

Librarian's Report
September 13, 2017

Building

The library is closing at 1 pm 9/13 to move items to Town Hall and prepare for the ceiling and lighting work. Some patrons will be using Wiggin Memorial Library in Stratham while we are closed. We hope to open the 26th at 9:30 a.m. There is a list of FAQ's for patrons at the front desk, and it has been in the Friday Folder online, our web site, and email blasts.

The CIP meetings concluded with submissions for a new boiler in the next year, a new library, and the HVAC system replacement on hold and yet to be determined when and if it will be scheduled.

Operations

Circulation was down for August from August of 2016 and from the previous month, however, people visiting the library was up 28%. This indicates the library is being used for other activities than materials being circulated, such as programs, and public computer use, which was up 36% last month. Downloads of digital materials was up slightly last month as well. See table at end of report for all monthly statistics.

We gave out eclipse glasses and made viewing boxes and had one pair of glasses to watch the eclipse with staff and patrons.

Working with the Friends on getting the Community Newsletter mailed out for the first time in a few years.

Financial

The closing balance for the operating account bank statement for August was \$57,238.38 The non-appropriated account statement balance was \$78,857.80. The invested funds balance was a total of \$19,120.34 in the Citizens Bank accounts.

We received a check for \$5,000 from the Dan & Blythe Brown Foundation for general support from the NH Charitable Foundation that was deposited 9/7/2017 and will be on next month's bank statement.

Staff

We said farewell to Marcia Gagnon August 30th at a staff luncheon and patrons stopped by to wish her well too. Her last day was Sept 1st. We will miss her greatly. She has served in many capacities in town and was a library trustee and then became a staff member in 2012.

Seacoast Area Libraries has organized an active shooter training program to be held at Seabrook Library October 19th at 8:30 a.m. We'd like to close the library that morning so all staff may attend, in light of the number of shootings that have occurred in public places, and most recently, August 28th in a public library in New Mexico, where two librarians were shot and killed, and a library assistant, three adults and a 10 year old child were wounded.

Programs

Benedict Arnold: Patriot or Spy at Town Hall Sept 7th was attended by about 36 people. The Historical Society provided refreshments. George Morrison of the NH Humanities was an engaging and informative speaker with a slide show that illustrated his program.

Connie is working on a Poster Art participation for the program Oct 20th on the WPA focusing on poster art of the 1920's and 30's. It is open to all ages, but we are targeting the schools and asking them to participate. They will create their poster art using historical references and we will compile them into a slide show for the 275th celebration on the 14th and at the concert with Leslie Amper that the library is sponsoring with Seacoast Academy of Music on the 20th at 7 pm at Centennial Hall.

Author Linda Matchett will be at the library Tuesday November 28th at 6:30 pm to present *More than Rosie the Riveter*, a look at WWII women volunteers. She has written several historical novels that she will bring to showcase as well.

Adult Services Report for Trustees Meeting-September 2017

Liz Herold, Adult Services Librarian

Notes

- The most popular fiction book to checkout in August was ***Camino Island*** by John Grisham.
- The books with the most reserves are ***Y is for Yesterday*** by Sue Grafton and ***Camino Island*** by John Grisham.
- The most popular non-fiction book was ***Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage murders and the birth of the FBI*** by David Grann.
- The most popular DVDs to checkout were ***Gifted*** and ***Hidden Figures***.
- Friday Flicks continues to have good attendance.

Upcoming programs

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

Ongoing programs-

- Friday Flicks- Every Friday at 2pm schedule is: September 1, *King Arthur* rated PG-13, September 8: *Megan Leavey* rated PG-13.
- Wellness book club- Meeting Monday, September 25 at 3:30 to discuss ***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak.
- Knitting club has expressed an interest in starting back up and meeting every week, instead of every other week.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Grant, Director