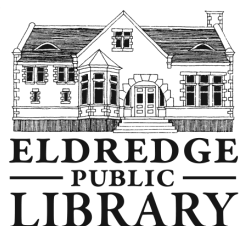


ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

The Eldredge Library is committed to making its building and collections accessible to all its users. Automatic doors and elevator enhance physical access and the Hearing Loop system offers assistance in our meeting room. Library collections include large print books, audiobooks, portable magnifier mouse, an Optelec Clearview closed circuit magnifier and downloadable ebooks and audiobooks.



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REFERENCE



The library staff can help you find answers to your questions through our on-site reference collection or on-line resources. We also have access to back-up sources like the Falmouth Public Library and the Boston Public Library, with its many specialty collections, including the famous Kirstein Business Library. The reference department is available to help you with any question, be it for school, business, research or just plain old curiosity.



YOUTH SERVICES

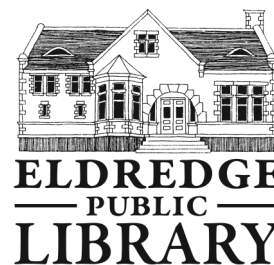
Our Youth Services team of Librarians offer a full range of services to children and teens. They include collections of books, graphic novels, audiobooks, DVDs, toys and games, as well as story times, reading programs, special events and other programs. Watch for fliers and posters about upcoming events, check the Library's website, or inquire at the Youth Services desk for more information!



GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Our Edgar Francis Waterman Genealogical collection contains more than 6,000 reference sources for people tracing their families' histories, including books, CD-ROMs, periodicals, microfilm, and online access. The scope of the collection includes many states in the north-east
- ◆ Our experienced genealogist is on hand to advise and assist researchers.
- ◆ This collection is supported by an endowment, and contributions of funds to the endowment, or materials for the collection, are gratefully accepted!

Genealogy Department is open Tues 1-4 pm and Sat 10-1 or by appt. through email (epgenealogy@eldredgelibrary.org)



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SERVICES

Telephone transactions:
call 508-945-5170 to renew a book, find out about programs, or ask a reference question

B/W Photocopier: \$.15 per copy
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Quiet Study Room:
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Public Use Computers:
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Wireless Internet access is available throughout the building & on Library grounds

Visit our website for a calendar of events, CLAMS catalog, on-line resources, downloadable materials & more.
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Museum Passes:
Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Cape Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Children's Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Plimoth Plantation, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Heritage Museum & Gardens, Museum of Science, USS Constitution Museum, NE Aquarium, New Bedford Whaling Museum, MA Parks Pass, Whydah Pirate Museum, Provincetown Monument/Museum, Harvard Museums, Atwood Museum

Available for use in the Library:
Microfilm reader / printer

HISTORY OF THE ELDREDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Beginning

The Eldredge Public Library (EPL) was a gift to the people of Chatham from one of its natives, Marcellus Eldredge, who was a successful businessman and legislator in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, yet retained close ties to his home town. In 1894 he purchased land on Main Street for \$1,000. Construction of the new library took a year and cost about \$30,000.

Architect Albion M. Marble of Fall River, a student of H. H. Richardson, designed the original 67' by 34' building in the Renaissance/Romanesque Revival Style, with Quincy granite foundation, red West Barnstable brick walls with pink mortar, Longmeadow brownstone trim, a slate roof with terra cotta cresting, and eyebrow dormers. The interior was finished with quartered oak wainscoting, a carved oak fireplace mantle, Italian marble mosaic in the vestibule, and two stained glass windows with solid medallion facsimiles of the marks of L. Giunta and Aldus, both early Italian book crafters.

Meanwhile, the EPL was legally established as a corporation "for the formation and maintenance of a public library in Chatham." Five men (including Marcellus Eldredge) and their successors were named as corporation members. The Library was dedicated in formal ceremonies on July 4, 1896, and opened to the public a week later.

How We've Changed!

Circulation for the first full year of library operations totaled 11,738. Chatham's 1896 census recorded a population of about 1,800. Well over a century later, in 2023, when Chatham's year-round population was 6,703, circulation of books, magazines, audio books, DVDs, and other materials totaled 113,876.

Three significant developments occurred in the last quarter of the 20th Century. First, in 1979, was the hiring of the Library's first librarian with professional credentials. Second, also in 1979, was the formation of the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library. This group has been instrumental in providing financial, volunteer, and other support for the library. The third, in 1991-1992 was the building of an extensive addition to the Library building.

The three-story addition replaced a small addition built in 1968, and increased the Library's usable space to 18,000 square feet. It was designed by A. Anthony Tappe and Associates, and is a modified replication of the original building, both inside and out.


The Library Today

The EPL is privately managed by a Board of Trustees and a Director, and the land and building are owned by the Town of Chatham. It is a long-standing and successful example of private-and-government joint endeavor.

The annual budget for the Library is enacted by the Trustees, who are primarily responsible for its financial well-being. Operating funds come from the Library's endowment, individual contributions, and an annual appropriation from the Town of Chatham, which provides about sixty percent of the funds needed for the year's operations. The Friends of the Library raise money for special projects, equipment, Library programming and more.

Both the Board of Trustees and the Friends of EPL conduct annual drives for contributions to support the Eldredge Public Library. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the law, as the Library is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. The Library's tax identification number is 04-6064571.

Gifts and bequests to the Library's endowment fund are an excellent way to make a continuing contribution to the cultural life Chatham! Visit us online at www.eldredgelibrary.org for more information about the Library.



LIBRARY POLICIES

Who may use the Library?

- Any adult with proper identification may complete a registration form and be issued a CLAMS card
- Children (age 5 to 17) must complete a registration form and have it signed by a parent or guardian
- There is no fee and no residence requirements for a CLAMS card
- You don't need to have a CLAMS card to use the library materials and facilities within the building
- CLAMS cards confer borrowing privileges at most Cape & Island libraries

How long may materials be kept?

- Most items circulate for two weeks
- Movies circulate for one week

Items may be renewed in person, online or by phone.

We are a Fine Free Library!

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

The resources of most Cape and Island libraries are catalogued through the CLAMS computer system. Most items in the system may be requested for delivery to the EPL for your use. The library staff is happy to show you how to enter a request, or to enter the request for you. We can also request items from off-Cape through the Commonwealth Catalog or through our Inter-Library Loan system.