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REPORT AND APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY

LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUNDS SPECTACULAR PROGRAMS & SERVICES

GPL #1 in Teen Programs for the Fifth Year in a Row!

For the FIFTH year in a row, Groton Public Library has ranked FIRST in total attendance at all teen programs in the state!* This remarkable achievement is due to many factors, but key among them: our superb Teen Librarian, Deborah Dowson; the amazing young adults in Groton who get involved at their library; excellent support in Town for the library and teen services; and the generous funding from the GPL Endowment Trust for teen events, refreshments, supplies, and both YA Summer and Winter Reading Programs. Thank you all for helping to create such a phenomenally successful program!

*Compared to 50 other MA public libraries serving the same population grouping (10K-15K), FY16 data

Groton Library Provides Very High Service Levels to the Community

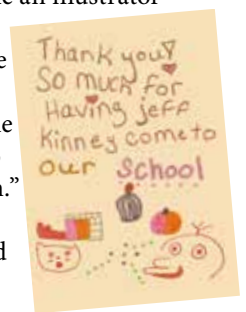
The recent town operational assessment found that, "The Library has extensive, extensively supported and attended programs not just for children but for adults, seniors and other special populations." Our 'extensive, extensively supported'

programs are directly the result of the generosity of the GPL Endowment Trust. The support from the Endowment has allowed the Groton Public Library to thrive, provide a large number of programs and services every year, and to continue to stand out as one of the best small libraries in the state. We are FIRST in the state for the number of residents with library cards, 4th in total number of programs, 4th in meeting room use, 4th in circulation per capita, and 5th in circulation.*



Jeff Kinney Visits Groton!

"JEFF KINNEY CAME TO GROTON TODAY! The 3rd and 4th graders, along with the 5th graders and the 3rd and 4th graders from Swallow Union, got a special treat today. Jeff Kinney, the author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, came to speak at the PAC! The students were very excited and listened to Jeff talk about how he persevered to become an illustrator and an author. A very special thank you to the Groton Public Library and Karen Dunham, the librarian, for helping to make this event happen."
– Liz Garden, Florence Roche Principal (posted online 9/25/2017)



The GPL Endowment Trust supported this event by providing bus transportation for Swallow Union students to attend, media support, and the brand-new Wimpy Kid books Jeff Kinney signed for the handful of lucky students who received a coveted autographed copy. And it was GPL's terrific Children's Librarian, Karen Dunham, who booked Jeff Kinney to come!

Jeff Kinney speaks to students