

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. Internet access, WiFi, local newspapers on microfilm, audio books, and a movie collection, are all available to the community. Fax, copier and scan to email services are also available.

The library catalog can be accessed through a dedicated computer in each department, or remotely through the City of Berlin website. Patrons, with a library card in good standing, have access to interlibrary materials from participating NH libraries.

Access to downloadable books through the New Hampshire State Library and Overdrive is available. In addition, the library now offers Heritage Quest, a genealogy resource, accessible on site or remotely.

The Children's 2016 Summer Reading Program theme was "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read". Funding for the Kids, Books and Arts was provided by the Paul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation in memory of Rebecca Lee Spitz, a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds administered by the NH State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Due to illness, the Keith Munson's program of Songs & Stories, Cartoons & Comedy was rescheduled and performed at Brown School on 10/26/16 to an enthusiastic audience of 300 children.

The June 23, 2016 SRP kick-off was a musical program by Judy Pancoast, In Memory of Mrs. Inez Hamlin, which was held at the Berlin Recreation Building. The Summer Reading Program consisted of 11 programs, serving 209 families. A total of 468 books were read during the SRP. The 5 week program included visits with Rangers, Nick and Jenna, Berlin Fire Dept. tours, a Bruins' Blades visit and Clif's David Martin brought stories and books for the children. Children's Librarian, Kathy Godin, also received help with her programs from Library Trustees, Ms. Yvonne Thomas and Mr. Paul Tardiff. Adding to the success of the Summer Reading Program was a donation of tickets from Storyland for the children to enjoy. The library wishes to thank Storyland for their continued generosity and support.



Congratulations to Eliana Amato who read 1,000 books before Kindergarten

The Children's Librarian conducted a total of 39 weekly Story Hours for young

children from September to June, serving 370 children and 243 adults. In addition, there was a School Visit, a Halloween program, a place for 313 Safe Visits, as well as an Afterschool Program for 51 children. The total attendance of all Kathy's programs was 2378 children and 861 adults for a grand total of 3239 patrons.

Library Statistics July 1, 2016
to June 30, 2017

TOPICS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	70	48	118
100 - Philosophy	137	22	159
200 - Religion	91	17	108
300 - Social Science	268	222	490
400 - Language	9	66	75
500 - Pure Science	52	845	897
600 - Technology	359	245	604
700 - The Arts	149	461	610
800 - Literature	338	121	459
900 - Geography & History	328	113	441
910 - Travel	0	16	16
BIO - Biography	227	57	284
FIC - Fiction	7,701	8,769	16,470
MAG - Periodical	269	1	270
DVD - Movies	3,848	0	3,848
VHS - Movies	259	0	259
AC - Audio Books	4,679	127	4,806
CD - Compact Disk Music	3	5	8
TOTALS	18,787	11,135	29,922
PKB - Paperbacks	227	0	227
Walk in Patrons	12318	10717	23,035
Phone Inquiries	1512	191	1,703
Computer Users	3800	399	4,199
Copier Patrons	3403	32	3,435
Fax Patrons	381	0	381
Microfilm Patrons	109	0	109
Interlibrary Loaned	767	0	767
Interlibrary Borrowed	237	0	237
NHDB Checkouts	1445	0	1445

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 and the Gorham Public Library, to hold a Fall 2016 series entitled, "Women Out of the Kitchen: Historical Women of New England." The series began with a living history presentation of "Sarah Josepha Hale" by Sharon Wood, followed by a lecture entitled "Witches, Pop Culture, and the

Past" by Robin DeRosa, a performance of "Stories of Strong Women in New England's History" by Jo Radner and for the final program, Ingrid Graff's book discussion of "Country of the Pointed Firs".

As in the previous year, there has been an increase in the number of items checked out at the library. There were 29,922 items checked out, which is an increase of 2,000 items from the previous year. In this age of electronics, this statistic indicates that library patrons still use traditional resources, in addition to the NHDB through NH State Library Consortium, which remains very popular with 1445 checkouts, an increase from last year.

In October 2016, the old boiler was replaced. We appreciate the new boiler, which required many adjustments and much patience. We are confident the library will be warm this winter season and for many more years.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
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Library Director