

## GALE LIBRARY REPORT FOR 2022

The Gale Library continues to be the center for community, learning, and entertainment in the Town of Newton, even amidst the many changes that happened this year.

We wished a warm farewell to Hayley Van-Gils, our Youth Services Librarian, who left at the end of 2021. Our Library Assistant Cait Foucher kept the storytimes and youth programs going with minimal interruption and was promoted to Youth Services Library Assistant in 2022. She continues to happily assist anyone at the library, but will focus primarily on youth and young adult services.

We welcomed Jo Caiazza to our staff in June. In September, Lillian McCormick changed from a regular Library Assistant to a Substitute/Float Library Assistant. We will miss seeing her weekly, but are glad that she will come back as needed!

The Library Board of Trustees also saw changes this year. We are happy to welcome Paula Noon as the new Secretary of the Library Board of Trustees, and Carolyn Musyimi-Kamau as an Alternate Library Board of Trustee member. Our many thanks to Amanda Smart, our former Secretary.

The Gale Library and community wished Theresa Caswell best wishes for a happy retirement in July, and welcomed Michelle Baker as the new Library Director in September. Everyone pulled together to keep the library running smoothly for the two months we were without a Library Director.

Throughout the year, the Gale Library continued to offer curbside service to the public, while also increasing our open hours to 28 hours each week. Programs for adults and youth were offered both online and in-person.

Yarn Club continued to meet most Friday afternoons. Afternoon Book Group discussed one book each month, and Book Review Circle members shared their latest read(s) each month.

Our Preschool (and younger!) Story Time continued on Tuesday mornings, with an Afternoon Story Time added on the first Wednesday of the month. Visit our website or contact the library for upcoming events, including movie days, STEAM activity programs, evening craft programs, and youth book groups.

At least one drop-in craft is available in the Youth Room at any time. (If a family member can't climb the stairs to the Youth Room, we are happy to bring craft supplies downstairs for you!) Craft kit bags continue to be available on the library's front porch.

We would like to thank Thomas Sulick and the employees of the North Shore Bank for their generous Jeans Day Donation this year. We are grateful to have been chosen, and happy to join the ranks of other libraries and non-profits that have benefitted from their program!

The Friends of the Gale Library held their annual Book Sale, an Election Day Bake Sale, the Holiday Basket Raffle, a popular Quilt Raffle, and provided a raffle basket for Newton Olde Home Day this year.

The Friends renewed our membership for discounted passes to visit the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH., and also provided funding for two new circulation computers and security licenses for all the library's computers. We appreciate all the support that the Friends provide to the library and the community!

New this year! The Gale Library added its own domain name for quick and easy access to our website. Just type [www.galelibrary.org](http://www.galelibrary.org) to be brought to our homepage.

Gale Library's participation in New Hampshire Downloadable Books provides access to eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines for online reading & listening. Streaming of movies and documentaries using Kanopy (7 monthly borrows) and Kanopy Kids (unlimited viewing) continues to be offered.

Visit our Facebook Page for the latest news, photos, and happenings at the library!  
<https://www.facebook.com/GaleLibrary/>

Our free weekly Wowbrary online newsletter features new items in the collection. To register for email notifications on our latest additions, please visit: <https://wowbrary.org/>

Come into the library to use our public computers, WiFi, printer, copier, and fax services. As always, free WiFi is also available 24/7 in the Gale Library's parking lot.

In 2022, the library provided the equivalent of \$303,876.60 (without including reference assistance!) in value to the public.

<https://ilovelibraries.org/what-libraries-do/calculator/>

We thank the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Gale Library, our patrons, and our staff members who supported us in a year of many changes!

Stop by and visit the Gale Library at 16 South Main Street. We look forward to seeing you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Baker, Library Director

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## Gale Library Statistics – 2022

Total Registered Users	5,621
Total Library Visitors	5,319
Library Holdings	29,770
Materials Added	1,429
Materials Weeded	2,439
Interlibrary Items Borrowed from NH Libraries	254
Interlibrary Items Loaned to NH Libraries	1,278 *figure included in circulation
Total Programs Offered (Including Virtual)	147
Adult	51
Children	96
Total Program Attendees (Including Virtual)	1,953
Adult	237
Children	1,716
Museum Passes	2
Computer Sessions	100
Online Database Searches	1,478
Online Kanopy Films Usage	268
Total Circulation	17,698
NH Downloadable Books	3,288
Books	11,402
Audio Visual Materials	918
Periodicals	790
Interlibrary Items Loaned	1,278
Miscellaneous	22

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