

In closing, the Emergency Management Department would like to thank the Residents and Town Officials for their continued support. It is because of this support that we can continue to be the best that we can be.

Respectfully submitted,
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Emergency Management Director

Michael Hughes
Deputy Director of Emergency Management

Melissa Adams
Clerical/Support Staff

GALE LIBRARY REPORT

Our library services and materials have continued to be in high demand with the public as we entered this new decade. What an exciting year it has been!

We are proud to announce that our catalog is now online with a new (ILS) integrated library system. The electronic link for remote access to the Destiny Library Manager address is <https://galelibrary.follettdestiny.com>. Patrons may view our collection of materials from any computer and make renewals or place requests. This technological advancement has been widely appreciated with its ease of use and ability to locate current circulation information. The library also now offers convenient wireless service for those who wish to use portable computing devices.

The Director's office was renovated with an enclosure that includes a new door and two new windows. The room is now painted in a colonial blue shade and many compliments on the update have been received. Gratitude is extended to the Board of Trustees for their assistance and support for this project.

E-books and audio books can be downloaded free of charge from OverDrive, a NH Downloadable Book Program. (<http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>). Patrons may log-in with their card number and a unique prefix number that is issued upon calling or visiting the library. We will be happy to assist you in setting up your account and answer any questions that you may have about the program.

A new evening book discussion group was launched this year. The group has decided to select one title to read and review monthly. Our morning book discussion group continues with a monthly readers' choice selection.

We were participants in the state-wide NH Big Read program that featured the book title, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Complimentary copies of the literary classic were distributed to patrons for group discussion. The community read was well-received with insight on this popular book selection.

It was decided this year to change our Tuesday and Saturday operating hours to 9am to 1pm. This new schedule allows an earlier start for Tuesday morning story hours. There had been some time conflicts for those who needed to meet the kindergarten bus.

When visiting us, be sure to stop in the Children's Room to view the colorful art mural that Mrs. Suraci of the Art Room created and painted over the winter months. The wall design is of a large tree with a theme of various children's book titles. Mrs. Suraci has also lent her artistic talents over the summer months with a nearly life-size sea serpent that decorated the library in celebration of the Summer Reading Program. We appreciate these gifts and works of art!

The library was selected to receive a NH CLif (Children's Literacy Foundation) Grant due to the notable efforts of Mrs. Mears, our Children's Librarian. The NH CLif grant added \$2,000 worth of brand-new books into the children's book collection. These new books have allowed us to update both our juvenile reader fiction and non-fiction collection titles.

If you haven't tried out a Wii game yet, or you have and would like some friendly competition, the library is the place to be. Sessions are offered regularly for tweens and teens and also for adults. Wii is a fun and social activity that is suitable for a large range of audiences.

The Friends of the library are a dedicated group of individuals who continue to provide museum passes for patron usage, seasonal programming, and general library assistance where needed. Their support is greatly appreciated. New members are always welcomed to join at any time. There was also some very sad news this year. Reilly, our R.E.A.D. dog passed away due to health complications. Reilly and Mrs. Francoeur encouraged emerging readers in a comfortable atmosphere and brought great happiness to those who attended weekly reading sessions. We will miss him and remember the joy that he brought to so many.

The library is fortunate to have such a fine team of Trustees, Staff, Friends, and Volunteers that have created a welcoming and resourceful establishment. Appreciation is also expressed to the many that have visited and supported the library over the year. Remember to look for our monthly newsletter, local newspaper articles, and Facebook page to keep informed of the exciting news happening at your local library!

Best wishes for the year 2011!

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa E. Caswell, Library Director

Marilyn Landry, Chairperson
Sally Woodman, Secretary
Carol Szot, Treasurer
Kathy Meserve, Alternate
Board of Trustees

Library Statistics - 2010

TOTAL REGISTERED USERS: 4,241

CIRCULATION: 28,201

Adult Fiction
Adult Non Fiction
Adult Paperbacks
Large Print Books
Periodicals
VHS
CDs
DVDs
Adult Audio Books

Juvenile Fiction
Juvenile Non Fiction
Juvenile Paperbacks
Early Reader Fiction
Early Reader Non Fiction
Early Reader Paperback
Juv/Early Audio
Graphic Novels
Miscellaneous Materials
Kill-A-Watt Meters

NH OverDrive Downloadable Books 562

USAGE OF EQUIPMENT: 3,948

Museum Passes 112
Internet Access/Productivity 1,510
Projector Screen 1

Meeting Room Use 2,309
Chairs 16
Table 1

INTERLIBRARY LOAN: 914

Books borrowed from NH libraries:
Books loaned to other NH libraries:

479
435 *figure already included in circulation#

TOTAL CIRCULATION & USAGE: 32,149

ADDED

BOOKS: 1,753

Gifts/Donations: 664
Reference: 36
Purchased: 1,053

AUDIO/VISUAL ADDED 361

VHS: 6
Audio books 52
CDs: 33
DVDs: 240

2010 LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Story Hours
Book Review Circle (2 Groups)
Evening Story Hours
Angel Tree
School Outreach Programs
Read Across America
Gingerbread Houses
Saturday Morning Movies
Friends' Holiday Basket Raffle
Bingo for Books
Middle School Book Club
Teen Book Group
Wii Nites for Teens

Crafts
First Graders' Night
Young Adult Activities
April Open House
Art Show
Winter Reading Programs
Cribbage
Wii for Adults
Friends' Trick or Treat Party
Playdough Workshop
R.E.A.D. Dog Program
Big Read: NH Reads
Pumpkin Carving Night

2010 LIBRARY PROGRAMS continued

Polar Express

Fine Free Month

Internet Instruction Workshop

Hazel Drive Kids Performances

Knitting/Crocheting

Zendoodles

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Make a Splash, Read!

Toe Jam Puppet Band

Fairy Houses

Pizza Party

Edible Book Contest

Sand Art

Frog Audubon Program

Tropical Beach Bags

Shell Painting

Face Painting

Frisbee

Ice Cream Party Finale

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Meetings Attended

46

LIBRARY FINE FUNDS:

Fines Fund Received

\$1,795.93

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa E. Caswell

Library Director