Cranston Public Library and “2017” is looking to be even better!

Our renovation of the children’s room at the Central Library will be completed in the spring and we will launch more new and innovative programs to help serve our community. I continue to be honored to lead the amazing staff at the Cranston Public Library and I am excited about the future of the library and the future of our great city of Cranston.



**Edward Garcia**  
*Director of Libraries*

## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It has been a wonderful experience serving as the Chair of the Cranston Public Library Board of Trustees during the past year. The most gratifying part of my tenure has been getting to know the staff of the library. Ed Garcia, the Director, Julie Holden, the Assistant Director, and all of their staff, always “go the extra mile” to make our library the best it can be.

The Cranston Public Library has risen to the challenge of serving the public in ways far beyond what was expected in the past. We offer computer access at all our facilities which is an absolute necessity for many of our patrons. Our 3D printers have become a popular and valuable resource. In addition, we are about to begin an extensive renovation and updating of our Children’s Room at the Central library. We know that serving and inspiring our children will be our greatest legacy. Because of these, and many other achievements, the Cranston Public Library was recently awarded a 2016 LibraryAware Community Award, a very gratifying validation of our efforts.

Much work lies ahead, and the Board and Staff of the Cranston Public Library are looking forward to another successful year.



**Jack Tregar**

*Chair of the Cranston Public Library Board  
of Trustees*

## CRANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MISSION

The Cranston Public Library brings people, information and ideas together to enrich lives and strengthen the community.

We strive to provide:

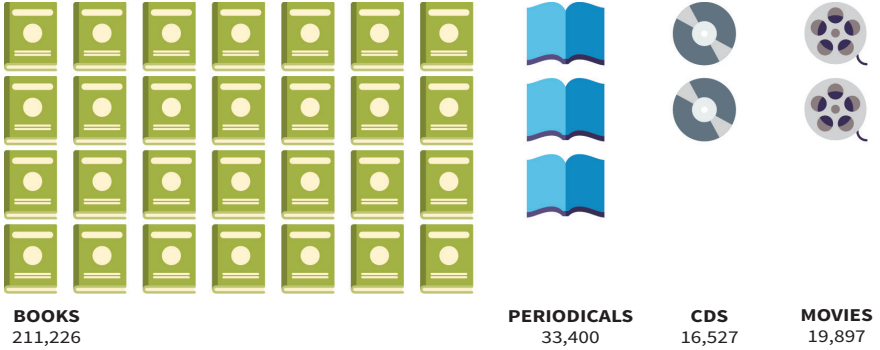
- Library services that are known and valued by the community, resulting in broad use by the public
- An engaging cultural and lifelong learning center for the community
- Services and collections that are readily accessible and easy to use and that are relevant to community needs
- An enthusiastic, well-trained and highly capable staff that works well together to provide quality service to all library users
- Facilities that are inviting and well maintained
- Technology that expands and enhances service
- Timely and accurate information that informs and empowers the public
- Defense of intellectual freedom and the confidentiality of each individual's use of the library
- A close working relationship with other libraries, community agencies and organizations that fosters cooperation, making the most efficient and effective use of taxpayer resources
- A variety of early childhood programs that bring families together and foster a love of reading
- A relevant collection of print and non-print materials that meet the developmental needs of Cranston's youth
- Collaboration and support for parents and teachers as schools adopt the Common Core state standards
- Programs for preteens and teens
- The annual Summer Reading program which focuses on making reading and literacy-related programs fun and accessible for children of all ages to help avoid summer reading loss

## OCEAN STATE LIBRARIES

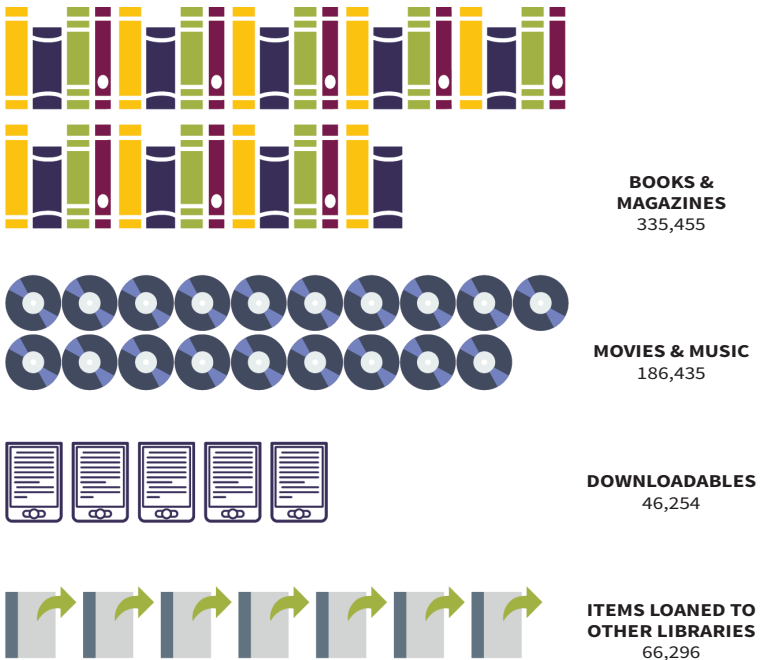
The Cranston Public Library has been a member of the Ocean State Libraries cooperative network for more than 30 years. In addition to benefiting from a shared system database, our membership entitles our patrons to the diverse range of materials located at 70 other libraries across the state. A robust telecommunications network allows for high-speed Internet access at all CPL locations, and the unique sharing of resources, services, and training continues to provide our staff and our patrons with an exceptional library experience.

