

job training, education and travel, research materials for the Hanover schools and the proper tools to serve as the gateway for learning for pre-schoolers.

Etna Library

The Etna Library was built in 1905 with funds appropriated by the Town in 1903 and 1905. The building, set on a very heavy stone foundation, has brick veneer walls and a slate roof. It is served by Town sewer and a well located in back of the Etna Fire Station.

The Library is open 16 hours per week; these hours are spread over one morning, afternoons and evenings through the week. Throughout the year, there are story hours held every other week for three - six-year-olds. Toddler story hours are planned three times per year. The Library sponsors a summer reading program and holds activities, such as the recent puppet-making workshop. The collection features children's books, popular adult fiction and non-fiction and magazines. The building is available for small meetings.

The 4800 catalogued materials are supplemented as needed by the request of patrons using the State inter-library loan system. As shown by Table ??-10, circulation has increased substantially over the past ten years. The Library logged 1,779 patrons in FY 92-93.

There is limited volunteer involvement in the operations of this Library compared to those of the Howe Library. The creation of a friends group has been identified as a way to gain and channel support for this Town facility.

TABLE ??-10
ETNA LIBRARY
Circulation - 1983, 1993

	1983	1993
Records and tapes	49	191
Magazines	441	495
Adult materials	247	677
Children's materials	1,242	1,574
Total Circulation	1,979	2,937

Source: Hanover 1983 Town Report; Conversation with the Librarian, April 1994

The Etna Library seems to satisfy the needs of its users which include 320 registered borrowers. Although well-used when it is open, since the building is open only 16 hours per week, the facility is underutilized. Parking at the facility is limited especially in the winter. However, given the site plan and relation to the road, there is no easy solution to addressing this problem.

Other Libraries

For a fee, area residents who are not otherwise affiliated with the College may use the Dartmouth College Library system. This extensive collection is one of the largest in the country. Books are also available to municipalities through inter-library loan.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

The Howe Library has served the Town well judging from patronage and program attendance. However, during the 1990s expansion of the stack and storage space will be required. Additional personnel may also be necessary if volunteers are not as generous with their time. Increased parking is needed during peak periods of use.

Assets associated with the Etna Library include:

Building has been well-maintained and is in good condition;
Library provides a meeting location in Etna.

An Apple II-E personal computer is available for public use. 2

Needed improvements to the Etna Library building include window weather-stripping, and exterior painting.

Carpet replacement at the Howe Library is planned for 1996-97.

Recommendations

1. Plans for increased dependence upon technology and participation in computerized data bases should be made and budgeted.
2. Plans for expansion of the Howe Library should be made and budgeted for the 1990s.

3. Parking needs at the Howe Library should be studied and new space, if deemed necessary, should be identified and developed. Use of Advance Transit should be encouraged to minimize parking needs.
4. The creation of a Friends of the Etna Library should be explored in the next year.
5. Cooperation between the Town and school libraries should continue and be strengthened.

MEETING ROOMS

Meeting space is available for use by the public at: the courtroom and a conference room in the Town Office Building; fire stations; the High School Auditorium; the Ray School; CRREL; and the Howe Library. Dartmouth College has meeting rooms of all sizes that are available on a rental basis.

CEMETERIES

The Town of Hanover owns and maintains ten cemeteries, comprising a total of 37 acres. (See Map ??-1) While each cemetery except Greensboro and Goose Pond cemeteries has burial space available, only Pine Knoll regularly has sites for sale. Occasionally sites in the other cemeteries become available, but in almost every case, there is a waiting list, so that sites are quickly transferred. Recent excavation work at the sewer plant made fill available for the creation of additional burial space at Pine Knoll. This area has yet to be plotted. There is plenty of room for expansion at Pine Knoll, but expansion possibilities are limited at the other cemeteries.

Lots are sold to residents and non-residents for \$300. Use of the cemetery ranges in price from \$75 for cremation to \$350 for interments. Hanover cemeteries are listed in the Table below.

are relieved by the presence of the parking garage across the street from Howe Library. Howe has every intention to fulfill parking requirements onsite to the best that the property will permit.

Recommendations

1. The Howe Library Corporation will raise capital funds for the renovation and expansion project with the Hanover Select Board's full support.
2. An energy efficient renovation and expansion of the Howe Library will be completed before 2005. The design should enhance the coming changes in the surrounding area contemplated by Dartmouth in its plans for the Hanover Investment Company properties.
3. The plan for parking at Howe Library is to be constructed according to the parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance with the understanding that Howe patrons use the new parking garage. Use of Advance Transit should be encouraged to minimize parking needs.
4. The collection should grow at a rate of 1.5% over the next 15 – 20 years not to exceed a maximum of 100,000 items, integrating a variety of formats and materials.
5. A balanced collection of recreational reading, non-print holdings, and reference materials should be provided.
6. Expansion of the collection should occur by using electronic databases to access information off-site and suggesting interlibrary loan.
7. Capital reserve funds should be budgeted each year in both the Town and Corporation budgets in anticipation of the need to re-tool for changes in technology.
8. To provide expanded information resources, the Library and Town websites should be enhanced.
9. New ways to fund additional hours of service for the public need to be identified.
10. The Howe will continue to encourage cooperation between the public and school libraries and encourage the schools to join the Howe/Etna automated consortium.
11. The Howe will continue to cooperate with other area institutions including the Richard Black Community Center, Dartmouth College, ValleyNet, Montshire Museum, Kendal, nursery schools and day-care centers.

LIBRARIES: Hanover Town Library (Etna)

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