



AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

2015
Strategic Plan

THE MAIN QUESTIONS

- What do you anticipate will be our most important service(s) 5 years from now?
- From your perspective, what **specific** things do we need to do to get there?

MAIN THEMES

- The library as a “third” place; community center
- High quality informational and recreational programming for adults
- Promoting early literacy before kids enter school
- Technology, technology, technology, technology, technology, technology, technology, technology, technology

MISSION STATEMENT

The Amherst Town Library shall strive to provide all community residents with materials and services for their information, education and entertainment needs.

VISION STATEMENT

The Amherst Town Library is an essential, innovative community service and an accessible resource for people of all ages and backgrounds, enhancing our quality of life and affirming our sense of community.

As Trustees and Staff we strive to accomplish the library's mission and commit ourselves to the following:

- **Caring**

Library services will be guided by a sense of caring with consideration to the needs of the individual and the community at large.

- **Innovation**

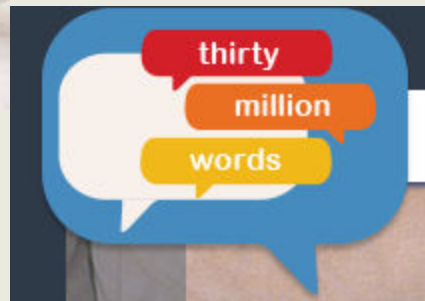
Technology will maximize access to information resources. The staff will respond enthusiastically to changing community needs and demands.

- **Quality**

The Library will contribute to the overall quality of community life by its commitment to quality in the development, selection and delivery of materials and services to library users. A wide variety of educational and leisure resources in accessible formats will meet diverse community needs.

- **Professionalism**

The staff will conduct themselves in a manner that creates confidence among library users and the community.



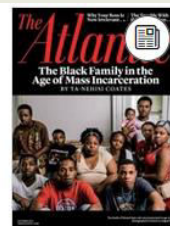
GOAL 1:

Create
young
readers
and
support
early
literacy



GOAL 2

Provide a collection that supports library patrons in their information, education and recreational needs, particularly in their pursuit of lifelong learning and stimulating imagination