# CPL BY THE NUMBERS

## Library Collection 337,681 Items



## Total Materials Loaned 568,755 Items



# IN 2016, THE CRANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY WEBSITE WAS VISITED 234,106 TIMES

## PC/Laptop Visitors



**WINDOWS**  
73%



**IOS**  
20%

**OTHER**  
7%

## Mobile Visitors



**IOS**  
62%



**ANDROID**  
35%

**OTHER**  
3%



SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES AND ONLINE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CRANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY WERE USED OVER 35,000 TIMES

## Internet Presence



**FACEBOOK**  
3,626 LIKES

**TWITTER**  
1,076 FOLLOWERS

**INSTAGRAM**  
277 FOLLOWERS

**E-NEWSLETTER**  
2,913 CONTACTS

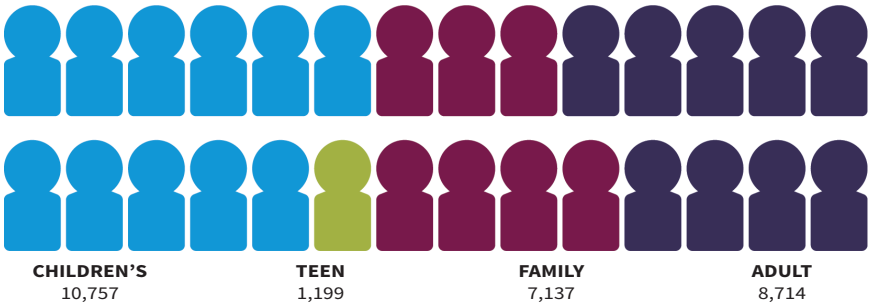
### Library Programs

1,452 Free Programs Provided



### Library Program Attendance

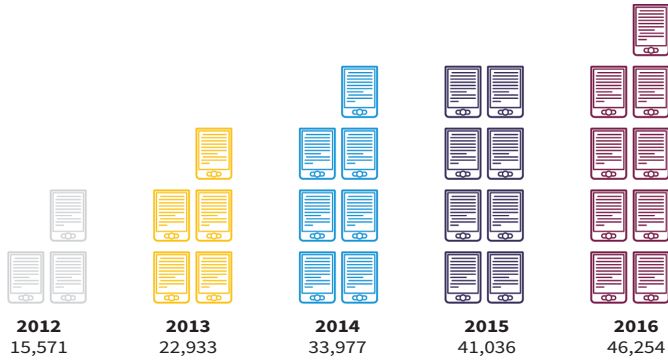
27,787 People Attended Library Programs





## eZone Circulation

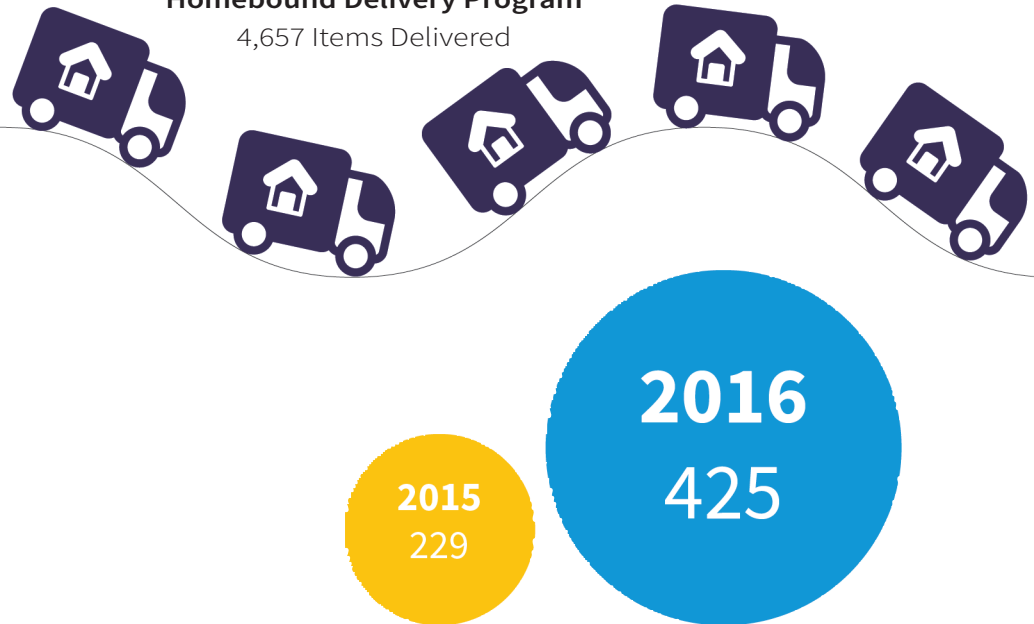
The eZone is the Ocean State Libraries' downloadable ebook, audiobook, and streaming movie service. All public libraries in Rhode Island support this service through cooperative purchasing.



