

LIBRARY

The Berlin Public Library provides an organized collection of books and related materials for both educational and recreational use. Computers with Internet access, local newspapers on microfilm, audio books, and movie collection are all available to the community. Patrons, with library cards in good standing, have access to interlibrary materials from NH libraries belonging to the NHAIS network which is maintained by the New Hampshire State Library. Fax and copier services are available for a small fee.

In the spring of the 2009 Fiscal Year further budget cuts were needed from city departments. The library's book budget took a major cut as well as supplies, and building maintenance. Some cost cutting changes were made such as changing our Internet service from broadband to DSL, dropping some magazine and newspaper subscriptions, and not updating some of our reference collection and other book buying.

Painting of the trim on the south side of the building was completed. Demolition of the donated building to the south of the library began and was completed by the end of June 2009. Children's Librarian Kathy Godin welcomes the new "courtyard" space for children's activities for her department.

The Children's 2008 Summer Reading Program theme was "G'day for a Reading". The program was made possible by a grant from The NH State Library, the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, and the Cogswell Benevolent Trust. Wildlife Encounters Traveling Zoo was the kickoff program, held at the Recreation Dept., attracting 146 children and 103 adults. In addition to the weekly programs held at the library, there were two special outings to the Fire

Department as well as National Forest Service Rangers who presented an animal program.



Wildlife Encounters Traveling Zoo

A closing party for the summer reading program included Clif Storyteller at the Community Field Park. In total, 748 books were read. Other children counted chapters (346 total) and others counted how many minutes they read (5,220 minutes total). There were 16 programs, with 477 children and 264 adults in attendance.

The weekly Story Hour for young children returned in September and lasted until June serving 188 children and 253 adults. Fall 2008 School Tours brought a total of 299 children and 34 adults to visit the Children's Department.



"G'Day for a Reading" Summer Reading Program

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JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009

TOPICS	ADULT	JUVE-NILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	46	20	66
100 - Philosophy	132	21	153
200 - Religion	76	10	86
300 - Social Science	421	155	576
400 - Language	25	46	71
500 - Pure Science	90	386	476
600 - Technology	546	257	803
700 - The Arts	221	463	684
800 - Literature	132	63	195
900 - Geography & History	255	97	352
910 - Travel	68	7	75
BIO - Biography	244	76	320
FIC - Fiction	7,651	6,265	13,916
MAG - Periodical	875	39	914
DVD - Movies	8,669	0	8,669
VHS - Movies	2,428	0	2,428
AC - Audio Books	4,575	40	4,615
CD - Compact Disk Music	11	1	12
PKB - Paperbacks	272	0	272
TOTALS	26,465	7,946	34,411

Walk in Patrons	21799	9444	31,243
Phone Inquiries	2726		2,726
Computer Users	5023	1240	6,263
Copier Patrons	914		914
Fax Patrons	189	0	189

Interlibrary Loaned	1084		1,084
Interlibrary Borrowed	367		367

A grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council made it possible for the Berlin Public Library in conjunction with the White Mountains Community College to hold two series of book discussions at the Fortier Library. The fall 2008 series, entitled "Paint, Marble, Words: Fiction &

Art" focused on art and literature. The four book discussions featured Ingrid Graff and Frumie Selchen as the discussion leaders as well as a lecture on Vermeer by David Smith. The spring 2009 series entitled "Yankee Crime" featured four book discussions focusing on New England crime mysteries. Discussion leaders were Craig Doherty, Marion Schafer and Frumie Selchen. Books for these discussions were available at both libraries during the program periods and open to the public at no charge.

In the spring, book records were downloaded into the library software for the automation project. This was a major step towards automation. The project of putting barcodes on all library materials began. This is estimated to take several years to complete.

November 2008 saw the resignation of longtime Trustee Harold Nelson due to relocation. Mr. Nelson was a dedicated trustee for 19 years. We miss his frequent visits. We send a sincere thank you to Mr. Nelson for all his dedicated service to the library and community. Mr. Paul Cusson was appointed by the City Council to serve the remainder of the Trustee term.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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