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**PROVIDENCE**

**ATHENÆUM**

**ANNUAL**

**REPORT**

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**JUNE 2017**

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. TRIPP EVANS

As the following pages so clearly reflect, this past year has been one of extraordinary growth, vibrancy, and mission-driven success for the Providence Athenæum.

Under the energetic leadership of our Executive Director, Matt Burriesci, and all of the library's dedicated staff, we've seen a dramatic increase in membership, established a new benchmark in fundraising, and, through our distinctive programming, we've further strengthened our reputation as one of the city's cultural powerhouses.

Although these successes speak to what we've achieved in the past year, we must remember why we strive for these goals in the first place. Our mission statement declares our commitment to the physical culture of books, the intellectual growth of our members and community, and the advancement of the humanities – values that, in our increasingly digital and polarized world, have become more important than ever.

As an institution, we stand for the transformative power of big ideas, civil discourse, and the written word – all within the critical context of face-to-face, “analog” community. The Athenæum's unique brand of personal engagement, whether at the Circulation Desk or within a packed Salon crowd, is about intimacy, not insularity. Our members are passionate and curious about the world outside the library's walls – a spirit perfectly embodied by the late Sylvia Moubayed, our deeply missed former Executive Director, whose legacy at the Athenæum is both physical (without her, we'd have no Platner Wing) and intellectual (consider all that takes place there!).

I greatly look forward to working with our extraordinary board and staff in the coming year, knowing that the success of our mission is a daily challenge – from repairing a roof, to building our collection, to landing a major event speaker (are you listening, Bruce Springsteen?). I thank everyone for the energy and enthusiasm they've shown this past year, and for rolling up their sleeves for the great work ahead.



PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*This report highlights the operational and financial activities of the Providence Athenæum and reflects gifts made to the Athenæum over the 12-month period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.*

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MATT BURRIESCI

*It is with extreme gratitude that we look back on Fiscal Year 2017, a year of growth and change for the Athenæum. We made significant progress on many of the goals articulated in our strategic plan Vision 2020. We are so grateful to our generous donors, members, and community for making this year such a landmark one.*

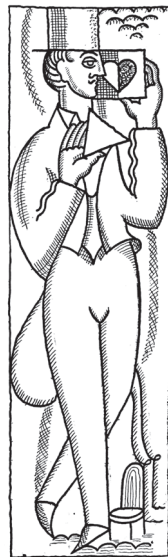
## PROGRAMS

The Athenæum produced over 100 public programs for adults this year. Highlights included Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gregory Pardlo, Rhode Island Poet Laureate Tina Cane, and noted authors Andre Dubus III, Ann Hood, Peter Kramer, Dani Shapiro, and J. Courtney Sullivan, among many others.

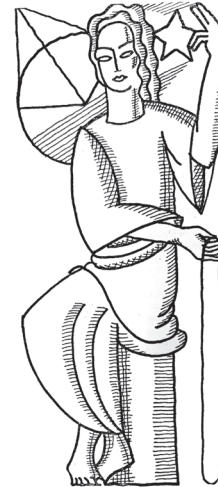
The Athenæum partnered with numerous local organizations, including the Brown University Herbarium, Goat Hill Writers, the John Carter Brown Library, the Lovecraft Arts & Sciences Council, RI Council for the Humanities, RI Historical Society, RI Public Radio, the RISD Museum, and Providence Public Library.

In the spring, the library launched its "Listen In" audio recordings, and for the first time, Athenæum programming is now available for download, free of charge. This initiative will extend the Athenæum's reach and help us broaden and diversify our audience. It will also serve as an important archive for our cultural programs.

In the fall of 2016, the Athenæum launched the Academy. Led by outstanding lecturers working at the top of their respective disciplines, these rigorous and engaging courses are designed for passionate and dedicated lifelong learners.



## COLLECTIONS



The Athenæum added several exquisite new items to its special collections, including two prints by famed eighteenth-century artist Giovanni Battista Piranesi, donated by Jean Lewis Keith. We acquired a magnificent portfolio of prints by Providence artist Lyn Hayden, which were inspired by the work of botanist Cyrus Pringle, as well as a stunning set of photographs by Salvatore Mancini, donated by Dr. John Zwetchkenbaum. All of these acquisitions contribute significantly to our holdings in natural history, travel, and exploration.

We were able to restore our first edition of *The Raven* by Edgar Allan Poe thanks to the generosity of Susan Jaffe Tane, adding a unique binding inspired by Édouard Manet.

We also restored the beautifully engraved prints of *Colonna Traiana* (1673), as well as the Reading Room's Grecian-style couch (ca. 1825), which was gifted to the library by Judge John Pitman.

