

BERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Berlin Public Library continues to maintain an organized collection of books and related materials for both educational and recreational use by the community. Computers with internet access, local newspapers on microfilm, audio books, and a movie collection, are all available to the community. We now also provide access to downloadable audio books through the New Hampshire State Library and Overdrive. Patrons can access these books by downloading them to their home computers to read, and transfer them to portable devices. Patrons, with a library card in good standing, have access to interlibrary materials from participating NH libraries. Fax and copier services are available for a small fee. The library continues to offer a Children's Summer Reading Program and Story Hour. Book discussion Series, in conjunction with The White Mountains Community College, are offered in the Fall and Spring.

The Children's 2011 Summer Reading Program theme was "One World, Many Voices". The program was made possible by a Kids, Books and Arts grant. The project made possible by the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, the New Hampshire Library Association and the New Hampshire State Library. The kick-off program was Wayne From Maine, held at the Recreation Dept., attracted 92 children and 43 adults. The Summer Reading Program consisted of 13 programs, with 484 children and 254 adults in attendance. Weekly programs included two special outings to the Fire Dept., two programs by the National Forest Service, and book readings by Paul "Poof" Tardiff. A closing party for the summer reading program included Cliff Storyteller Duncan McDougall

at the Community Field Park and 2 free books for each child. In total, 1588 books were read. Also helping with the success of the Summer Reading Program was a donation of tickets from Storyland. The library thanks Storyland for their generosity.



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Kathy Godin, Children's Librarian, conducted a total of 40 weekly Story Hours for young children from September to June, serving 311 children and 252 adults. In addition, there were two School Tours, two After School programs, a Girl Scout tour, AND Halloween program. The total attendance of all Kathy's programs was 1225 children and 653 adults for a grand total of 1878 patrons.

A grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation made it possible for the Berlin Public Library in conjunction with the White Mountains Community College to hold two series of lectures and book discussions at the Fortier Library. The Fall 2011 Book Discussion series was called "Family Albums" presented by Scholars Craig Doherty, Suzanne Brown, Holly Perrault and Emily Archer. The Spring 2012 series was entitled "Forests and Mountains: Living and Working in the North Country".

The series included two books: We Took to the Woods by Louise Dickinson Rich with Scholar Suzanne Brown and Spiked Boots by Robert E. Pike with Scholar Craig Doherty; and two presentations which included "Saving the Mountains: NH & the Creation of the National Forests by Scholar Marcia Blaine-Schmidt and "The Old Man of the Mountain: Substance and Symbol by Scholar Maggie Stier. The focus on the North Country was greatly appreciated by those in attendance.

In August, the staff had training for the new automation system, Atrium. We are in the process of entering all library items on this system and barcoding. In December, Andre Caron made it possible to add a computer in each department dedicated to Atrium for the public to access the catalog. This can also be accessed remotely at:

<http://berlinlibrary.dyndns.org/opac/bpl/>.

Once all items are entered into the Atrium program and barcoded, we will have barcode scanners set up so we can be fully automated.

In October, the library held the dedication of the Kelley Park to mark the donation by Barry and Mark Kelley and family in Memory of their parents Emmet J. and Evelyn B. Collins Kelley. The Kelley Park is a fenced in area next to the library which is used for children's programs during the summer.

In November, Public Works did a great job repairing and refinishing the fiberglass book in front of the building with the library hours. It looks like new. They also installed a Baby Changing Station in the Children's Dept. The library alarm system was checked and put in working order and now needs to be connected to the City Hall system. In December, the door frame to the Children's

Dept. was replaced due to salt damage from the walkway.

The Staff at the Berlin Public Library appreciate and thank the community for their continued support and invite all the come in and make use of the valuable resources available at the library.

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JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012			
TOPICS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	30	19	49
100 - Philosophy	45	14	59
200 - Religion	33	6	39
300 - Social Science	210	189	399
400 - Language	16	58	74
500 - Pure Science	83	343	426
600 - Technology	282	242	524
700 - The Arts	120	383	503
800 - Literature	56	63	119
900 - Geography & History	108	146	254
910 - Travel	72	21	93
BIO - Biography	148	115	263
FIC - Fiction	6,960	4,792	11,752
MAG - Periodical	392	70	462
DVD - Movies	5,987	0	5,987
VHS - Movies	1,119	0	1,119
AC - Audio Books	3,848	20	3,868
CD - Compact Disk Music	7	1	8
TOTALS	19,516	6,482	25,998
PKB - Paperbacks	171	0	171
Walk in Patrons	19823	11504	31,327
Phone Inquiries	2390	328	2,718
Computer Users	5039	1388	6,427
Copier Patrons	1769	0	1,769
Fax Patrons	225	0	225
Microfilm Patrons	229	0	229
Interlibrary Loaned	720	0	720
Interlibrary Borrowed	145	0	145

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Respectfully Submitted,
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