The Atlantic
The Atlantic Group



Bloomberg Businessweek
Bloomberg



Bon Appétit
Condé Nast



Budget Travel
Budget Travel



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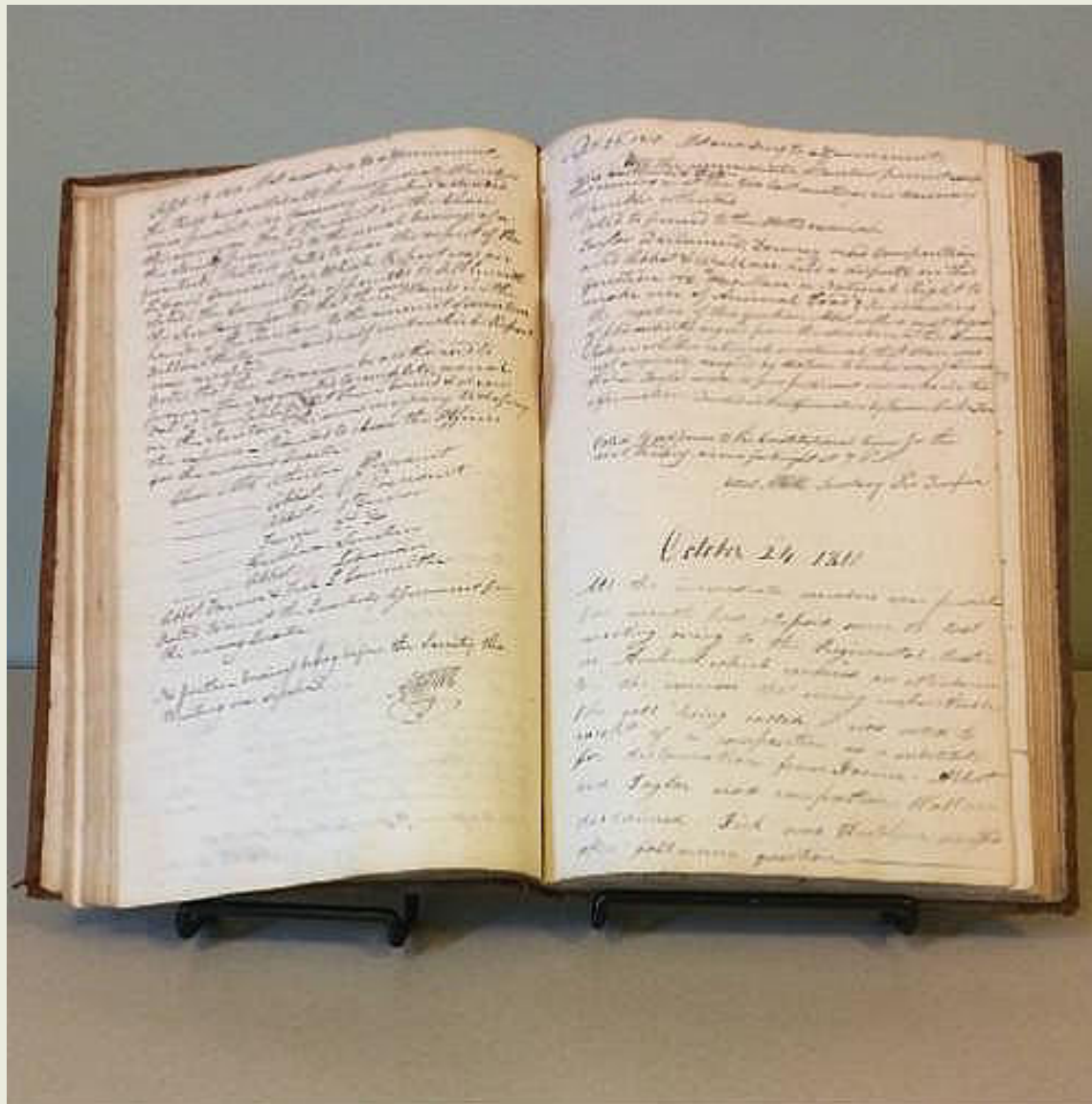


Country Living
Hearst



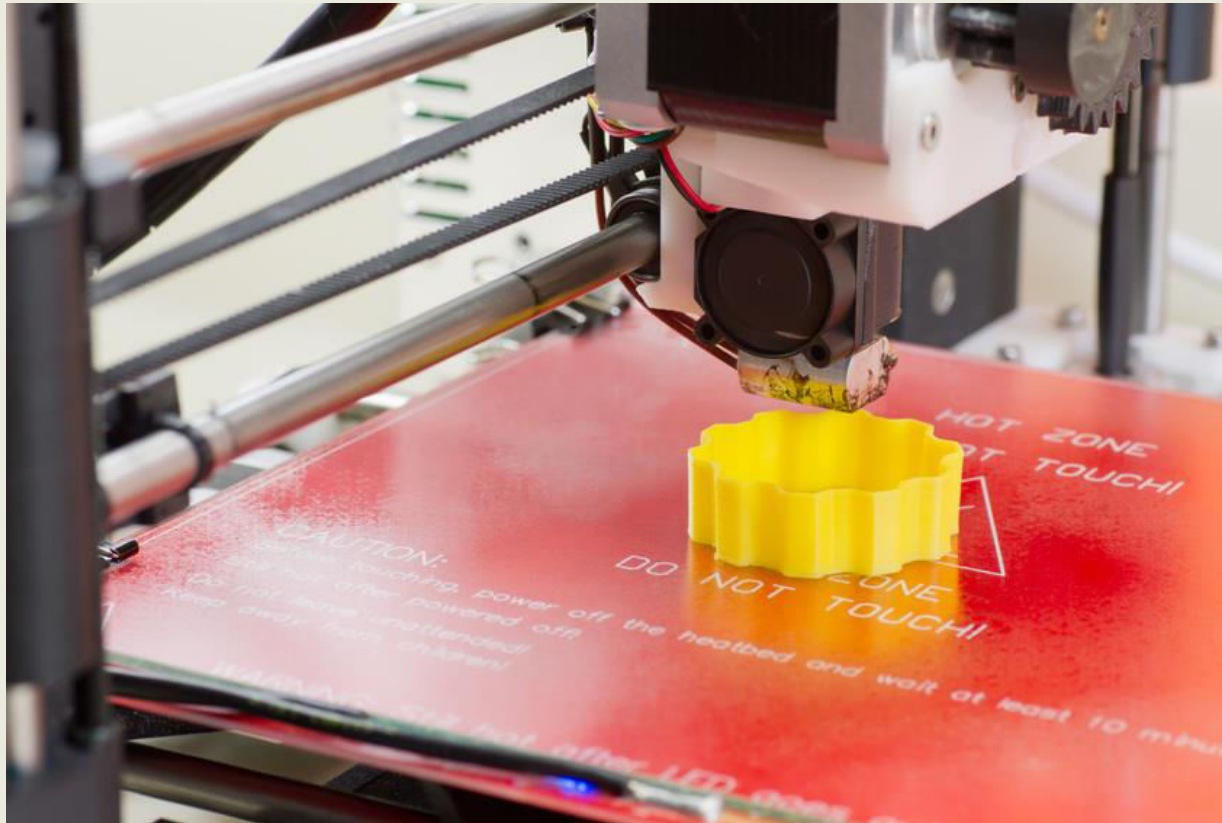
EatingWell
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THE FRANKLIN SOCIETY BOOK

