MISSION

The Leominster Public Library is a service organization which provides free information in various formats to residents of Leominster and the surrounding communities. The purpose of the public library is to provide those library materials, information, programs, and services which are most wanted by the residents of the service area; to provide convenient access to materials and information; and to actively work to make community members and organizations aware of the resources and services provided by the Leominster Public Library.

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To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Leominster Public Library for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016:

- Offered 3,291 hours of service
- Loaned 316,624 books, audio-books, e-books, DVDs, compact discs, downloadable audio and video, museum passes and discovery kits
- Answered 36,773 information/reference questions in-person, by telephone, and via the Internet
- Presented 499 programs attended by 15,542 patrons of all ages
- Processed 30,819 network transfers & interlibrary loans for Leominster Library patrons
- Provided 40,820 sessions of public computer use
- Provided full library service to 24,301 registered Leominster residents
- Utilized 2,802 hours of volunteer assistance
- Added 10,069 new items to the library’s collection
- Provided library meeting and group study room space 4,286 times for community groups, non-profit organizations, and individuals
- Registered 631 Friends of the Leominster Library members

“Fix that immediately! You will be glad that you did.”

Tom Moser (Posted on Facebook 2/20/16)
The library received the contents of the 1915 time capsule that was removed from behind the cornerstone of City Hall, and opened in a public ceremony on July 11, 2015. After taking an inventory of the contents, the items were placed on public display. The contents of the time capsule will eventually be digitized, and available online to the public through the Digital Commonwealth.

The library established a community-based Strategic Planning Committee, and hired a consultant to facilitate two meetings to ascertain the library’s strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results, as well as develop a vision statement and goals for the library.

Several new circulation policies were adopted by the Board of Trustees to improve the library’s customer service.

The library received the following donations:
1. $3,500 from Digital Federal Credit Union to support the library’s efforts in providing programs that make a difference.
2. $5,000 from Mrs. Mae Tabora in memory of her two husbands Francis W. Lucier and Benigno Tabora, who were both veterans.
3. $1,500 from Rollstone Bank and Trust to fund six one-hour music classes and two concerts for children.

The library replaced its work file server, and upgraded the security system with a network video recorder for the building’s cameras.

The Angkor Dance Troupe performing traditional Cambodian dance.
This performance was one of three multi-cultural intergenerational programs presented by the library through a generous donation from Digital Federal Credit Union. The other programs presented as part of this series were Joy of Samba (Brazilian Drumming) and the Akwaaba West African Drumming Ensemble.