## Books @ Home

### Homebound Delivery Program

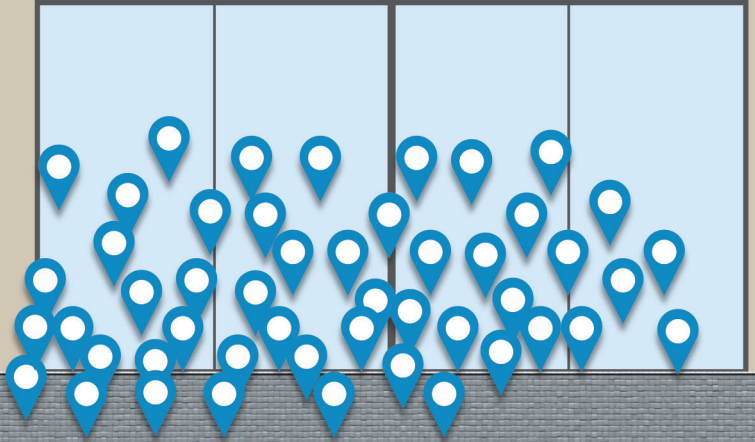
4,657 Items Delivered



## Community Programs

425 programs were held by community organizations at the Cranston Public Library

**430,289 LIBRARY VISITS**



**27,946 WIRELESS  
SESSIONS**





**10,813  
HOURS OPEN**



**81,432 REFERENCE  
QUESTIONS**



**82,244 PUBLIC  
COMPUTER SESSIONS**

# 2016 IMPROVEMENTS

## JANUARY

Active Aggressor Training for Staff & Installation of Panic Buttons at All Locations

## JANUARY

Service Hours Added at the Knightsville Branch

## FEBRUARY

New Front Door at Arlington

## FEBRUARY

New Children's Chairs at the William Hall Library

## MARCH

New Roof at the Central Library

## MAY

New Carpeting at the Auburn Branch

## MAY

Network Cabling Upgrades at the Oak Lawn and Knightsville Branches

## APRIL

New Roof at the Knightsville Branch

## MAY

Sound System at the William Hall Library  
*Funded by a grant from the Champlin Foundations*

## JUNE

New Telephone System at All Locations

## JUNE

Exterior Painting at the Oak Lawn Branch

**JUNE**

Morning Service Hours Added at the William Hall Library  
*First morning service hours in over ten years*

**JUNE**

Exterior Wireless Network at the Central Library

**JUNE**

New Chairs at the Oak Lawn Branch

**JULY**

New Furniture at the Central Library

**JULY**

Automatic Doors Installed at the William Hall Library for Improved Accessibility



City Councilmen Chris Paplauskas and Michael Farina, join Library Director Ed Garcia and Mayor Allan Fung to install a new sign at the Knightsville Branch

**JULY**

New Sign at the Knightsville Branch

**OCTOBER**

New Computer Chairs at the William Hall Library

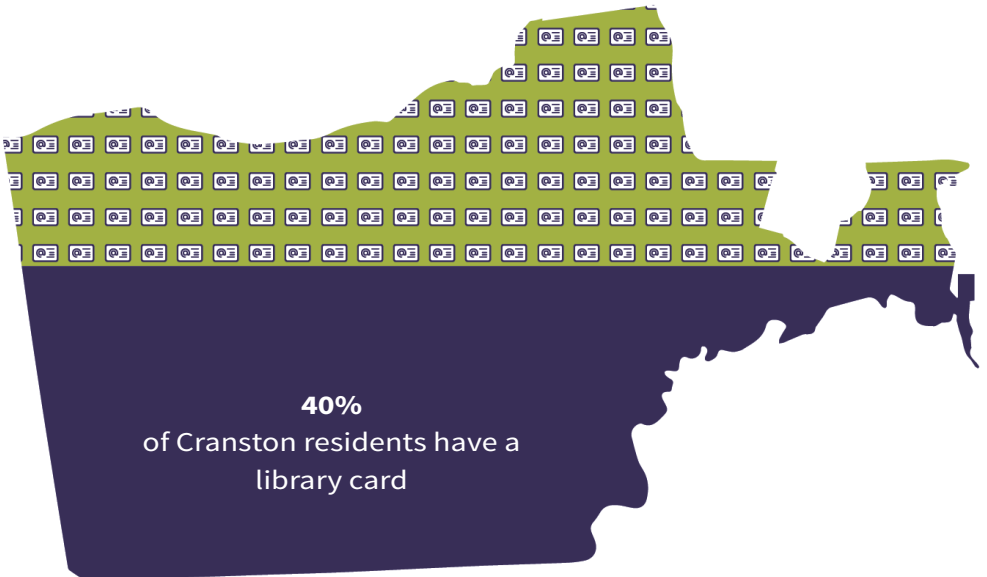
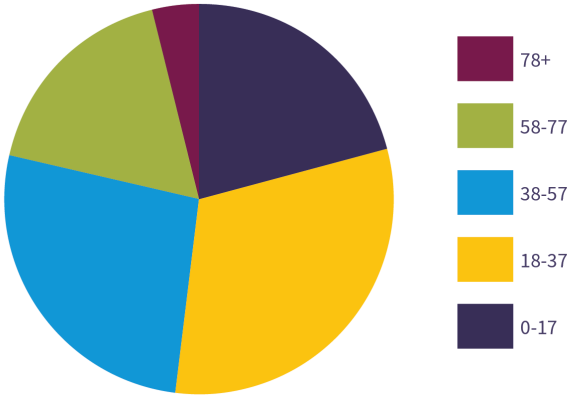
**OCTOBER**