Does
increasing
our
knowledge
increase our
happiness?



GOAL 3

Provide educational, informational and recreational programming that meets the needs and interests of the community.



GOAL 4

Ensure that the facility is configured and maintained to support the community in their individual and collective use.



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FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

3D PRINTING IN THE LIBRARY

The International Space Station uses a 3D Printer to print tools on demand. In China construction firm Winsun Global printed an entire apartment building. At Cornell University they have successfully printed heart valves. Without a doubt, 3D Printing is changing the way we do many things.

Come and experience 3D Printing first hand at a library workshop this fall. Each 4-person session allows every participant an opportunity to digitally create an object to be 3D printed on one of the library's Cubed printers. New workshops will start up the week of September 18 and will run bi-weekly through early November. Please check the library website www.amherstlibrary.org for details and to sign up.



The Amherst Town Library was awarded two competitive grants in order to bring 3D printing technology and training to the Amherst library, schools and community clubs and organizations. Thanks to generous funding by The Norvins S. and Elizabeth N. Bean Foundation, the Amherst Town Library offers hands-on training on this innovative technology. Currently the initiative is volunteer-run. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Ayers, Library Trustee, at kayers@amherstlibrary.org

Look inside for more event listings, including evening lectures, concert series and programs for kids



Anna Boardman Concert Series
Sunday, November 8 at 5:00 PM
Egle Jarkova, violin and Rui Urayama, piano
Free tickets available at the Circulation Desk.

Holiday Reading and Sing Along
Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 PM
Sebastian Lockwood and Nanette Perrotte
A fun family afternoon. Carol sheets provided.



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Dear Amy,

Don't miss the Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale- Saturday, September 19th at the Amherst Congregational Church. Doors open at 8:00 AM for members (you can join at the door for \$10) and at 8:30 AM for the general public.

