Librarian’s Report

February for March 6th meeting, 2017

# Building

Called the plumber Dan Lavigne about drinking fountain. He stopped by and is checking on a part since the bubbler is quite old and parts are not readily available.

Met with Noah Bourassa about mounting the TV on the wall. He can leave the pull down screen (which we need from time to time) and pull it out a bit so it will pull down in front of the TV. He will get a quote on building a cabinet to house the DVD player and other media items, plus storage for the small chairs to get out of the way when we are not using them. He will mount the sound bar underneath the TV as well. He will draw up and submit a proposal for all this work. We can purchase pre-made cabinets, but will get a quote for them to be built by Mark Johnson on Walnut Ave., who is Noah’s father-in-law, and a carpenter.

Will be getting quotes from Joshua Douglas, who painted the interior walls of the library and work room, to paint the NH Room, director’s office, staff bathroom, and also replace vanity and sink in staff bathroom, replace the door, and install an exhaust fan in the staff bathroom.

Craig Room floor will be replaced March 13-15th by Portrie’s. Paid for by private North Hampton citizen. The curtains will be replaced by black out shades (for when we show movies). The folding doors will be painted and furnace room and exit door, as well as the pulpit, and blue cabinet. A dolly for the tables will be purchased so the extra tables can be moved out of the Craig Room when we have programs to make the room more visually pleasing.

# Operations

We moved books to fill in empty spaces, hoping to create space up front for facing out books. Because of the crowded fiction sections from A-G we weren’t able to free up space yet for marketing sections up front near the reading area.

Suzi Fuller McDonald has donated a bench in Sally Marcotte’s honor that is replacing the worn out looking bench out front.

I don’t have all the statistics for February yet, and will update the spreadsheets when I do have them all. See below. Circulation for January was up 12% from previous month and up 10% from the previous year. February looks like it will be slightly lower than last year and last month when all the figures are in. We did have some storm closings that affected circulation.

# Financial

We received the yearly Dorothy & Paul Hobbs Foundation donation from NH Charitable Foundation in the amount of $7426.27. We also received a check from the Fuller Foundation for $1000 and a phone call from John Bottomley encouraging the library to apply for the grant yearly as we used to get a yearly check for $1000 in the past.

Closing balance for February of Non-appropriated account was $72,789.53. $7426.27 was added to the Hobbs Fund, and $1000 was added to the Fuller Foundation.

The closing balance of the Operating account was $72,920.28.

# Staff

We hired Eileen Zimmerman as a new part-time staff library assistant to work Wednesdays 2-5, Thursdays, 4-8 and two Saturdays a month. She has a background as an elementary school teacher, and has been a stay at home Mom for the past several years and is eager to get back into the work force on a part time basis. She lives in Stratham.

# Programs

Andy Morris’s Reiki program was cancelled due to bad weather. He reschedule again in the spring.

The Seacoast Academy of Music program with Greg Boardman, folk musician was a great program. Unfortunately it was on February 11th which was the aftermath of a major storm, so wasn’t as well attended as we had hoped.

The library and Historical Society hosted *Lighthouses and the people who kept them* presented by Jeremy D’Entremont sponsored by NH Humanities, who we have invited twice in the past for his haunted lighthouse programs. About 36 people attended and it was interesting and engaging.

Norman Ng, the magician for Winterfest Feb 25th 2017 was a huge success with over 60 people attending. The Friends of the Library sponsored this program.

March 9th Patty Shorland will do a workshop on using FamilySearch.org at 6:30 p.m. Seven have signed up so far for this workshop.

Marilyn Carter will do a program March 21st on her book “The Healing Power of Reiki.”

Liz is hosting a program on Amelia Earhart Tues. April 4th at 7 pm.

Thursday April 13th Peter Philbrook is teaching a small class on fly-tying if 4 people are interested in signing up.

We are planning on doing another stained glass class with Kitri Doherty in May.

Martha Dana displayed her eclectic art pieces during February. Those who came to view the art commented favorably.

# Other

We invited and met with Jacquie Brandt who is running for library trustee, on Tuesday Feb, 21st. She has a background working in college libraries when she was a student. Staff enjoyed talking with her and showing her the library. Seavie Rideout also has stopped by to chat with staff as well. Candidates night is March 8th at Town Hall.

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| **Circulation** | **July** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **June** |  | **Total** |
| **2013-14** | **5199** | **4723** | **3566** | **3570** | **3734** | **3214** | **4272** | **3796** | **3987** | **3974** | **3678** | **4876** | **66** | **48655** |
| **2014-15** | **4956** | **3969** | **3517** | **3605** | **3092** | **3209** | **3528** | **3343** | **3523** | **3995** | **3247** | **5279** |  | **45263** |
| **2015-16** | 4840 | 4375 | 3770 | 3436 | 2873 | 2947 | 2955 | 3207 | 3410 | 3532 | 3224 | 4187 |  | 42756 |
| **2016-17** | 4465 | 3753 | 3261 | 3212 | 3113 | 2924 | 3275 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FY 2017** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
|  | **July** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **April** | **May** | **June** |  | **Total** |
| NHPL circulation | 4040 | 3357 | 2778 | 2746 | 2626 | 2429 | 2650 | 2352 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ebooks | 142 | 168 | 137 | 131 | 111 | 136 | 134 | 158 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| audiobooks | 99 | 78 | 69 | 79 | 105 | 81 | 133 | 90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nook periodicals | 15 | 8 | 10 | 21 | 18 | 15 | 9 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EBSCO | 32 | 9 | 42 | 33 | 56 | 38 | 77 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transparent Language sessions | 0 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ancestrylibrary sessions | 9 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heritage Quest sessions | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Valueline | 128 | 124 | 134 | 133 | 135 | 147 | 131 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freading |  |  |  |  | 6 | 12 | 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hoopla |  | 1 | 70 | 60 | 54 | 55 | **100** | **75** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Total** | **4465** | **3753** | **3261** | **3212** | **3113** | **2924** | **3275** | **2698** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **FY2017** | **July** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **April** | **May** | **June** |  | **Total** |
| difference from previous year | -375 | -622 | -509 | -224 | 240 | -23 | 320 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| percentage up/down/previous year | -8.4% | -13.9% | -13.6% | -6.9% | 7.5% | -0.7% | 10.9% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| difference from previous month | 278 | -712 | -492 | -49 | -99 | -189 | 351 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| percentage up/down previous month | 6.23% | -18.97% | -15.09% | -1.53% | -3.18% | -6.46% | 12.00% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Monthly number of people visiting the library** | **1619** | **2138** | **1619** | **2084** | **1480** | **1296** | **1481** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** |  | **Total** |
| **Number of unique NHPL patrons who checked items out per month FY17** | **501** | **468** | **412** | **383** | **379** | **363** | **354** | **376** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total monthly circulation FY17** | **4465** | **3753** | **3261** | **3212** | **3113** | **2924** | **3275** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Number of unique patrons who checked items out FY16** | **548** | **488** | **434** | **407** | **389** | **388** | **377** | **442** | **404** | **404** | **417** | **502** |  |  |
| **Monthly Circulation FY16** | **4840** | **4375** | **3770** | **3436** | **2947** | **2934** | **2955** | **3207** | **3409** | **3532** | **3261** | **4187** |  |  |
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|  | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** |  | **Total** |
| New NHPL Patrons | 13 | 17 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Patrons | 3604 | 3606 | 3613 | 3622 | 3633 | 3650 | 3661 | 3670 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Overdrive users | 2 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unique Users Overdrive | 71 | 63 | 61 | 67 | 59 | 63 | 76 | 72 |  |  |  |  |  |  |