New Chairs at the Auburn Branch

# 38,057

Cranston Public Library Cardholders

Cranston Cardholders by Age.



## WHAT PATRONS THINK OF US

“The librarians are wonderful! [...] Cranston Public Library is a gem!”

- TRIPADVISOR

“Cranston Public Library makes my life worth living.”

- YELP

“The library is one of the best resources in Cranston.”

- TRIPADVISOR

“I’ve never been to a library with a more friendly staff.”

- YELP



LibraryAware Community Award Presentation: (L to R) Congressman Jim Langevin, Rebecca Miller (Library Journal), Mayor Allan Fung, Library Director Ed Garcia, Senator Josh Miller, Nancy Dowd (LibraryAware)

## AWARDS

### LibraryAware Community Award

In March 2016, the Cranston Public Library was named the third place recipient of the 2016 LibraryAware Community Award. This national award, given by Library Journal and underwritten by LibraryAware™ (a product of the NovelList division of EBSCO Information Services), recognizes model communities that engage with their libraries to improve the lives of their citizens and create life-long learners and library users.

Criteria of a LibraryAware community include strategic planning, marketing, outreach, partnerships, and program, product or service development. A library's engagement with the community, and that library's ability to keep its community aware of what it provides are also key qualifying factors.

The award comes with a \$5,000 prize, which the library has dedicated to future outreach, marketing, and public relations projects.





Cranston Public Library patron, Roberta earned her Northstar Digital Literacy Certificate in Excel after taking classes at the library

## C-LAB

The C-Lab is Cranston Public Library’s space for learning, exploring, and experimenting with technology. The C-Lab offers structured classes, innovative programs, one-on-one technology assistance (by appointment), and open hours where the public can drop in.



**57 COMPUTER CLASSES**  
WITH 305 ATTENDEES



**OPEN TECH TIME & LEARNING LOUNGE**  
429 VISITS



**133 ONE-ON-ONE TECHNOLOGY APPOINTMENTS**



**19 YOUTH 3D PRINTING PROGRAMS**  
199 ATTENDEES



Auburn Branch Librarian, Karen McGrath, promoting library services at the Warwick Mall's Senior Living Expo

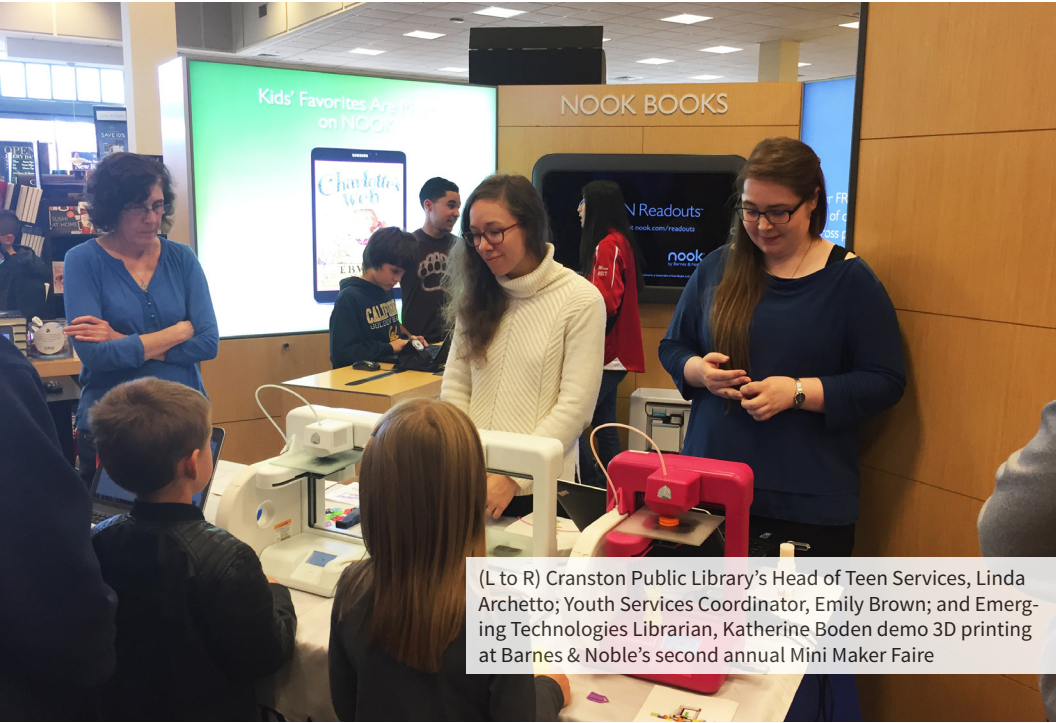
## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Senior Living Expo