Our library services team made significant strides on a digitization project supported by the ADDD Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation. A preliminary online database was developed, and multiple items in the art collection were professionally photographed. In partnership with Wheaton College, a significant portion of the Athenæum's artistic holdings have now been explored and documented.

## EXHIBITS

The Athenæum mounted four major exhibits last year, and all were open to the public. For our Burns exhibit, we were fortunate to display Walt Whitman's personally annotated copy of *The Works of Robert Burns*, which was loaned by Susan Jaffe Tane.

September - December 2016

*Flocked, Blocked & Stenciled: Wallpapers* by local artists

January - March 2017

*The Scotch Bard: Robert Burns as Poet & Person*

March - May 2017

*Botanical Treasures: The Art & Science of Flower Prints*

June - August 2017

*Of Classic Proportions: The Building of the Providence Athenæum*

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The Athenæum continued its longstanding partnerships with the Providence Children's Film Festival, Trinity Repertory Company, Community MusicWorks, and the English Speaking Union. We hosted dozens of story hours and movie nights and welcomed almost 2,000 children and families to several special events, including our annual Little Pumpkins' Halloween Party and the "When Harry Met Percy" Magic & Mythology Trivia Quiz, created and emceed by one of our young members.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

In the fall of 2016, the Athenæum completed its renovation of the Platner Wing of the building. With support from the Champlin Foundation and others, we replaced the roof over the Platner Wing, abated hazardous construction materials, and renovated the Raven Room, which houses the library's staff offices. We installed new, energy efficient lighting and HVAC systems, and we created a modern, well-appointed workspace for the staff.



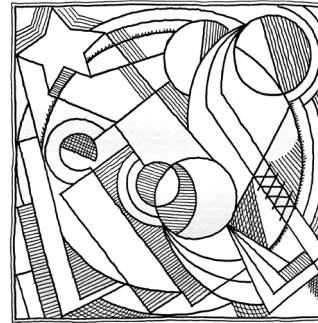
Thanks to the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, the Athenæum also replaced rotting soffits around the exterior of the building, reducing the risk of water penetration, structural decay, and mold.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Athenæum added more new members this fiscal year than it had in the previous six years - *combined*. Membership grew by 16% compared to FY2016, and for the first time in many years, the Athenæum ended the year with more than 1,000 paid members (figure 1). Growth was particularly strong in household membership, which grew by 18% (figure 2).

Thanks to a generous gift by the Ira S. and Anna Galkin Charitable Trust, the Athenæum was able to significantly improve its marketing, diversify its audience, and develop further capacity to support its mission-related activities.

## DEVELOPMENT & FINANCES



The Athenæum's budget grew substantially in FY2017, owing to a 20% increase in earned and contributed revenue. The library introduced and built several new revenue streams this year. We broke our previous Annual Fund record by 13%, and we expanded our donor base.

The Athenæum retired all of its existing debt, and we also established a modest building and reserve fund. For more detailed information on the Athenæum's finances, please see the Treasurer's Report on the following page.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FIGURE 1. TOTAL PAID MEMBERSHIPS

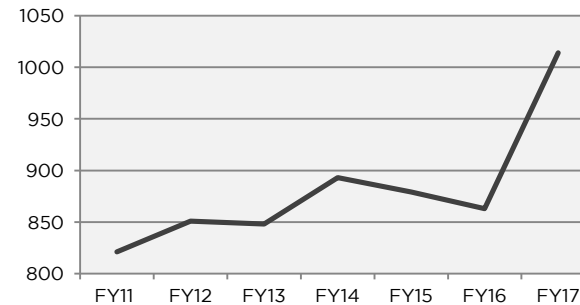


FIGURE 2. MEMBERSHIP CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR (%)



# TREASURER'S REPORT

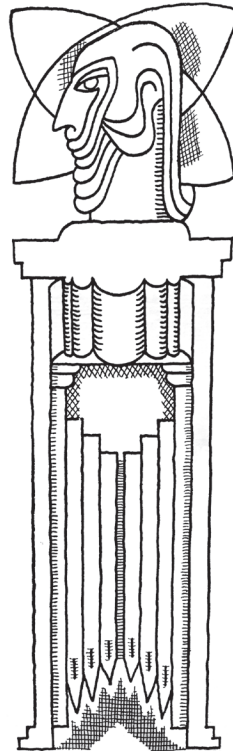
STEPHEN COON

*The fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 was a year of important progress for the Athenæum.*

In June of 2017, the Athenæum retired all of its existing debt. Revenues improved in nearly every category, most notably in membership (16%) and fundraising (16%). Some of the increase is due to the introduction of new, revenue-generating programming such as the Academy and the Pub Quiz. We secured multiple event and wedding rentals, which resulted in a 234% increase in facility rental income. The Athenæum also received an unrestricted bequest of \$100,000, the majority of which has been set aside in an emergency building fund.

