

GALE LIBRARY REPORT

The library has been filled with patrons and program activities that accommodated the demands of the public this past year. (We have experienced an increase in our circulation statistics of over 29 percent.) Due to economic conditions, the library continues to be an even more essential resource to provide service and materials to make the most of your tax dollars. To see how much money you can save, use this library usage calculator to determine the many benefits of patronage. www.nhlibrarians.org/calculator.html.

Kill-A-Watt electronic measuring devices were purchased for patrons to test and monitor their household electronics and appliances for excessive energy. The devices allow consumers to make corrections if needed to decrease their energy consumption.

Computer internet stations have been utilized frequently as they assist patrons with research and have word processing software for resume writing applications. Internet workshops are offered and instructed periodically by Mrs. Fortin, our Technical Services Library Assistant. These workshops are for those who need some guidance in basic computer skills and express an interest in learning more about technology.

Our winter reading programs included, "*A Good Book is Like a Warm Winter Friend*" for the children and the debut of "*The Artic Blasters*" for the adults. These programs provided reading incentives with weekly prizes of delicious treats and seasonal gifts.

A NH State Library Kids, Books, and Arts Grant was obtained by Mrs. Mears to assist in the funding of *Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe* held at the Country Pond Fish and Game. This performance was one of the many highlights of the successful Summer Reading Program.

The teens now have a Wii console and games to enjoy during library programming visits. Donation funds were used to make these purchases. Wii programming is offered at select times during the month and allows the group to compete and master their technical skills. The teens also participate in a readers' advisory and various craft sessions throughout the year.

National Library Week offered the opportunity to celebrate and share our cultural and artistic enthusiasm. In addition to promoting library awareness, the Friends of The Gale Library hosted the annual Open House and Art Show. This social event aids in bringing community members together in appreciation of the Arts.

The Friends also provided museum passes, a dehumidifier for the basement, book funds, carpet cleaning, plants, and refreshments. Please support this enthusiastic group of fund-raisers throughout the year. Their book and bake sales, basket raffles, Santa visit, and Trick-or-Treat events are always popular and patrons look forward to these annual events.

The library welcomed back staff member Mrs. Gaudet, and offered our best wishes to Mrs. Breslin as she embarked on a new career opportunity.

Gratitude is expressed to the many volunteers who contribute their time and energies to provide service to the residents of Newton. The teams of Trustees, Friends, and Staff work diligently to offer a community resource center that is useful and beneficial to all. Thank you for all your support.

We are now featured on www.facebook.com. Keep posted for the latest events and news. Our fan list is growing rapidly. We welcome you to join us!

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.

A monthly newsletter was created this year to keep the public informed on new acquisitions, programming and announcements.

Where else can you go to borrow the latest bestsellers, movies, music, magazines, and much more by using just your free library card? Save your money by visiting the library often to stretch your literary, service, and entertaining budget.

Come in and see what your library has to offer as we move into another decade in 2010!

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa E. Caswell, Library Director

Marilyn Landry, Chairperson
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Library Statistics - 2009

TOTAL REGISTERED USERS: 4,049

CIRCULATION: 25,269

Adult Fiction	4,130	Juvenile Fiction	2,597
Adult Non Fiction	2,601	Juvenile Non Fiction	781
Adult Paperbacks	377	Juvenile Paperbacks	451
Large Print Books	65	Early Reader Fiction	4,107
Periodicals	2,034	Early Reader Non Fiction	460
VHS	1,147	Early Reader Paperback	568
CDs	432	Juv/Early Audio	308
DVDs	4,322	Graphic Novels	43
Adult Audio Books	339	Miscellaneous Materials	34
Downloadable Audio Books	453	Kill-A-Watt Meters	20

USAGE OF EQUIPMENT: 3,317

Museum Passes	7	Meeting Room Use	2,343
Internet Access/Productivity	952	Chairs	12
Projector Screen	1	Overhead Projector	2

INTERLIBRARY LOAN: 647

Books borrowed from NH libraries: 240

Books loaned to other NH libraries: 407

* figure already included in circulation #

TOTAL CIRCULATION & USAGE: 28,586

ADDED

BOOKS:

	1,516
Gifts/Donations:	431
Reference:	4
Purchased:	1,081

ADDED

AUDIO/VISUAL

	361
VHS:	13
Audio books/cassettes:	52
CDs:	29
DVDs:	267

2009 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
Wii Nites for Teens
Tax Talks
Fine Free Month
Internet Instruction Workshop

Crafts
First Graders' Night
Young Adult Activities
April Open House
Art Show
Winter Reading Programs
Cribbage
Knitting Lessons
Trick or Treat Party
Boxwood Tree Craft
R.E.A.D. Dog Program
American Girl Doll Tea Party
Pumpkin Carving Night
Author Visit
Snowflake Craft
Sidewalk Sam

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summertime and the Reading is Easy
Alejandro's Magik Showe
Hot Air Ballons
Decorating Flip-Flops
Edible Book Contest
Pet Rocks

Twilight Party
Going Buggy Origami
Moving the Story Off the Page
Face Painting
Dried Flower Decoupage Vases
End of Program Ice Cream Party

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Meetings Attended: 40

LIBRARY FINE FUNDS:

Fines Fund Received \$2,167.61

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa E. Caswell
Library Director