

## 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 and Ancestry, which can be accessed at the library.

*Berlin Public Library's sign receives a makeover*



Aimee Bousquet (left), a freshman at Gorham Middle High School and Denise Jensen, director of the Berlin Public Library pose with the renovated library sign. Bousquet, whose mother works at the library, noticed the sign could use a little TLC and used her time, resources and talents to replace all the lettering on the sign which features the library's hours of operation. (COURTESY PHOTO)

The Library's Children's Department 2018 Summer Reading Program theme was "Libraries Rock". The Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party was held at the Recreation Center. Children were entertained

by local musician Dave Duchesne. The SRP consisted of 12 programs, serving a total of 203 children and 112 adults. The SRP weekly programs had a rock theme and included programs on rock art, and Rock with the Bradys, and, the always popular Fun with the Fire Department. Library Trustee, Ms. Yvonne Thomas, volunteered giving a hand to Kathy Godin with the programs. Adding to the success of the Summer Reading Program was a donation of tickets from Storyland for the children to enjoy. The library is thankful to Storyland for their continued generosity and support. In December, Hailey Lapointe from WMUR, provided a Weather Presentation for 27 children and 39 adults who attended. A CLIF Books presentation and book giveaway, was held in January at the library. The North Country Chamber Players presented a musical program to the children in July 2018.

The Children's Librarian ran a total of 23 weekly Story Hours for young children from September to June, serving 128 children and 80 adults. In addition, there was a Halloween program with 251 children, a safe place for which 315 Safe Visits took place, as well as three Afterschool Programs for 95 children. The total attendance of all Kathy's programs was 1344 children and 938 adults for a grand total of 2282 patrons.

The library checked out 21,016 items during FY2019. 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 1973 checkouts, an increase of 115 from last year. A total of 19,088 patrons walked through our doors.

A grant 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 the Fall 2018 series entitled, "Adventure and History in the North Country." The series began in October with a presentation called Nansen Ski Club, Forward into the Past, with Scott Halverson and Peter Higbee. In November, the NHH program Harnessing History: On the Trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, The Chinook with Bob Cottrell was presented. These programs were followed by a presentation of "Berlin's History of Hockey" with Walter Nadeau.

In October 2018, The NH Preservation Alliance Review Committee approved a \$4,500 matching Grant for a comprehensive assessment of the Library building. Alba Architects was chosen to provide the systems and building assessment which began in May 2019. The completed assessment report is in the process of being finalized. This will provide information to be used in future library grants and projects for maintaining and improving the library building. Thank you to Pamela Laflamme, City Planner, for the great work on the grant application and work on the project.

Sadly, on February 2, 2019, Harold D. Nelson, a Library Trustee from 1986 to 2008, passed away. Mr. Nelson had a great interest in the Berlin community and library.

A painting from local artist, Mikey Bartlett, was donated by her daughter to the library in her mother's memory. The painting will be framed and displayed in the library.

The Staff from 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 local library.

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JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

TOPICS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	45	32	77
100 - Philosophy	132	15	147
200 - Religion	101	22	123
300 - Social Science	251	156	407
400 - Language	4	51	55
500 - Pure Science	77	571	648
600 - Technology	397	156	553
700 - The Arts	154	477	631
800 - Literature	226	39	265
900 - Geography & History	339	254	593
910 - Travel	3	27	30
BIO - Biography	345	51	396
FIC - Fiction	7,916	4,209	12,125
MAG - Periodical	317	7	324
DVD - Movies	3,625	0	3,625
VHS - Movies	46	0	46
AC - Audio Books	934	22	956
CD - Compact Disk Music	15	0	15
TOTALS	14,927	6,089	21,016
PKB - Paperbacks	41	0	41
Walk in Patrons	10264	8824	19,088
Phone Inquiries	1418	258	1,676
Computer Users	2707	421	3,128
Copier Patrons	3115	12	3,127
Fax Patrons	291	0	291
Microfilm Patrons	65	0	65
Interlibrary Loaned	922	0	922
Interlibrary Borrowed	311	0	311
NHDB Checkouts	1973	0	1973

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Jensen  
Library Director