

Rollinsford Public Library

Third Quarter Report

Patron Usage:

Adults: 1,039 Children: 758
Volunteer Hours: 365
Public Internet Use (# Logins): 258
Books Catalogued to date: 8,231
28 Magazine Subscriptions

Books Circulated:

Adult: 335 Children: 821
A/V Materials Circulated: 35
Cards Issued (to date): 1,307

The fall season has been excellent at the library. RGS classes in the annex resumed their monthly visits in September. Over 100 kids walk down each month to use the library. September 26 was the one year anniversary of the library's Grand Opening. Peter Michaud, well known local historian and Rollinsford native, gave a tour of the Salmon Falls village and antiques appraiser Caroline French came and did appraisals to raise funds for the library.

In October the Friends of the RPL launched their calendar fundraising project to try to raise money for the library's operating budget. Over 400 hundred calendars have been sold so far. I brought the calendar with me to a speaking engagement at the State Library at the end of the month and it was a huge hit with the 75 librarians at the conference.

Artist Open Studio, held the weekend before Thanksgiving in the Mill complex, brought 235 people in to view and tour the library.

The director and members of the Madbury Friends of the Library and Friends of the South Berwick visited in November to look at our library as a model for the new libraries their communities intend to build. Madbury will spend \$3 million for their library and South Berwick will spend \$1.2 million to modify the \$800,000 property they recently purchased to expand theirs. It is a testament to the amazing efforts of the Friends of RPL and all who have donated money, services and materials to make our library happen at no cost to the town. That the Rollinsford library is an example to be emulated by other communities speaks volumes about this accomplishment.

A new computer station dedicated to historical and genealogical research has been donated. In the coming months the entire collection of historical materials belonging to the town will be catalogued and all images will be scanned and made available online. I am currently working on a grant proposal for financial assistance from the RGS Education Foundation for next summer's reading program. The new school librarian and I will be collaborating on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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