On October 6th, The Cranston Public Library partnered with the Cranston Senior Enrichment Center at the Senior Living Expo at the Warwick Mall to promote library services.

### School Visits

Cranston Public Library Youth Services staff offer up to 6 visits a year to any school that serves Cranston children. These visits take the form of storytimes, 3D printing demos, lunchtime library card drives, after school book clubs, or informational tables at evening events. In 2016, the Islamic School of Rhode Island, Saint Paul School, Cranston Head Start, and Park View Middle School partnered with us to do a series of visits. Memorable visits include a 3D printing demo for the grade K-2 classroom at Horton School, a 100th day of school play at the Islamic School of Rhode Island, and a walking field trip to the C-Lab by a 6th grade classroom from Garden City school.



(L to R) Cranston Public Library's Head of Teen Services, Linda Archetto; Youth Services Coordinator, Emily Brown; and Emerging Technologies Librarian, Katherine Boden demo 3D printing at Barnes & Noble's second annual Mini Maker Faire

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### National Voter Registration Day

For the second year in a row, Cranston Public Library joined National Voter Registration Day, the largest one-day effort to register voters in the U.S., by holding a “Voter Registration Drive.” Cranston residents were invited to register to vote, update their registrations, and explore Rhode Island’s new voting machines. Rhode Island Secretary of State, Nellie M. Gorbea, made a guest appearance, personally attending to the needs of this year’s voters.

### Candidate and Mayoral Forums

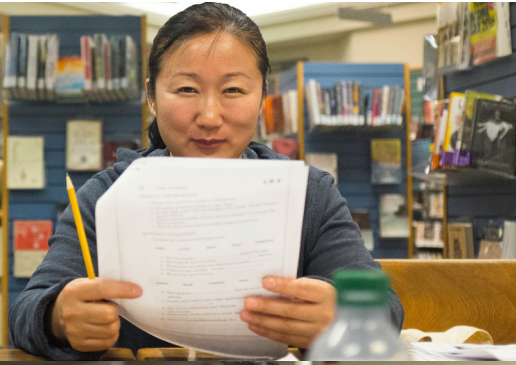
The *Cranston Herald* and Cranston Public Library partnered to bring two public forums to the Central Library for the 2016 election season. The first event featured candidates for ward seats on the City Council and School Committee. The second event featured citywide council candidates as well as mayoral candidates. Each event featured statements from the candidates in addition to a public Q&A forum moderated by *Cranston Herald* staff.



**RHODE ISLAND FAMILY LITERACY INITIATIVE STUDENTS FINISH THE PHRASE, “MY AMERICAN DREAM...”**

...IS STUDYING AND UPGRADING MY EDUCATION. I WANT TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH KNOWLEDGE AND WORK AS A UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR IN THE U.S. AND SO, I WANT TO WORK AS A RESEARCHER AND BE FAMOUS IN MY CAREER FIELD.

...IS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT AND SUCCESSFUL WOMAN. I DREAM TO GET A JOB TO SUPPORT MYSELF, NOT LIKE A CHILD WHO IS DEPENDENT ON HIS PARENTS. ALSO, I WISH TO STUDY IN THE USA, TO GET A JOB THAT I LIKE AND DESERVE. IN ADDITION, I DREAM TO SUPPORT OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN AMERICAN DREAM. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I DREAM TO RAISE MY KIDS IN THE USA AND TEACH THEM GOOD MANNERS SO THAT I CAN BE PROUD OF THEM.



(Right Page) RIFLI students of all ages participate in the language learning process during ESL language classes at the Auburn Branch (Left Page) ESL students practice English conversation at the William Hall Library

## PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

### Rhode Island Family Literacy Initiative

Cranston Public Library and the Rhode Island Family Initiative (RIFLI) continued their 18-year-long partnership in 2016. Beginner and Intermediate ESL classes were offered to 111 students at the William Hall Library and the Auburn Branch. Forty-eight students participated in Citizenship classes at the same two locations, and 29 of those students became U.S. citizens in the past year.