Investment income designated for operations was largely unchanged, save for a one-time disbursement of \$86,648 towards expenses related to the roof replacement and the abatement of hazardous materials (asbestos). The vast majority of expenses related to this project were underwritten by grants, but the discovery of asbestos during the renovation resulted in increased costs and made the immediate abatement necessary.

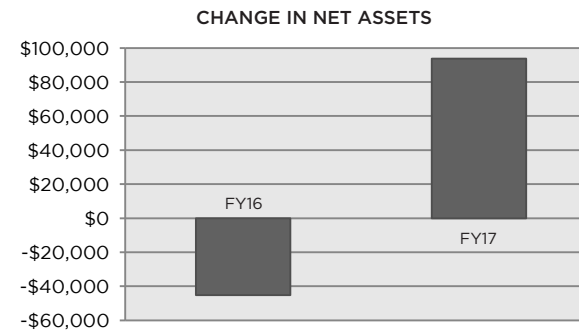
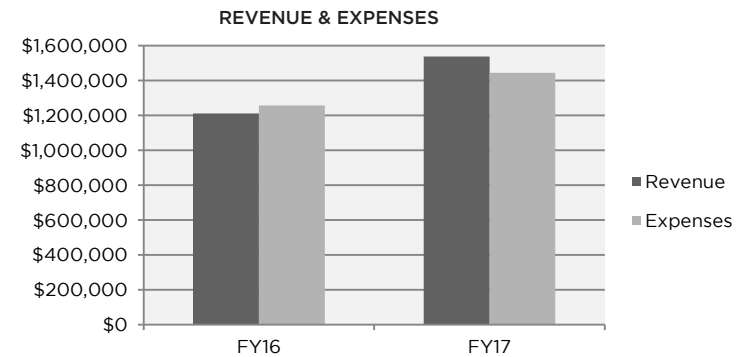
Expenses were up, largely as a result of capital projects expenses related to the renovation of the Raven Room and the replacement of the roof over the Platner Wing. Personnel expenses increased by 6.8% due largely to the fact that we were fully staffed in FY2017, whereas in FY2016, we lacked a full-time Executive Director for the first two months, and there were also other temporary vacancies in part-time posts. Cost-of-living adjustments were implemented for most staff members with more than 12 months of service to the institution.



Other notable changes in expenses relate to library services (the implementation of new library management software), programming (costs associated with new initiatives, which also generated revenue), and membership and development (where we invested in marketing, resulting in revenue increases that more than offset costs). Expenses were down significantly in marketing and communications, as a result of costs related to significant website development in FY2016 not recurring in FY2017.

Overall the institution's financial health improved dramatically. The institution moved from a deficit of \$45,000 in 2016 to a surplus of \$93,000 in FY2017. After careful review and competitive solicitation, the Athenæum changed its investment advisor in FY2017. The board remains committed to operating with a balanced budget in FY2018.

TREASURER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## INCOME STATEMENT

REVENUE	FY2017	FY2016
Membership	\$167,938	\$144,865
Fundraising	\$358,836	\$309,559
Capital Projects Funding	\$227,056	\$184,229
Facility Rental	\$19,410	\$5,810
Bequest	\$100,000	
Trust Funds	\$38,049	\$37,329
Miscellaneous	\$26,865	\$19,676
Investment Income for Operations	\$599,198	\$510,562
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,537,352</b>	<b>\$1,212,030</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel	\$803,031	\$751,829
Library Materials	\$39,283	\$43,726
Library Services & Management	\$48,377	\$35,886
Programs	\$33,210	\$26,449
Communications & Marketing	\$11,994	\$27,985
Membership & Development	\$40,156	\$34,731
Building & Grounds	\$50,674	\$48,786
Capital Projects Expense	\$313,704	\$184,229
General Office & Admin	\$103,114	\$103,615
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,443,543</b>	<b>\$1,257,236</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$93,809</b>	<b>-\$45,206</b>

Note: the above financial information includes only unrestricted operating revenue and expenses before fixed asset capitalization or depreciation. Further details are published in the audited financial statements that are made available through the finance office.

## BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	FY2017	FY2016
Cash	\$96,679	\$253,157
Endowment	\$10,472,381	\$9,690,148
Receivables	\$40,064	\$48,545
Prepaid Expenses	\$32,610	\$22,363
Inventory	\$4,740	\$2,798
Fixed Assets*	\$1,746,949	\$1,501,125
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$12,393,423</b>	<b>\$11,518,136</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$6,489	\$32,412
Accrued Expenses	\$44,152	\$48,248
Deferred Revenue	\$6,925	\$3,500
Line of Credit	\$0	\$2,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$57,566</b>	<b>\$86,160</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Unrestricted	\$10,000,619	\$9,018,548
Temporarily Restricted	\$854,305	\$934,570
Permanently Restricted	\$1,480,933	\$1,478,858
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$12,335,857</b>	<b>\$11,431,976</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$12,393,423</b>	<b>\$11,518,136</b>

\*Fixed assets are listed here net of accumulated depreciation.

## STATISTICS

**51,270**

PATRONS & VISITORS  
SERVED BY THE LIBRARY

**7,067**

VISITORS TO THE  
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

**1,165**

TOTAL MEMBERS

**60**

OPEN HOURS/WEEK

### PROGRAMS

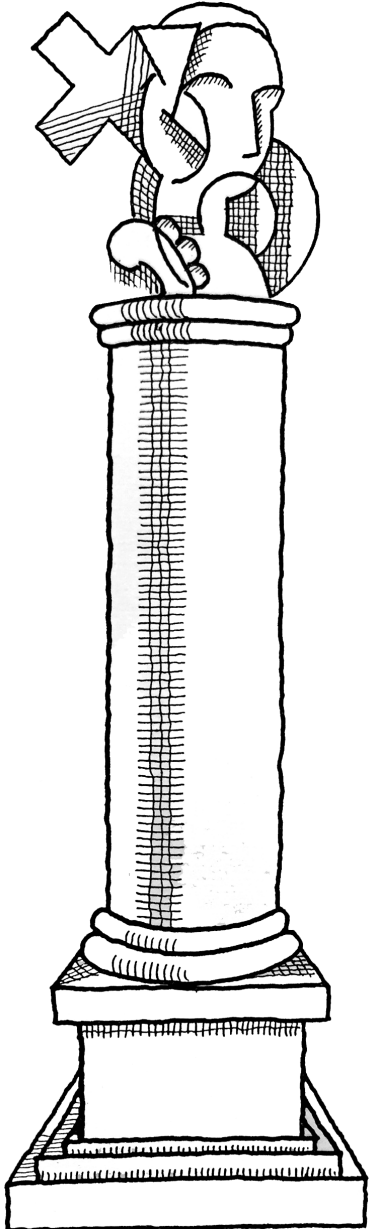
- 136** adult events
- 6,939** adult event attendees
- 139** children's events
- 1,919** children's event attendees

### LIBRARY SERVICES

- 182,661** collection size
- 2,260** number of acquisitions
- 28,870** items borrowed
- 157** reference questions
- 53** research appointments

### COMMUNICATIONS

- 22%** growth in email list
- 34%** growth in social media followers



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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Matt Burriesci

### FULL-TIME STAFF

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Librarian*

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*Children's Librarian*

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*Director of Collections  
& Library Services*

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*Children's Library  
Assistant*

\*Resigned in 2016-2017

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*We are so grateful for the donors and funders who made this fundraising year the Athenæum's most successful ever. The following pages are a tribute to these generous people, businesses, and foundations who gave cash and in-kind contributions to the library between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.*

\* denotes 5+ consecutive years of giving \*\* denotes 10+ consecutive years

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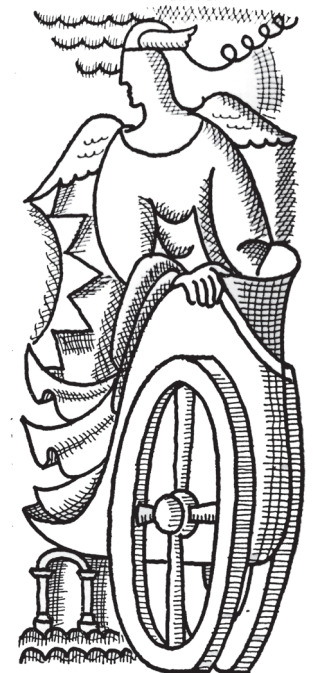
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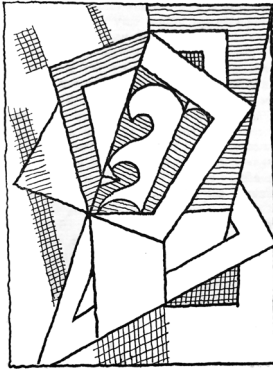
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