

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 provide access to downloadable audio books through the New Hampshire State Library and Overdrive. Patrons, with a library card in good standing, have access to interlibrary materials from participating NH libraries. Fax and copier services are available. 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 2012 Summer Reading Program theme was "Dream Big Read". The program was made possible by Kids, Books and Arts grant provided by the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, the Cogswell



Benevolent Trust, the New Hampshire Library Association and the New Hampshire State Library, as well as a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. The kick-off program was Judy Pancoast, held at the Recreation Dept., attracted 69 children, 30 adults and 14 helpers. The Summer Reading Program consisted of 12 programs, with 320 children and 180 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 included Cliff Storyteller David Martin at the Community Field Park with 2 free books for each child. In total, 1352 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.

Kathy Godin, Children's Librarian, conducted a total of 31 weekly Story Hours for young children from September to June, serving 304 children and 193 adults. In addition, there were two School Visits, Kiwanis Kids visit, Halloween program, as well as a place for safe visits. The total attendance of all Kathy's programs was 1655 children and 810 adults for a grand total of 2465 patrons. The Children's Dept. was also presented with a donation of \$1,000 in CLIF books.

Grants 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 2012 Exhibit and Series "The Way We Worked" consisting a traveling exhibition by the Smithsonian Institution based on photographs from the National Archives, Panel Discussion of work

history of the North Country, book discussions presented by Scholars Craig Doherty, Suzanne Brown and a talk by Jennifer Pustz, Museum Historian at Historic New England. The Spring 2013 series was entitled “Fairies and Wishes and Witches, Oh My! The Import of Fairy Tales in All of Our Lives”. The series included two Book Discussions: Briar Rose by Jane Yolen, and Nightingale Wood by Stella Gibbon; a Humanities To Go talk “Not In Front of the Children” and a film viewing and discussion of Stephen Sondheim’s play Into the Woods. The scholar for all four presentations was Ingrid Graff.

Librarians are in the process of entering and barcoding all library items into the Atrium automation program. Cards are no longer typed for the card catalog. A computer in each department is dedicated to Atrium for patrons to access the library catalog. This can also be accessed remotely at: <http://berlinlibrary.dyndns.org:81/opac/bpl/>. Once all items are entered into the Atrium program and barcoded, we will begin to use barcode scanners and be fully automated.

In September, Public Works did a great job repairing and securing the handrail at the library entrance. Public Works also repaired light fixtures in the Children’s Dept. several times and attended to furnace issues. The library alarm system was checked and put in working order and now needs to be connected to the City Hall system. In September, the biennial cleaning of the carpets was completed.

Changes in staff include the retirement of Denise Goulet, as Part-time Desk Clerk, who began working for the library in Oct. 1999. We thank Denise for the many years of service to the library. Hired as replacement, we welcomed Debra Bousquet, who began working at the end of June 2013.

In April, 2013, the library was presented with a commendation for service to the community by Executive Councilor, Raymond S. Burton, Senator Jeff Woodburn, NH State Librarian Michael York. Library Trustees, Yvonne Thomas, Paul “Poof” Tardiff attended the presentation which took place during Library Week with this year’s theme being “Communities Matter At Your Library”.

In May, 2013, Coulombe Real Estate announced the Forty for Forty awards program to 40 local charities and organizations as a way of giving back to the community. The library was one of the organizations who received a donation of \$40 in recognition of service to the community. Thank you.

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.

TOPICS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	72	21	93
100 - Philosophy	134	3	137
200 - Religion	111	6	117
300 - Social Science	274	163	437
400 - Language	30	22	52
500 - Pure Science	78	376	454
600 - Technology	292	289	581
700 - The Arts	215	285	500
800 - Literature	125	55	180
900 - Geography & History	300	112	412
910 - Travel	67	25	92
BIO - Biography	200	93	293
FIC - Fiction	9,373	4,361	13,734
MAG - Periodical	240	114	354
DVD - Movies	7,391	0	7,391
VHS - Movies	458	0	458
AC - Audio Books	4,165	17	4,182
CD - Compact Disk Music	5	0	5
TOTALS	23,530	5,942	29,472
PKB - Paperbacks	76	0	76
Walk in Patrons	19277	10829	30,106
Phone Inquiries	2196	226	2,422
Computer Users	5065	974	6,039
Copier Patrons	2138	0	2,138
Fax Patrons	233	0	233
Microfilm Patrons	217	0	229
Interlibrary Loaned	720	0	720
Interlibrary Borrowed	145	0	145

Respectfully Submitted,
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