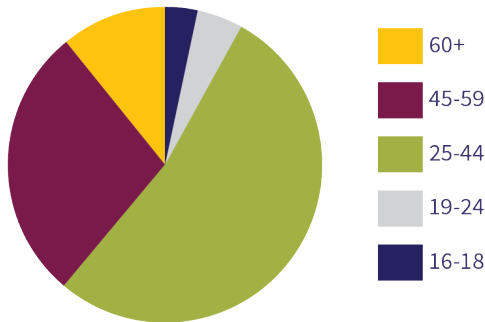
Due to rising demand and growing waiting lists, an additional Citizenship class was added to the schedule at the William Hall Library.

An ESL Conversation class was held at the Central Library, and a new Driver's Education Class for ESL Learners was introduced at the William Hall Library.

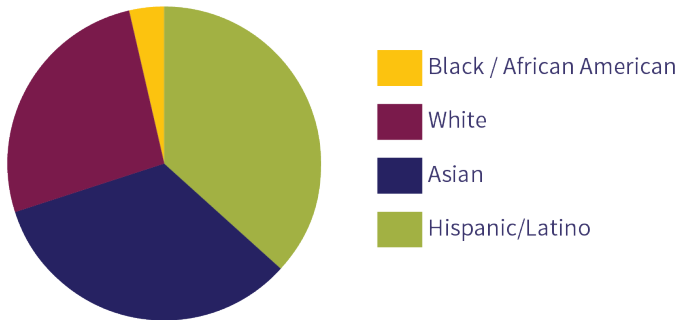
**“LIBRARIES ARE DEMOCRATISING SPACES,  
NATURAL HARBOURS FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS AND  
VITAL FOR CREATING, NOT JUST CONSUMING.”**  
– PETER HALSALL, CANADIAN URBAN INSTITUTE

**Rhode Island Family Literacy Initiative  
Enrollment Statistics**

STUDENT AGES



STUDENT ETHNICITIES



STUDENT COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



ARGENTINA • ARMENIA • BRAZIL • BULGARIA • CAMBODIA • CHINA • DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
• ECUADOR • EGYPT • ESTONIA • FRANCE • GUATEMALA • HAITI • IRAN • JAMAICA • JORDAN  
• MOROCCO • PERU • PUERTO RICO • RUSSIA • SOUTH KOREA • SPAIN • SYRIA • TURKEY



Cranston High School East students proudly displaying their Cranston Public Library cards with Library Director, Ed Garcia

### **Cranston Public School Department**

In September 2016, Cranston Public Library paired with the Cranston Public School Department to bring free, on-demand, online tutor services to Cranston K-12 students. Any student with a Cranston library card can log in at [Tutor.com/cranston](http://Tutor.com/cranston) to access a network of over 3,100 professional academic tutors who are ready to help with just about any question a student may have.

*Up until August 2016, the Office of Library and Information Services provided Tutor.com to Rhode Island libraries through AskRI.org.*

*However, due to budget constraints, the service was cut.*

**My tutor was really awesome and helped me with math I didn't understand! :) :) :) :)**

**– TUTOR.COM REVIEW BY CRANSTON STUDENT**



Over 60 attendees gathered in close quarters for the Oak Lawn Branch's Haunted History Ghost Tour in October 2016

## PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

### **Haunted History Ghost Tour of Oak Lawn Branch**

On Saturday, October 22, the Oak Lawn Branch hosted “History is Alive: A Haunted History Tour of the Oak Lawn Branch Library.” The event, which saw the presentation of both historical facts and paranormal investigation findings, drew more than 60 attendees to the branch.

### **Chasing the Dragon Screening**

On October 24, the Cranston Public Library partnered with the Cranston Police Department and the Cranston Substance Abuse Task Force to host a screening of *Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opioid Addict* alongside a panel discussion on heroin and prescription drug abuse.

Captain Vincent McAteer of the Cranston Police made opening comments, while Mayor Allan Fung commented on the crisis and U.S. Attorney Peter Neronha moderated the discussion. Col. Kevin



Barry (RI State Police) and Col. Michael Winquist (Cranston Police) joined others on the panel to provide an educational discussion on this important community topic.

### **DIY Wednesdays**

In January 2016, the library launched DIY Wednesdays, a monthly craft program for adults. The program gained a steady following over the course of the year as participants made their own citronella candles, baskets, bowls, and more. The group meets the first Wednesday of every month, and will continue through 2017.

### **AARP Free Tax Preparation**

Each spring, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is available for free to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60+. The service is offered by trained professional volunteers on a first-come, first-served basis at the Central Library. This year, 385 taxpayers participated between February 25 and April 7.

### **Adult Summer Reading Program**

This summer, Cranston adults participated in the library's Adult Summer Reading Program, themed "Exercise Your Mind." From June 27-August 5, participants were invited to submit either one completed BINGO card or two book reviews at any CPL location. Each submission qualified participants to win one of four \$50 Amazon gift cards. Over the course of the summer, the library received over 200 entries by more than 100 participants.

### **Rhode Island Library Day**

On Saturday, April 16, Cranston Public Library joined libraries across the state in celebrating the second annual Rhode Island Library Day. This event, organized and promoted by the Rhode Island Library Association, marked the end of the weeklong, nationwide celebration of National Library Week (April 10-16).

