

# Groton Public Library ENDOWMENT TRUST

a report and appeal to the community · November 2005

## Dear Groton Neighbor,

We present this report to you on the eighth full year of the Groton Public Library Endowment Trust's operation. This newsletter reports details of the Trust's activities, showcases the ways in which the fund benefits the community, and appeals for your continued support.

The Audited Financial Statement as of December 31, 2004, is on file at the library for interested citizens to peruse at their convenience. It shows expenditures of over \$18,000 on behalf of the Library during 2004. This report offers news about the success of library projects funded by the Endowment Trust last year.

More recently, the Trustees voted to fund eleven projects for 2005–06 totaling \$49,866. This newsletter discusses these projects in detail, including the first year of a two-year initiative to restore and preserve the Town Diaries and other important historical documents.

The Endowment Trust was funded by the people of Groton beginning in 1996 and today totals over \$1.4 million. Funds are invested prudently to earn income in support of programs to enhance the library experience. Once again, we wish to thank those who have donated to the Endowment Fund since its inception. The opportunity to give to the Endowment continues, and we invite all who wish to make a gift to do so. We have included a return envelope with this newsletter for your convenience.

We deeply appreciate your generosity and pledge to manage and invest funds responsibly on behalf of the Library. By giving to the Endowment Trust, you are helping to make the Groton Public Library the best it can be.

Sincerely,  
the Groton Public Library Endowment Trustees

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## TEENS READ AND SUCCEED

The Young Adult Summer Reading program is a well-established and eagerly anticipated event at the library. The goals of the program are to: introduce teens in grades 6–12 to the Young Adult area, familiarize them with the book collection for their age group and keep them reading through the summer. A popular new feature this year was connecting kids with the summer reading program via pcs. They registered, recorded books, wrote reviews and selected prizes all online. Using computers didn't keep these young adults from coming to the library and reading and enjoying books in record numbers.

**A total of 305 young adults registered for the program!** Of those, 226 (74%) actively participated in the program and 126 students completed the requirements to receive all three prizes. The 9-week program ran from June 15 through August 20, 2005. During this time incentives were rewarded for reading 2, 6 and 10 books and everyone who participated received at least one of the prizes.

Statistics from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System show that in communities with populations of 5,000 to 15,000, Groton was a leader for registration and participation in a Young Adult Summer Reading Program.

Providing special event programs brings teenagers into the library to begin to get hooked on a good lifelong habit—reading. This year the Groton Public Library brought teens in with four movies, a game night and Napoleon Dynamite party.

Teens who read succeed and the success of the library's Young Adult Summer Program is attributed to substantial funding from the Groton Public Library Endowment. Supplemental funding from the Groton Trust Funds' Lecture Fund, the Friends of the Groton Public Library and several generous local merchants has helped to make the Young Adult Summer Reading Program one of the best in the state!



Having a good time at the Napoleon Dynamite Party this summer. Pictured L–R are, Jordan, Katie, Logan and Audrey Steele.