Annual Book Sale

No-Carve Pumpkin Workshop
Thursday, October 1 @ 3:30 PM

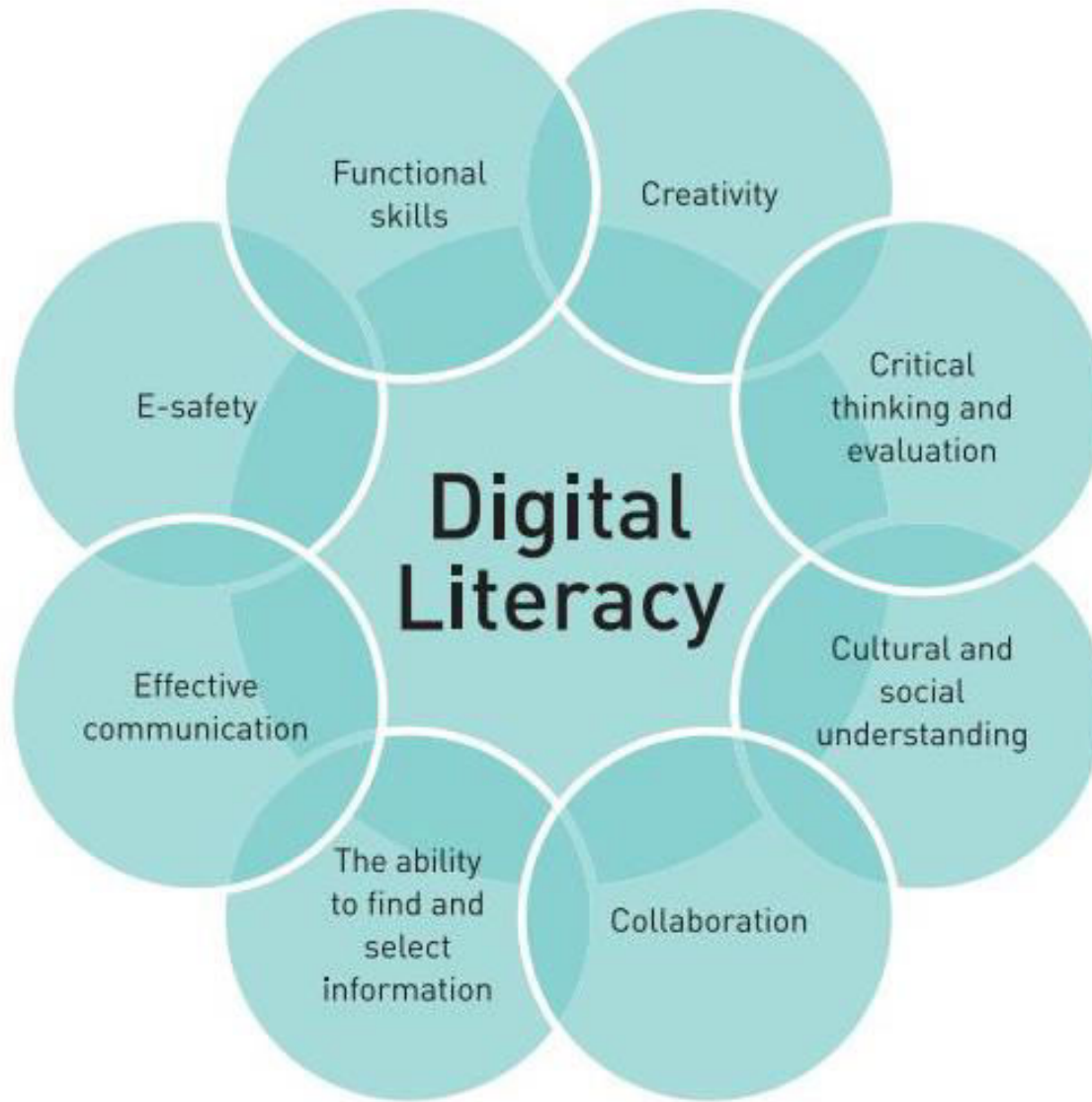
Come to the library to get started with your Halloween preparations. We'll have several different decorating 'stations' set up to get your creative pumpkin decorating ideas flowing! You bring the pumpkins (either real or artificial), and we'll provide the decorating ideas and materials! For kids ages 4 & up with parent/caregiver. [Sign up now!](#)

Most Talked About Books in 2015 (So Far)



GOAL 5

Improve communication with our patrons to ensure that our citizens are aware of the services and materials available to them through the library.



GOAL 6

Provide information technology literacy and support for the community.

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



It's not too late!

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