

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2013 was an excellent year for town residents. There were many small disasters but no major ones which eliminated us from having to open the Emergency Operations Center. In addition, there were also no major power outages.

As we do every year, we continue to train and education ourselves as much as possible, as well as being the most up to date with policies and procedures. By engaging in such training we can assure the residents of Newton that we are prepared for any emergency that may arise in the town.

The year 2014 will encompass our Bi-annual Radiological Drill for Seabrook Station. These drills will consist of the federal government coming in and evaluating the emergency worker's within the town. They also assess plans in order for Seabrook station to remain open. All trainings and drills are paid by Seabrook.

My department would like to address the many new laws that have come out regarding disasters. They will entail laws regarding sheltering, responding, and ADA compliance and there will be new training opportunities. The Emergency Management Department should also receive their Hummer from the government. These vehicles were offered to the Police Department and they were generous enough to donate one to our department. Having a vehicle like this is so important and beneficial when responding to disasters.

The Emergency Management department is hoping that 2014 will mimic the previous year and have no major disasters to respond to in our town. As always if disaster strikes, we are always ready to go and respond at the drop of a dime. We look forward to serving the Town of Newton and its Residents in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence Foote
Emergency Management Director

GALE LIBRARY REPORT

We are very pleased to welcome Diane Morin as this year's Secretary along with Lynne Camp and Anne Banks who will serve as Alternates to the Gale Library's Board of Trustees. Our gratitude is also expressed to outgoing long-time board member, Carol Szot, who served as Secretary and Treasurer for many years. Thank you to the entire board for your guidance and enthusiasm to promote library advocacy and awareness!

Some exciting news in January, the Friends of the Gale Library generously provided a library pantry renovation. New cupboards and a countertop were installed for safety and aesthetic purposes. The project provided much-needed usable space for storage and efficiency.

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York's Wild Animal Kingdom passes were purchased again this year by the Friends. Many visitors were able to enjoy a relaxing summer day with discounted tickets to this local attraction. The annual Christmas Basket Raffle had over 40 festive gift baskets on display this year! This was largely due to the time and perseverance of members to request and display basket donations from the community. Fundraisers such as this are beneficial for the provision of additional public library services and resources. A warm word of thankfulness is sent to the Friends for all they do!

Lots of programming events were held throughout the year, from reading clubs to open mic nights and more! One of the many summer programs to mention was a special performance at the library by Deborah Wyndham of Michigan. Ms. Wyndham delighted a large audience with her Ragtime Piano Concert. A very professional performance and all who attended enjoyed a grand time! Additional summer programs with large audiences included a Mad Science presentation titled, Dig Into Science, that was supported by a Kids, Books, and the Arts grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, and donations from the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, the NH Library Association. The Boston Museum of Science's Traveling Program, Dig Into Dinosaurs, also was enjoyed by many with a partial funding scholarship. Appreciation is noted to Mrs. Mears for obtaining these wonderful program grants! We experienced a 39% increase in programming attendance from last year in July! It is our goal to provide educational and entertaining programs to the community with a wide appeal for all ages. Your programming suggestions are always welcomed; just let us know what would be of interest to you!

We are proud to announce that an Orion StarBlast Telescope is now available for circulation. The telescope was received as a generous donation by the New Hampshire Astronomical Society's Library Telescope Program. Our recognition is expressed to Astronomy Magazine for their award to provide this educational donation. Many thanks are also extended to Pete Smith and Michelle Thomas of NHAS for their assistance and expertise in bringing the telescope to Newton. Stop in to take the unit home to enjoy viewing the nighttime sky!

It is interesting to note that the most circulated book title this year was, *Francona: the Red Sox Years*, by Terry Francona. This indication is that Newton has a large baseball fan audience! Our Top 10 patron statistics report that over 3,650 material circulations were made by these enthusiastic readers. The highest circulation count was for one patron with over 500 items checked out throughout the year!

Libraries are key resources in keeping within your monthly educational and recreational budget. Please visit: <http://nhlibrarians.org/calculator/> to see what your potential savings can be.

It is our pleasure to offer assistance to you in your search for literary selections, educational programs, technology needs, recreational materials, and a friendly environment. Stop in to say hello, we look forward to your visit!

