

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, local yearbooks, 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 the City of Berlin website as well as at the library. Patrons, with a library card in good standing, have access to interlibrary materials from participating NH libraries.

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

The library's Children's Dept. 2017 Summer Reading Program theme was "Build a Better World". The SRP Kick Off Party was held at the Recreation Dept. where children were entertained by local musician Dave Duchesne. The Summer Reading Program consisted of 12 programs, serving 121 families. A total of 458 books were read during the SRP. The 5 week program included visits with Ranger, Heidi, Berlin Fire Dept. tours, a planting program with Deb Sheehan. As in past years, during the 2017 SRP, Library Trustee, Ms. Yvonne Thomas helped Kathy Godin with the programs and Trustee Mr. Paul Tardiff, read stories to the children throughout the SPR. Adding to the success of the Summer Reading Program was a donation of tickets from Storyland for the children to enjoy. The library thanks Storyland for their continued generosity and support.

The Children's Librarian ran a total of 31 weekly Story Hours for young children from September to June, serving 208 children and 150 adults. In addition, there was a Halloween program with 364 children, a safe place for which 325 Safe Visits took place, as well as Afterschool Programs for 161 children. The total attendance of all Kathy's programs was 1400 children and 830 adults for a grand total of 2230 patrons.

The library checked out 28,811 items during FY2018. This statistic indicates that patrons at our library still use traditional resources, in addition to the NHDB through NH State Library Consortium which remains very popular with 1739 checkouts, an increase of almost 300 from last year. A total of 21,657 patrons walked through our doors.

Grants from the New Hampshire Humanities 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 2017 series entitled, "The World War II We Never Knew." The series began with two book discussions presented by Suzanne H. Brown, We Band of Angels: the Untold Story of the American Women Trapped on Bataan and Soldier from the War Returning: Troubled Homecoming not in News. These were followed by a film presentation by John Gfroerer called "World War II New Hampshire". The fourth program was Marina Kirsch presents "Flight of Remembrance: World War II from the Losing Side and the Dream that Led to Aerospace Engineering" based on her book, Flight of Remembrance: A World War II Memoir of Love and Survival.

WMCC, Berlin Public Library and Gorham Public Library also presented three other programs, You Had a Job for Life presented

by the author, Jamie Sayen, “The History of the Nansen Ski Jump” presented by Walter Nadeau and Ty Gagne presented his book, Where You’ll Find Me: Risks, Decisions and the Last Climb of Kate Matrosova, based on a true story.

In September 2017, the library’s failing fire alarm box was replaced by Vaillancourt Electric. Eversource upgraded the light fixtures with more energy efficient lights. During the year, Public Works helped us with minor repairs such as replacing a metal floor strip at the base of entrance door, filling in the front stairs with cement and painting yellow strip on bottom step for safety, replacing of front door arm, and fixing a radiator drip.

In looking over our Yearbook collection of Berlin High School and Notre Dame Yearbooks, we found that we had many missing. Generously, Berlin High School gave us two recent books that were missing. In speaking with Odette Leclerc, we found that the Moffett House had extras in their collection and they donated the remaining missing yearbooks, except for one recent yearbook. We are very grateful for this donation!

Sadly, on March 13, 2018, Paul “Poof” Tardiff, a Library Trustee since January 2010, passed away. Poof was a great lover of the community and library and is greatly missed by many people whose lives he touched. We miss you Poof! Poof’s family chose to make an In Memory Of Poof donation to the Library’s Children’s Dept. earmarked for Summer Reading Program. This will benefit the children for years to come. Poof loved the children of the library and over the years, was a great voice in reading books to them during the SRP. Ms. Denise Bergeron was chosen to finish the term of Poof’s Library Trustee position.

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,
Denise Jensen
Library Director



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JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018			
TOPICS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	31	52	83
100 - Philosophy	94	41	135
200 - Religion	66	20	86
300 - Social Science	271	155	426
400 - Language	14	32	46
500 - Pure Science	59	598	657
600 - Technology	438	366	804
700 - The Arts	173	656	829
800 - Literature	240	115	355
900 - Geography & History	473	260	733
910 - Travel	6	8	14
BIO - Biography	285	91	376
FIC - Fiction	8,080	6,302	14,382
MAG - Periodical	300	39	339
DVD - Movies	5,921	0	5,921
VHS - Movies	66	0	66
AC - Audio Books	3,508	41	3,549
CD - Compact Disk Music	10	0	10
TOTALS	20,035	8,776	28,811
PKB - Paperbacks	112	0	112
Walk in Patrons	11216	10441	21,657
Phone Inquiries	1434	169	1,603
Computer Users	2942	490	3,432
Copier Patrons	3400	0	3,400
Fax Patrons	359	1	360
Microfilm Patrons	83	0	83
Interlibrary Loaned	759	0	759
Interlibrary Borrowed	219	0	219
NHDB Checkouts	1739	0	1739