

Rollinsford Public Library

First Quarter Report

Patron Usage:

Adults: 980 Children: 673
Volunteer Hours: 296
Public Internet Use(# Logins): 216
Books Catalogued to date: 6,159
28 Magazine Subscriptions

Books Circulated:

Adult: 269 Children: 786
A/V Materials Circulated: 70
Cards Issued (to date): 1,214

Many exciting new services have been made available to the community in the first quarter of the 2009/2010 at the RPL. Our spring speaker series (partially sponsored by the NH Humanities Council) was a big success and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Downloadable Audiobooks from the state library's audiobook consortium are now accessible at no charge through the RPL website. Our wireless network and desktop computers are used regularly by patrons who rely on us to provide access to internet services. Many patrons have begun to use the genealogical websites we provide for free from the state library as well. A local Girl Scout Troop is offering a "Books On Wheels" program to the elderly or anyone else who cannot physically make it to the library themselves and many of the classroom teachers at RGS have scheduled a regular monthly walk to the library for an individualized story time and to check out library books. This will resume in the fall. Many preschool children regularly attend preschool story time and many new friendships have been made for children participants and their parents.

Major improvements were made this quarter in our public computer terminals thanks to the donation of four desktop Apple computers and three wireless Apple laptop computers. All were reconditioned and re-programmed for the library by a local computer company. Our landlords the Pellerins gave us about 1,200 square feet of new warehouse storage space to accommodate our supplies, donated books and equipment which has had a huge impact on our ability to manage and process books and other

supplies that have been donated. We also received a generous donation of high quality cantilever shelving from the director of the Kingsbury Science Library at the University of New Hampshire. We have used this shelving to greatly improve our book sale area outside the library in the mill. In addition to these improvements we catalogued over 630 books this quarter and hope to have the entire collection electronically catalogued by the end of this year.

Over the summer we will run a Summer Readers Program for all of our young readers called "CAMP READS-A-LOT". There will be games and activities, crafts and prizes. We have a knitting group that meets on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm and an adult summer reading group that will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8pm and to discuss three current nonfiction titles. We will be open three evenings a week for the summer as well as all afternoon on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

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