All Cranston Public Library locations participated in Amnesty Day and waived fines on overdue items returned that day. Other free library events which took place on Rhode Island Library Day included the meeting of the Smartphone & Tablet Club; Family Storytime; an e-Waste Drive, where visitors were able to dispose of e-waste conveniently and responsibly; a visit from the Shred-It



3rd Annual Free File Briefing and Demo: (L to R) Bernie McKay of the Inuit Financial Freedom Foundation, Cranston Public Library Director Ed Garcia, RI Rep. Robert Lancia, General Treasurer Seth Magaziner, Attorney General Peter Kilmartin, U.S. Rep. James Langevin, Meg Chevalier of the IRS, U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, Michael Canole of the Division of Taxation, and Chris Long from the CCIA

truck, helping residents dispose of documents and paperwork securely; and Seed 'Em & Reap, a how-to agricultural fair.

### **Free File Tax Briefing**

U.S. Senator Jack Reed, Congressman Jim Langevin, RI General Treasurer Seth Magaziner, RI Division of Taxation Acting Administrator Neena Savage, and other community leaders joined at the Central Library in March 2016 for the 3rd Annual Free File Briefing and Demo. The event highlighted the IRS and Rhode Island Free File programs that provide free online federal and state income tax preparation and e-filing services to lower and moderate income taxpayers.

### **Stop Motion Animation**

Between April and July of 2016, the library offered 7 stop-motion animation programs at 4 locations with equipment purchased through a legislative grant from Senator Hanna Gallo. Creating stop-motion animation films helps kids develop storytelling, technology, and engineering skills using familiar toys and craft



Cranston youth work in small teams to plan, photograph, and create short stop motion animation films

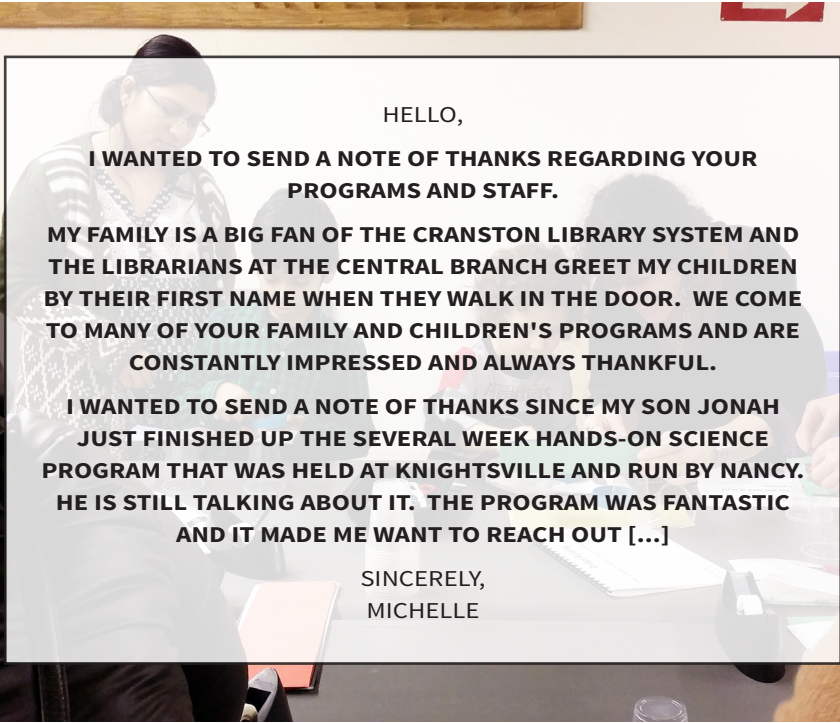
supplies. The themes for the programs ranged from Star Wars origami to BYO Legos. Children who participated in the programs had the option to email the completed films to themselves, and many films were featured on the library website.

### **Hands-On Science**

In February and March of 2016, Knightsville Branch Librarian Nancy Gianlorenzo and Youth Services Coordinator Emily Brown offered a 6-week Hands-on Science program. This extension of a popular 2015 collaboration with the Cranston Family Center attracted 15 elementary school age children and their parents to the branch library. Each participant got a science kit with observation and measuring tools, as well as a scientist's notebook in which they recorded the results of experiments concocting polymers, setting up chain reactions, and dissecting seeds.

### **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

In July 2016, Cranston children ages 4-7 were invited to a "Stuffed Animal Sleepover" at the Knightsville Branch. Participants listened



HELLO,

**I WANTED TO SEND A NOTE OF THANKS REGARDING YOUR PROGRAMS AND STAFF.**

**MY FAMILY IS A BIG FAN OF THE CRANSTON LIBRARY SYSTEM AND THE LIBRARIANS AT THE CENTRAL BRANCH GREET MY CHILDREN BY THEIR FIRST NAME WHEN THEY WALK IN THE DOOR. WE COME TO MANY OF YOUR FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND ARE CONSTANTLY IMPRESSED AND ALWAYS THANKFUL.**

**I WANTED TO SEND A NOTE OF THANKS SINCE MY SON JONAH JUST FINISHED UP THE SEVERAL WEEK HANDS-ON SCIENCE PROGRAM THAT WAS HELD AT KNIGHTSVILLE AND RUN BY NANCY. HE IS STILL TALKING ABOUT IT. THE PROGRAM WAS FANTASTIC AND IT MADE ME WANT TO REACH OUT [...]**

SINCERELY,  
MICHELLE

to stories with their stuffed animals before leaving them behind for a sleep over at the library. Participants returned the next morning to pick up the stuffed animals and hear about their overnight library adventures.