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa E. Caswell, Library Director

Marilyn Landry, Chairperson
Diane Morin, Secretary
Sally Woodman, Alternate

Kathy Meserve, Treasurer
Lynn Camp, Alternate
Anne Banks, Alternate

Gale Library Board of Trustees

Library Statistics – 2013

TOTAL REGISTERED USERS 4,730

TOTAL CIRCULATION: 25,380

Adult Fiction	4,763	Juvenile Fiction	2,225
Adult Non Fiction	1,846	Juvenile Non Fiction	602
Periodicals	1,990	Graphic Novels	127
Cake Pans	9	Early Reader Fiction	5,233
VHS	109	Early Reader Non Fiction	530
CDs	499	Audio Books	431
DVDs	5,612	MP3 Audio Books	1
Games	29	Miscellaneous Materials	2

NH OverDrive Downloadable Books 1,372

USAGE OF EQUIPMENT: 12,789

Museum Passes	74	Meeting Room Use	704
Internet Access/Productivity	8,109		
Electronic Databases	3,902		

INTERLIBRARY LOAN: 900

Books borrowed from NH Libraries: 421
 Books loaned to other NH Libraries: 479 *figure already included in circulation #

TOTAL CIRCULATION & USAGE: 38,169

BOOKS ADDED: 1,404

Gifts/Donations: 332
 Reference: 9
 Purchased: 1,063

AUDIO/VISUAL ADDED 322

Audio books 82
 CDs: 43
 DVDs: 190
 Miscellaneous 7

2013 LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Ragtime Piano Concert	Crafts
Book Review Circle (2 Groups)	First Graders' Night
Evening Story Hours	Young Adult Activities
Angel Tree	Story Hours
School Outreach Programs	Art Show
Read Across America	Summer/Winter Reading Programs
Genealogy Club	Cribbage
Movie Matinees	Visits with Jasmine, the R.E.A.D. Dog
Friends' Holiday Basket Raffle	Friends' Trick or Treat Party
Bingo for Books	National Game Day
Chef Joy Cooking Presentations	Jeopardy Night
Polar Express Celebration	Friends' Tea Party

2013 LIBRARY PROGRAMS continued

Game Nights for Teens	Pumpkin Carving Night
Read Across America	Storm Proofing Workshop
Fine Free Month	Yarn Club
Talent Show	Holiday Cookie Swap
Growums Gardening Workshop	Facebook 101 Class
Open Mic Night	Kindle Tablet Workshop
Natural Ornament Workshop	Travel with Kristy
Welcome Home New Hampshire Music Program	Health and Wellness Workshops
Kristy's Kreaturens	Face Painting

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Dig Into Reading

Mad Science-Dig into Science	Pet Rocks
Boston Museum of Science Space Lab	Nail Art
Compost Cupcakes	Punk Jewelry
Children's Museum of NH-Deep into the Blue Sea	Sand Art
Flower Fairy Dolls	Terrariums
Fairy House Building	Pirate Hats
Worm Hotel Workshop	Ice Cream Party

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Meetings Attended	71
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LIBRARY FINE FUNDS:

Fines Fund Received	\$1,552.87
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Respectfully submitted,
Theresa E. Caswell
Library Director

BUILDING SAFETY

The Building Department will continue the quality of service that our residents expect.

Samuel Zannini, Jr. is the Deputy Assistant Building Inspector. Sam is a Master Plumber by trade and his direct duties are plumbing inspector, gas inspector, mechanical inspector and the energy compliance inspector.

Dan Reilly is our Assistant Building Inspector, with direct duties as the electrical and foundation systems inspector. Dan is a Master electrician by trade.

Laurence Middlemiss is our Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Middlemiss is tasked with enforcing zoning and building violations.

Barbara White is our Permit Clerk.

The Department of Building safety is dedicated to procuring a safe community through communication and education.

A total of 582 permits were issued during 2013.

Building permits	169
Plumbing	52
Electrical	110
Mechanical	119
Gas	120
Well	12
Code Enforcement cases	13

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald LeMere
Chief Building Official
Department of Building Safety

NEWTON CABLE COMMITTEE

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents for approving the 2013 budget and recommended cable warrant articles. With the new Revolving Fund we have been able to set aside funds to purchase new equipment and we hired a consultant to help us determine the best path to make this happen. The committee worked hard this year to update the Cable Committee bylaws originally written in 1995 with numerous changes to include renaming the committee from the Newton NCAT-20 Cable Committee to the Newton Cable Committee.

Regretfully we accepted the resignation of Donna Judge as the Cable Station Manager and member of the Cable Committee who brought new programming ideas to the station. Thankfully committee member Diane Morin stepped forward to fill this position and we feel very fortunate to have her for she brings a wealth of knowledge and is eager to bring quality programming to Newton. I would also like to recognize employee Scott DePanfilis, Graphic Designer for his outstanding work producing a quality slideshow for our channel. He is an invaluable employee who we are grateful to have on our team.

We would also like to recognize the Board of Selectmen for installing a new air conditioning unit in the cable room this year due to excessive heat which lead to the failure of an external hard drive.

The committee continues to work on airing important meetings and historical presentations but we are in need of hiring cable operators. With additional operators we will be able to continue to provide quality programming and additional public meetings. Please contact the Cable Committee at cable@newtonnh.net if interested in joining our team or if you have any suggestions or comments. We continue to look for additional volunteers to join our committee; we meet once a month on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary B. Winglass, Chairman
Newton Cable Committee