



Touch a Truck

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Neil Novello

“The Castle”

3 Times!

RICE LIBRARY HAD THE SECOND HIGHEST ATTENDANCE RATE FOR CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF MAINE, 2014

Rice Public Library  
8 Wentworth St  
&  
2 Walker St  
Kittery, Maine 03904

“Look what the library staff can accomplish in two older buildings. Just imagine what they could do in a 21st century library.” D. Harris



Fort Foster Event 2015

Summer Reading Kick Off  
518 Total Summer Reading  
Participants

Total Hours Read 2,240

The Library is an Essential Town Service.

# Planning for a 21st Century Library



TOGETHER WE CAN  
MAKE AMAZING  
THINGS HAPPEN!



## Why Move?

- ⇒ Our patrons need a handicapped—accessible library to meet the needs of all our patrons.
- ⇒ The Library does not have enough space for books, DVDs, audio books on CD, computers for patrons—or enough room for people to sit comfortably and read.
- ⇒ The maintenance of two older buildings adds expenses that bring no benefit to patrons.

## WHAT WILL THE NEW RICE PUBLIC LIBRARY BE LIKE?

- A 20,000 sq. foot one story building, everything you need within easy walking distance.
- Energy-efficient and well-lit —plenty of windows.
- More computer terminals and work areas for patrons with laptops.
- Quiet reading and study areas.
- Larger spaces for children’s services and a new area for young adults.
- Small meeting rooms for public use.
- Space for free adult programs and teaching computer literacy classes.

## Building a technology ready library for now and...

## Into the future.

## SOME INTERESTING FACTS

- The current buildings have 11,000 square feet of space on five floors.
- The library has 58,362 books, 7,021 e-books, 66 databases, and carries 59 magazines and newspapers.
- As of 2015, there are 5,691 active patrons (more than 55% of Kittery residents) at the library.
- Youth Services touched the lives of 1,194 young people — from infant through teenagers —in August 2015.
- During the month of August 2015, the Rice Public Library added 42 new patrons.



*The Plot Twist: E-Book Sales Slip, and Print Is Far From Dead — New York Times 2015*  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/23/business/media/the-plot-twist-e-book-sales-slip-and-print-is-far-from-dead.html>