



## FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 IMPACT REPORT

### OUR MISSION

The Friends of the Amesbury Public Library are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that formed back in 1991. Our sole mission and goal is to support the Library, its staff, and its programming, and we've been going strong ever since. We help to promote the Library as a vital and thriving resource in our community, help fund some of the programming including genealogy programs, museum passes, speaker events, summer reading programs, technology and more!

### OUR IMPACT

Over the course of the last year, the Amesbury community stepped up and rallied around the mission of our Library. Throughout the tumultuous months of 2020-2021, the Library's staff created exciting new programs that conformed with public health guidelines, and the Friends of the Amesbury Public Library were hard at work raising funds for those programs. These efforts were buoyed by the unprecedented generosity of our community.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Friends of the Amesbury Public Library funded programs and resources that kept our community engaged in the life of the Library, including:

**60** participants attended 6 holiday greens workshops. In 2020, these ever-popular events were held virtually.

**774** take-home storytime and craft kits that engaged kids and families in literacy, science experiments, and outdoor activities.

**280** participants attended 7 virtual "Talk Art-y to Me" art history programs.

Materials for the  
**2021**  
**SUMMER**  
**READING**  
program, a hallmark program that engages hundreds of kids and teens each year.

**3** wifi hotspots, which are just some of the in-demand items in the library's gallery of lendable gadgets.

The purchase of **20** new poetry books for Cashman and Amesbury Elementary School libraries.

Many thanks to our members, business supporters and community advocates who helped us make it possible!