### **Mini Comic Con**

In July 2016, CPL held its second annual Mini Comic Con. CPL partnered with Game Stop (Chapel View), Barnes & Noble (Warwick) and RI Comic Con, to bring games, prizes and superhero and comic book characters to the event. Sean Faye Wolfe, author of the popular *Elementia Chronicles*, also held a booksigning.

### **Summer Reading Program**

This summer, the library offered 153 free cultural and educational programs and inspired almost 1000 young people to start a “reading race,” in which they read 5 books in 5 different categories to earn a prize.

This year, CPL opened the program—themed “On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!”—to all ages, rather than designating separate



(Above) “Reading Buddies” explore stories during summer reading  
 (Below) Stuffed animals play during their first ever sleepover at the Knightsville Branch.

programs for preschool children, elementary school children, and teens. Participants were also invited to begin and end the program at their convenience, rather than according to a set schedule requiring signups.

This unified, simplified strategy led to a 33% increase in sign-ups among teens and a 13% increase in completion rate among all participants.

To further encourage participation, CPL waived overdue fines for children who wanted to participate in the Summer Reading Program. As a result, 50 children were able to participate after having fines waived.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM SPONSORS

Cranston Public Library Association

Alice I. Sullivan Charitable Foundation

BankNewport

Bob’s Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation

Cranston Municipal Employees Credit Union

Friends of the Cranston Public Library

Pawtucket Credit Union Charitable Foundation

Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services

Whole Foods Market - Cranston

## LIBRARY FUNDING

### Financial Information

The Cranston Public Library operating budget for fiscal year 2016 was \$3,150,510. In fiscal year 2016, the library received a 2.5% budget increase from the City of Cranston, with an appropriation of \$2,498,139. The library also received \$553,271 in state grant-in-aid.

The remainder of the library's operating budget came from fees and fines. The Library also received \$388,000 in voter approved funds for Capital Projects.

The Cranston Public Library operating budget for fiscal year 2017 was \$3,336,344. In fiscal year 2017, the library received a 5.7% budget increase from the City of Cranston, with an appropriation of \$2,641,970. The library also received \$595,274 in state grant-in-aid. The remainder of the library's operating budget came from fees and fines. The Library also received \$305,000 in funds for Capital Projects.

**“THERE’S NO BETTER PLACE TO  
HELP PEOPLE THAN A PUBLIC  
LIBRARY.”**

**– SENATOR JACK REED**

### Cranston Public Library Association

The Cranston Public Library Association (CPLA) is the nonprofit fundraising arm of the Cranston Public Library. CPLA assists the library in providing programs and services that exceed the level of tax-based funding. CPLA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3, making all contributions fully tax deductible.

CPLA welcomes donations from individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations. Donations assist with the promotion of early literacy, expansion of book and media collections, provision of programming and more.

To make a donation to the CPLA, please call 401-943-9080 x100 or visit [cranstonlibrary.org/support-library](http://cranstonlibrary.org/support-library).

## LIBRARY SUPPORTERS

The Cranston Public Library and Cranston Public Library Association seek donations and grants throughout the year to fund additional programs and improvements to the library.

The following is a list of selected supporters  
(July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016):

\$10,000+

Champlin Foundations

Mary Ann and Walter Slocomb (to establish the Mary Ann and Walter Slocomb Fund)

\$4,000+

Cranston Community Development Block Grant

EBSCO Industries - LibraryAware Community Award

\$2,000+

Alice M. Allen Estate

Auburn Library Association

Computer & Communications Industry Association

Senator Josh Miller Legislative Grant

\$1,000+

Dave & the late Judy Pelkey

Friends of the Cranston Public Library

\$500+

BankNewport

Cranston Municipal Employee's Credit Union

New England Grassroots Environment Fund

Senator Hanna Gallo Legislative Grant

Taco/the White Family Foundation

Talbots - Cranston

Whole Foods Market - Cranston

\$100+

Alice I. Sullivan Charitable Foundation

Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation

Pawtucket Credit Union Charitable Foundation

Steven Stycos and Christine Herbert



Mary Ann and Walter Slocomb present a generous \$10,000 gift to Library Director, Ed Garcia

### IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Anonymous (Activity toys at Oaklawn & Knightsville branches)

Gamm Financial (Sponsor of Shred-It Day)

Gershkoff Auto Body (Repainting of library delivery van)

Chris Paplauskas (Donated new sign at Knightsville Branch)



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