

# Librarian's Report NHPL

August 16, 2017

## Building

Dates for the renovation of lights and ceiling: September 14-25<sup>th</sup>. The library will be closed, but will be functioning on a limited basis out of the Old Town Hall. Details to be worked out. Our patrons will be able to go to the Wiggin Memorial Library in Stratham during the closure to check out up to 5 items during the 10 days we will be closed. They will return any items borrowed from Wiggin to us and we will return them to Wiggin.

## Operations

The display monitor was mounted behind the circulation desk. Plans for a Smart TV in the Study/Teen Room are in the works.

We mounted a new bulletin board in the vestibule which is a vast improvement over the old one. The cabinet is almost ready for the Craig Room to be installed.

We had the new vanity and cupboard installed in the staff bathroom which is a huge improvement over the old sink and shelving.

## Financial

The closing balance for the operating account bank statement for July was \$60,465.93. The non-appropriated account balance was \$73,113.06. The invested funds balance was a total of \$19,120.21 in the Citizens Bank accounts.

## Staff

We have hired Melody Santos to replace Marcia Gagnon who is leaving September 1<sup>st</sup>. Melody was the runner up when we hired Eileen and we brought her back to interview for this opening. Melody does the bookkeeping at the library in Brentwood, has been on the Friends of the Library committee for 3 years, and is going to apply to a masters' program this coming year.

Susan has renewed her notary license and will be able to continue notarizing documents for library patrons and community members.

## Programs

Backyard Birds with Steve Hale, of Open World Explorers July 13<sup>th</sup> was a great success with 17 attending and positive feedback. Lisa Cote, Master Gardener booked him for her club and said he was great.

Sandra Mausey of Granite State Giggles was a success with those who attended Aug 10th. Small in numbers, big on laughs.

Benedict Arnold: Patriot or Spy? Is a NH Humanities program scheduled for September 7 at the old Town Hall at 6:30 pm.

We've cancelled two programs in October due to the 275<sup>th</sup> festivities in October—the Christopher Columbus program and the Haunted Historic Places in New England have been tabled so as not to compete with other activities that month, including our Oct 20<sup>th</sup> program we are collaborating with Seacoast Academy of Music with that features Leslie Amper doing a WPA music program, in conjunction with the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The library will also have a display for Oct 15<sup>th</sup> celebrations and a community activity involving the library.

## Adult Services Report for Trustees Meeting-August 2017

Liz Herold, Adult Services Librarian

### Notes

- The most popular fiction books to checkout in July were ***Same Beach, Next Year*** by Dorthea Benton Frank and ***Against All Odds*** by Danielle Steel.
- The books with the most reserves on them are ***Camino Island*** by John Grisham and ***The Identicals*** by Elin Hilderbrand.
- The most popular non-fiction book was ***Never caught: the Washingtons' relentless pursuit of their runaway slave, Ona Judge*** by Erica Armstrong Dunbar.
- The most popular DVD to checkout was ***The Shack***.
- Friday Flicks has had great attendance each week with a group of “regulars”.
- Laughter Wellness with Sandra Maisey on Thursday, August 10 at 6pm had 11 attendees and everyone seemed very happy with the program.

### Upcoming programs

- NHHEAF will host an Early College Planning program September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Mary Hebert Room due to the work going on in the library building.
- Sky watch scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 630pm with New Hampshire Astronomical Society.

### Ongoing programs-

- Friday Flicks- Every Friday at 2pm schedule is: August 18: *The Promise* rated PG-13, August 25: *How to be a Latin Lover* rated PG-13, September 1: *King Arthur* rated PG-13.
- Wellness book club- Meeting Monday, August 28 at 3:30 to discuss ***The Secret History of Wonder Woman*** by Jill Lepore.
- Hooked on books book club- still on hiatus.