

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 can also transfer them to portable devices.

Patrons, having 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. The library continues to offer a Children's Summer Reading Program and Book discussion Series in conjunction with The White Mountains Community College.

The Children's 2009 Summer Reading Program theme was "Summertime and the Reading is Easy". The program was made possible by a Kids, Books and Arts grant from The NH State Library, and the Saul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation in memory of Rebecca Lee Spitz. Artist Andrew Pinard and his Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe, held at the Recreation Dept. was the kick-off program, attracting 94 children and 56 adults.

In addition to the weekly programs held at the library, there were two special outings to the Fire Dept. as well as National Forest Service Rangers who presented an animal program. A closing party for the summer reading program included a Clif Storyteller

at the Community Field Park. In total, 421 books were read. Other children counted chapters (575 total) and others counted how many minutes they read (6,695 minutes total). There were 11 programs, with 431 children and 251 adults in attendance. A total of 32 weekly Story Hour for young children returned in September until June, serving 190 children and 123 adults. Fall 2009 School Tours came to a total of 128 children and 19 adults visiting the Children's Department.



Children who participated in the Summer Reading Program enjoy a Fire Dept outing

Kathy Godin, Children's Librarian, also received a grant from Walmart in the amount of \$250 to use for Children's Programming. Kathy also received a donation of a number of tickets from Storyland for use with the Summer Reading Program. The library appreciates these donations and thanks Walmart and Storyland for their donations to help with the success of the children's programs.

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 lectures and book discussions at the Fortier Library. The Fall 2009 series included three lectures. The first was "Baked Beans and Fried Clams" with

speaker Edie Clark, second was “American Quilt Traditions” with speaker Cheryl Savageau and the last was “That Reminds me of a Story” with speaker Rebecca Rule. The Spring 2010 series was entitled “Against All Odds: Survival of the Human Spirit. Books included: The Odyssey by Robert Fagles, Adventures in the Unknown Interior of America by Cabeza de Vaca, The Endurance: Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing and Life of Pi by Yann Martel. Discussion scholars were Marion Schafer, Craig Doherty and Frumie Selchen. Books for these discussions were available at both libraries during the program periods and open to the public at no charge.

During FY2010, maintenance and repair work at the library included pouring cement to fill area, and installing the fence enclosure finishing the work to complete the Library Courtyard for use by the Children’s Department for children’s programs. Other maintenance items were having all rugs cleaned, fixing light fixtures in both departments, fire and smoke alarm inspection, replacement of DSL router as well as other computer repairs, replacement of an electronic panel in the Microfilm machine, and replacement of copier and fax machine.

The project on automation using the Athena program continues as we keep working on the barcoding all library materials. Librarians work on this project as time allows. We have entered all adult patrons into the system.

November 2009 saw the election of Mr. Paul Tardiff as Library Trustee, taking the place vacated by Mr. Paul Cusson. We thank Mr. Cusson for his service in finishing the term left vacant when former Trustee Mr. Harold Nelson relocated. Trustee Ms. Yvonne

Thomas continues as Chair and Trustee Ms. Linda LaFleur as Treasurer.

Staff changes at the library include the departure of Elizabeth Domino, who left to take a position in the Finance Dept. at City Hall. We appreciate all the work Betty did for the library. Pam Luckern filled the full time position vacated by Betty. Maria Neal filled the part time position vacated by Pam Luckern. Two new Per Diem/On Call people were hired, Lucille Weimer and Suzanne Colburn, who work on an as needed basis.

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.

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JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010			
TOPICS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	73	19	92
100 - Philosophy	123	47	170
200 - Religion	99	18	117
300 - Social Science	325	144	469
400 - Language	19	42	61
500 - Pure Science	110	438	548
600 - Technology	491	217	708
700 - The Arts	241	453	694
800 - Literature	98	79	177
900 - Geography & History	251	77	328
910 - Travel	81	6	87
BIO - Biography	187	74	261
FIC - Fiction	7,396	4,954	12,350
MAG - Periodical	667	32	699
DVD - Movies	7,692	0	7,692
VHS - Movies	1,870	0	1,870
AC - Audio Books	4,269	17	4,286
CD - Compact Disk Music	60	1	61
PKB - Paperbacks	316	0	316
TOTALS	24,052	6,618	30,670
Walk in Patrons	18566	11023	29,589
Phone Inquiries	2371	390	2,761
Computer Users	5216	1349	6,565
Copier Patrons	881	5	886
Fax Patrons	253	0	253
Microfilm Patrons	47		47
Interlibrary Loaned	941		941
Interlibrary Borrowed	259		259

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Jensen
Library Director