

BERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Berlin Public Library maintains an organized collection of books and related materials for both educational and recreational use by the community. Computers with internet access, WiFi, 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. Each department has a computer dedicated for patrons to access the library catalog. This can also be accessed remotely at: <http://berlinlibrary.dyndns.org:81/opac/bpl/>. 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 offers a Children's Summer Reading Program, weekly Story Hour and Book discussion and/or Lecture Series, in conjunction with the White Mountains Community College, Fortier Library.

The Children's 2013 Summer Reading Program theme was "Dig Into Reading". The program was made possible by Kids, Books and Arts grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Saul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation in memory



of Rebecca Lee Spitz. The June 30, 2013 kick-off program was Readers of the Lost Book Magic Show by Mike Bent, held at the Berlin Public Library, attracted 80 children, 40 adults. In addition, a Summer

Recreation/Library Kickoff presented on June 27, 2013 attracted 55 children and 35 adults with entertainment by Bob Pelletier. The Summer Reading Program consisted of 10 programs, with 292 children and 206 adults in attendance. Weekly programs included a special outing to the Fire Dept., children's questions were answered by Firemen attending two of the programs as well as playing games with children. Two other programs presented by the National Forest Service Rangers, and book readings by Paul "Poof" Tardiff. Two Outdoor Adventures closing parties were presented on July 31 and August 1, for different age groups. In total, 177 fiction and 23 non-fiction 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 continued generosity.

Kathy Godin, Children's Librarian, conducted a total of 36 weekly Story Hours for young children from September to June, serving 205 children and 141 adults. In addition, there was a School Visit, 12 Kiwanis Kids visits, a Halloween program, as well as a place for safe visits. The total attendance of all Kathy's programs was 1084 children and 648 adults for a grand total of 1732 patrons.

Three grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council made it possible for the Berlin Public Library in conjunction with the White Mountains Community College, Fortier Library to hold a lecture and book discussion series at the Fortier Library. The Fall 2013 Series entitled "Rediscovering Sherlock". The series included a film viewing and discussion of The Blue Carbuncle with scholar Ingrid Graff, two Humanities To Go Talks, "(Not So) Elementary My Dear Watson" by scholar Ann McClellan and "The Case of the

Detective Who Refused To Die” by scholar Ingrid Graff. The final session was a book discussion of “Hound of the Baskervilles” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, also presented by Ingrid Graff.

In August 2013, the Berlin Historical Society paid for and donated nine microfilms of “The Mountaineer” newspaper dated 1891 to 1914 to the Berlin Public Library for patrons to use for research. This very generous gift is very much appreciated.

In March 2014, two new computers donated by Howard and Patty Chase In Memory of Pauline Beatrice Gagnon, Patty’s mother, to the library for patron use. This generous donation shows the great commitment Howard and Patty have for the support of our library and community. All 10 of the patron computers at the library are very old and need to be replaced and this is a beginning to that goal. In May, the library received word that Pamela Laflamme applied for and received a \$4000 grant from the NH Charitable Foundation for new computers for the library, with the Berlin City Council passing a resolution to accept the funds on June 17, 2014. We are looking forward to the replacement of the remaining patron computers. The library also received an anonymous IMO donation to fund the purchase and installation of WIFI for the library, which was installed 3/24/14.

We are grateful to the Public Works Dept. for helping the library with maintenance during the year, including repair to tables and shelves in the Children’s Dept., help with bathroom repairs and water pump repair to name a few. Glass tops were purchased for the circulation desk and card catalog to avoid splinters from the beautiful old wood furniture. The library had boiler repair in February. A telephone was also replaced in the Children’s Dept.

Changes in staff included the resignation of Maria Neal on May 30, 2014, as Part-time Desk Clerk. Maria had been with us since Feb. 2010 and we thank her for her service to the library. Hired as replacement for Maria, we welcomed Ann Brungot, who began working on June 9, 2014.

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,
Denise Jensen
Library Director

LIBRARY STATISTICS July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

TOPICS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	60	22	82
100 - Philosophy	195	12	207
200 - Religion	69	14	83
300 - Social Science	245	95	340
400 - Language	29	18	47
500 - Pure Science	61	279	340
600 - Technology	395	168	563
700 - The Arts	196	184	380
800 - Literature	146	65	211
900 - Geography & History	329	80	409
910 - Travel	24	16	40
BIO - Biography	209	78	287
FIC - Fiction	8,337	4,648	12,985
MAG - Periodical	172	103	275
DVD - Movies	4,080	0	4,080
VHS - Movies	162	0	162
AC - Audio Books	3,687	10	3,697
CD - Compact Disk Music	45	0	45
TOTALS	18,441	5,792	24,233
PKB - Paperbacks	29	0	29
Walk in Patrons	17061	9273	26,334
Phone Inquiries	1850	159	2,009
Computer Users	4807	350	5,157
Copier Patrons	2078	0	2,078
Fax Patrons	314	0	314
Microfilm Patrons	249	0	249
Interlibrary Loaned	712	0	712
Interlibrary Borrowed	251	0	251