

The Hamden Public Library is the heart of Hamden.



The Hamden Public Library (HPL) welcomes all to enjoy the four branches that comprise the HPL. Miller Memorial, the central branch, is a former school turned into an open, airy space with nooks and crannies that invite quiet reflection, cozy spaces for collaboration, and meeting rooms for community use. The quaint neighborhood branches – Whitneyville and Brundage/Community – serve as community anchors for their neighborhoods. The fourth branch, our digital branch, provides access to electronic resources virtually wherever and whenever residents of Hamden want or need them – including the ability to ask questions via chat.

To complement our extensive collection, amazing and sometimes magical programs are held at all locations.



Recently, Melissa Canham-Clyne, library director, Alyssa Dansinghani, associate director, and their team created a nationally recognized program of digital navigation to promote digital inclusion. Navigators help patrons by teaching skills, giving laptops to individuals to keep, and helping to register residents for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Hamden Public Library has an upbeat team that cares deeply about creating the most meaningful experience for anyone who walks through the door or visits virtually. Joining this team is the Board of Trustees whose mission is to help the Library achieve its mission – inspiring a love of reading, stimulating lifelong learning, and enriching and strengthening our community. Together we undertook a community needs assessment, which included surveying all public school students in grades 3 through 8. Partnering area restaurants hosted surveys for teens and adults, which was also available online. Maureen Sullivan, library consultant and president of the American Library Association in 2012-13, helped as we conducted over twenty one community conversations. The wonderful community input and insights about how the library can help strengthen the resiliency of Hamden guides our daily work and shapes our strategic thinking.

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