

## 2015 Green Mountain Library Consortium Annual Report

As a goal for FY2015 GMLC set the intention to increase our communication with our nearly 150 members statewide. Our new google group and updated website, along with social media sites, are designed to bring information to members and allow them to collectively solve problems and share solutions. You can visit our website at [www.gmlc.org](http://www.gmlc.org). We now have nearly 170 subscribers to the group which can include all staff from any GMLC library.

The Department of Libraries granted, for the third year, an award of \$10,000 to the GMLC to add eBooks to the collection. We are very grateful to the VTLIB for their continuing support.

Lucinda Walker, Norwich Public Library, stepped down from the GMLC Board after serving since the beginning of GMLC and Listen Up!Vermont in 2008. There are no words to thank her enough for her energy, insight, calm and collaborative nature and her commitment to our organization.

We wish to thank our many volunteers for making this consortium unique, strong and reliable.

### **Listen Up!Vermont**

From May 1, 2014 to April 28, 2015, Listen Up! Vermont patrons checked out 144,135 total digital materials, consisting of 74,775 eBooks and 69,360 audio books on approximately 4,000 titles. This represents a 30% increase in audiobook circulation and a 21% increase in the circulation of eBooks. The total increase in circulation of digital materials from last year is 25%. Kindle downloads represent a little over 50% of all eBooks circulated.

Thank you to our Selection Committee of Hannah Peacock, Joan LaJoie and Lisa Milchman. And to Kelly McElligott who posts our MARC records.

### **Mango Languages**

There are currently 22 GMLC libraries enrolled in the Mango Languages service. During the calendar year 2014 there were:

- Total number of sessions: 1813
- Mobile Sessions: 636
- Average session length: 16 minutes

Mango Languages provides a wide variety of courses for many different languages and learning levels. A new service is the availability of foreign films with enhanced language learning modules providing an additional way to gain proficiency.

The most popular languages were, in order: Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Swahili and Swedish.

