

GALE LIBRARY REPORT

We have had a very busy and productive year here at the Gale Library!

Our circulation statistics have shown over an 8% increase in circulation transactions since last year. We continue to provide our patrons with current bestsellers, movies, music, historical and genealogical information and so much more. There is something of interest for all age groups at the library! Visit this New Hampshire Library Use Value Calculator site to determine the financial savings that can be realized by your free patron membership:

<http://www.nhlibrarians.org/calculator.html>. In 2011, the library provided the equivalent of \$448,620.00 in value of services to the public.

New this year at the library is our Cake Pan Collection! We have various themes and characters that are available to loan for a one-week circulation period. The pans will save valuable storage space in your home and the cost for an item that may be needed for only a few occasions. Stop by and view our growing collection that has been displayed around the library. Donations are always happily accepted for any additions!

A large flat-screen television and Blu-ray player were purchased to be used for multi-aged movie programming. Donated funds were used to provide this service of which we are very appreciative. Our movie license was also upgraded to offer the public a larger title selection range for viewing.

Technology needs are in demand for newer and faster electronic delivery that will provide increased reliability. Four new HP computers were purchased this year to meet the ongoing needs of our patrons who access public internet stations. The units have been in use by our Newton residents and visitors regularly. Our wireless computer service provides another accessible connection option to internet access. E-books and audiobooks can be downloaded at no cost to a computer or compatible device through our service membership with OverDrive downloadable books: <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>. Technical assistance is always available if you should need guidance downloading software or requesting titles from our knowledgeable staff members. The Kindle format was launched this year and provides a wider range of access to available materials. We have been very pleased with our online catalog. Patrons enjoy the ability and convenience to renew and reserve their materials remotely. Not sure if we have a title you're looking for? Just log on and visit us at: <https://galelibrary.follettdestiny.com>.

I attended a graduation ceremony in May in recognition of acquiring a bachelor's degree in Library and Information Services from the University of Maine at Augusta. Gratitude is expressed for the support and financial assistance that contributed towards reaching this achievement!

Some building maintenance renovations this year includes 16 window replacements on both floors of the library. The new windows are user-friendly and look very nice. The front porch and steps were freshly painted with a non-skid texture. A new fire exit door was installed on the second story of the building. A sump pump system was also installed in preparation for any potential flooding concerns.

The Friends of the Gale Library have been busy over the year with book sales, baking, hosting seasonal parties, museum passes, and assisting the library where needed. Have you noticed the new message board sign on the front lawn or the library logo sign with directional arrow before the driveway? Please thank the Friends for these purchases! New members are always welcome and appreciated.

The library continues to provide educational and recreational reading materials, interesting programming, quality service, and a community atmosphere that is welcoming. The Staff and Trustees of The Gale Library extend an invitation for you to visit us in 2012!

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa E. Caswell, Library Director

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

Library Statistics - 2011

TOTAL REGISTERED USERS 4,416

TOTAL CIRCULATION: 28,201

Adult Fiction	5,451	Juvenile Fiction	3,008
Adult Non Fiction	1,737	Juvenile Non Fiction	1,160
Kill-A-Watt Meters	5	Graphic Novels	152
Cake Pans	5	Early Reader Fiction	6,579
Periodicals	2,289	Early Reader Non Fiction	875
VHS	390	Audio Books	527
CDs	486	MP3 Audio Books	13
DVDs	5,412	Miscellaneous Materials	8

NH OverDrive Downloadable Books 751

USAGE OF EQUIPMENT: 1,735

Museum Passes	50	Meeting Room Use	306
Internet Access/Productivity	1,374	Projection Screen	2
		Projector	1
		Projector Speakers	1
		Hot Shot Water Heater	1

INTERLIBRARY LOAN: 729

Books borrowed from NH libraries: 336

Books loaned to other NH libraries: 393 *figure already included in circulation#

TOTAL CIRCULATION & USAGE: 29,832

ADDED

BOOKS: 1,733

Gifts/Donations: 540

AUDIO/VISUAL ADDED

297

Audio books

52

2011 LIBRARY PROGRAMS continued

Reference:	3	DVDs:	204
Purchased:	1,190	Miscellaneous	6

2011 LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Story Hours	Crafts
Book Review Circle (2 Groups)	First Graders' Night
Evening Story Hours	Young Adult Activities
Angel Tree	Wild Root Band Performances
School Outreach Programs	Art Show
Read Across America	Summer/Winter Reading Programs
Teen Pizza Party	Cribbage
Saturday Morning Movies	Holly Wreath Workshop
Friends' Holiday Basket Raffle	Friends' Trick or Treat Party
Bingo for Books	Game Day
Wine Glass Painting	Karaoke
Teen Advisory Board	Beaded Bracelets
Wii Nites for Teens	Pumpkin Carving Night
Painted Pumpkin Workshop	Hazel Drive Kids Performances
Fine Free Month	Knitting/Crocheting
Internet Instruction Workshop	Doodle Zen Workshop
One -Stroke Painting	Carol & Crew Puppet Show
Mad Science Workshop	Author Visits

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

One World, Many Stories

Reptiles on the Move	Scratch-off Chinese Lanterns
Kristy's Suitcase	Paper Flower Craft
International Food Tasting	Mexican Necklace Craft
Fairy House Building	Geocaching
Visor Craft	Mask Decorating
Origami	Wild Notes Band at Town Beach
Flip-Flop Decorating	Pottery on the Wheel
	Ice Cream Party

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Meetings Attended	60
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LIBRARY FINE FUNDS:

Fines Fund Received \$2,270.12

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