

## GALE LIBRARY REPORT

The library has seen a strong growth in membership this past year. There have been over 175 new patrons added into our database of records. We have added many various types of materials into our system for your usage.

To accommodate the number of computer users, we have added a Pentium computer to be used as an additional Internet station. The online catalog is now featured alone with a flat screen monitor to conserve space.

There have been many joyous, as well as trying events, and I will highlight the year as follows: The New Year began with the children's winter reading program, titled, *Snow Time is the Best Time to Cuddle Up With a Good Book*. Readers registered and received a log to record each book read. We also offered, *Cabin Fever*, an adult reading contest for the second year. Prizes were given to participants for achieving their reading goals.

A new knitting group was instructed by patron, Lynne Hardaker. Lynne demonstrated basic stitches and patterns for young adults and children during the winter months. We appreciate her time and talents.

In celebration of *Read Across America Week*, events and programs were scheduled to promote literacy. Mrs. Mears and I visited the Memorial School to read to individual classrooms and distribute bookmarks to the children.

*National Library Week* was honored with a weeklong series of programming. The grand finale was the annual *Open House and Art Show*. There are many talented local artists who featured their works to display. Service recognitions were presented to all library staff and those who support the library. Mrs. Standing was recognized for her long-term devotion of over thirty years of service to the library. Mrs. Mears was honored with a portrait to place on the wall to commemorate her prior service as a Library Trustee member. Gratitude is given to the Friends of the Gale Library for supporting this event, and other library needs throughout the year.

Our annual Summer Reading Program titled, *Treasure Reading* was full of fun and adventure!

There were 120 children registered, and 855 books read. The highlight of the program was held at the Country Pond Fish and Game with entertainment from performer, Steve Blunt. Steve sang and told pirate stories to the enjoyment of children and adults. This visit was made possible through the obtainment of a NH State Library Kids, Books, and Arts grant of \$125.00. We are thankful to Mrs. Mears for her enthusiasm and efforts in designing such a fantastic program and obtaining the grant once again!

A new reading program, *Pirate Fever*, was created for adults to share in the enthusiasm for reading and prizes. Weekly drawings were held to announce winners.

Santa visited the library in December at the Christmas Party much to the delight of youngsters.

We welcome the additions of Mary Anne Barnett and Lauri Gaudet, Library Assistants and Stephanie Woulfe, our Library Page. Terri Fyler left the library and accepted a position in Exeter, and Heather Dupuis continues with her studies at UNH. Jean Constantineau, our Reference Librarian has taken a leave of absence and will return when she is able. Marilyn Landry and Sally Woodman joined the Board of Library Trustees. We welcome them and thank Rebecca McGowan and Pamela Hallock for their service to the library. Appreciation is given to the Staff, Friends, Trustees and Volunteers who do so much to benefit our patrons.

The library suffered flooding damages due to the extensive spring rains. The Fire Department was called and they pumped out the basement for us. There were a lot of damaged goods that had to be discarded and we thank the Road Crew for their time and efforts assisting us. This event prompted us to obtain alternative storage and purchased a vinyl-sided shed. There have been numerous building repairs and upgrades throughout the year. The task continues to maintain our current facility and make improvements where we can.

There is an extensive array of materials just waiting for you at the library. If we do not have what you are looking for, we will gladly borrow items from another NH library via Interlibrary Loan.

We look forward to serving the Newton community with programming, reading, and audiovisual materials. See you soon!

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa E. Caswell, Library Director

Marilyn Landry, Chairperson	Carol Szot, Treasurer
Sally Woodman, Secretary	Beverly Batchelder, Alternate
Board of Trustees	

## Library Statistics -2006

**TOTAL REGISTERED USERS: 3,535**

**CIRCULATION: 22,831**

Adult Fiction	3,638	Juvenile Fiction	1,486
Adult Non Fiction	1,690	Juvenile Non Fiction	675
Adult Paperbacks	241	Juvenile Paperbacks	507
Large Print Books	88	Early Reader Fiction	5,703
Periodicals	1,550	Early Reader Non Fiction	686
VHS	1,773	Early Reader Paperback	1,142
CDs	351	Juv/Early Audio	303
DVDs	2,437	Graphic Novels	126
Audio Cassettes/Books	353	Miscellaneous Materials	82

**USAGE OF EQUIPMENT: 1,112**

Museum Passes	0	Meeting Room Use	563
Internet Access/		Projector/Projector Screen	2
Productivity Station	547		

**INTERLIBRARY LOAN: 504**

Books borrowed from NH libraries:	189	
Books loaned to other NH libraries:	315	* figure already included in circulation #

**TOTAL CIRCULATION & USAGE: 24,132**

**ADDED**

**BOOKS: 1,670**  
Gifts/Donations: 549  
Reference: 15  
Purchased: 1,106

**ADDED**

**AUDIO/VISUAL 263**  
VHS: 45  
Audio books/cassettes: 65  
CDs: 47  
DVDs: 106

**2006 LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Story Hours  
Book Review Circle  
Evening Story Hours  
Angel Tree  
School Outreach Programs  
Read Across America  
Slideshow Presentation about China  
Stamping Workshops  
Holiday Basket Raffle with Santa Visit  
Bingo for Books

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 2,598**

Crafts  
First Graders' Night  
Young Adult Activities  
April Open House  
Art Show  
Winter Reading Programs  
Cribbage  
Knitting Lessons  
Trick or Treat Party  
NH Author Visit

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

Treasure Reading  
Pirate Flag Contest  
Goldfish Guessing Contest  
Fishercat Mascot Visit  
End of Program Ice Cream Party

Steve Blunt, Performer -  
*Yo Ho Ho, to the Library-0*  
Sink a Pirate Ship  
Personal Treasure Chest and Parrot  
Gems and Jewels  
Message in a Bottle

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Meetings Attended: 15

**LIBRARY FINE FUNDS:**

Fines Fund Received \$1,747.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa E. Caswell  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR