

## GALE LIBRARY REPORT

We have been very busy at the library with programming and planning events for all ages. The winter and summer reading programs have been popular and are well-attended. Themes such as *While, the Bear Sleeps...Let's Read*, *Cabin Fever Reading*, *Hopping Good*, and *G'Day for Reading*, promoted literacy and offered prizes for participants.

*Mr. Phil and Company* gave this year's Summer Reading Program performance at the Country Pond Fish and Game. Mrs. Mears obtained a Kids, Books, and Arts grant of \$225.00 from the NH State Library, the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the NH Library Association to subsidize the cost for this event.

A new Teen Corner was introduced for teens and preteens. The area has cozy chairs for chatting about books, knitting, crocheting, or playing a board game. The teens will be decorating the corner with their special interests and lending their suggestions for the collection. The group participated in the first annual *National Game Day @ Your Library* with a copy of PICTUREKA that was provided complimentary by Hasbro.

Tremendous appreciation is given to all who assisted in planning, promoting, and participating in the many special activities throughout the year.

The Children's Room walls received a fresh look with yellow paint and blue color for the trim. The ceiling was also patched and painted. This project was funded with a donation from the Suraci Family. The renovation has made the room brighter and cheerier for patrons to enjoy. The hallway stair risers were painted in coordinating colors by our volunteer Elinor Murphy. We are sincerely thankful for the generosity that was extended in these projects.

A new Series section was created in the Youth Room. The reference collection was condensed to make room to accommodate these titles of books that follow a reading order.

The Friends of the Gale Library offered passes to the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Maine, and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord, NH. This hard-working group of volunteers provides library support for expenses that are not included in the annual budget. The Friends have fundraised over the year with various events and appreciate your contributions.

A note of gratitude to our outgoing Board of Trustee member, Beverly Batchelder. Beverly's assistance in her roles of Alternate Board member and library volunteer has been an outstanding asset. Best wishes for new endeavors and achievements!

We look forward to working with our newest member to The Board of Trustees, Kathy Meserve. Kathy is also an active member of the Friends. We are glad to have you aboard as an Alternate Board member!

The library welcomed Cathy Breslin, as Library Assistant, and Jillian Holmberg, as a Substitute Page. Lauri Gaudet had resigned to accept a position that offered more hours for her schedule. Acknowledgement is given to the Staff, Friends, Trustees and Volunteers that strive to make the library an inviting and attractive resource center for the Newton community.

We offer Internet service, the latest books and movies, audio books on CD, and cassette, music, language instruction, and magazines at no cost to help stretch your budget.

A weekly van delivers requested books that are borrowed from other lending libraries through Interlibrary loan.

A reminder that the library subscribes to OverDrive, a New Hampshire Downloadable Audio Book Program. (<http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>) This service is available from your computer any time and there is never a late fee. Stop by or call the library to obtain your log-in number for access or to receive additional information. You will find selections for the whole family to enjoy. We look forward to 2009 and the prospect for another vibrant year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa E. Caswell, Library Director

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Board of Trustees	

### Library Statistics - 2008

**TOTAL REGISTERED USERS: 3,867**

**CIRCULATION: 23,131**

Adult Fiction	3,696	Juvenile Fiction	2,086
Adult Non Fiction	1,533	Juvenile Non Fiction	781
Adult Paperbacks	291	Juvenile Paperbacks	553
Large Print Books	54	Early Reader Fiction	4,439
Periodicals	1,692	Early Reader Non Fiction	460
VHS	1,147	Early Reader Paperback	850
CDs	372	Juv/Early Audio	206
DVDs	4,264	Graphic Novels	67
Adult Audio Books	337	Miscellaneous Materials	80
Downloadable Audio Books	266	Puppet	2

**USAGE OF EQUIPMENT: 885**

Museum Passes	32	Meeting Room Use	539
Internet Access/		Chairs	12
Productivity Station	302		

**INTERLIBRARY LOAN: 633**

Books borrowed from NH libraries:	237	
Books loaned to other NH libraries:	396	* figure already included in circulation #



**TOTAL CIRCULATION & USAGE: 24,253**

**ADDED**

**BOOKS:** 1,443  
Gifts/Donations: 631  
Reference: 4  
Purchased: 808

**ADDED**

**AUDIO/VISUAL** 270  
VHS: 31  
Audio books/cassettes: 40  
CDs: 36  
DVDs: 163

**2008 LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Story Hours  
Book Review Circle  
Evening Story Hours  
Angel Tree  
School Outreach Programs  
Read Across America  
Crocheting Lessons  
Santa Visit  
Friends Holiday Basket Raffle  
Bingo for Books  
Face Painting  
Teen Book Group  
New England Baking Presentation

Crafts  
First Graders' Night  
Young Adult Activities  
April Open House  
Art Show  
Winter Reading Programs  
Cribbage  
Knitting Lessons  
Trick or Treat Party  
Presentation on The Holy Land  
R.E.A.D. Dog Program  
Presentation – Code Burgundy,  
The Long Escape  
Pumpkin Carving Night

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

G'Day for Reading  
Mr. Phil and Company  
Fairy House Building Workshop  
Digiradoo Craft  
End of Program Ice Cream Party

Boomerang Workshop  
Kookaburra Workshop  
Mask Workshop  
Sidewalk Sam  
Origami Workshop

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Meetings Attended: 40

**LIBRARY FINE FUNDS:**

Fines Fund Received \$2,078.31

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