

WEEKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

As the center of the Greenland community, the Weeks Public Library provides access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and programs in a variety of formats and technologies to support lifelong learning for persons of all ages.

In 2010 staff continued services and programs in response to 2007 survey results which included more copies of DVD's, more copies of best sellers, greater variety of adult fiction and non-fiction titles, more audio books, public computers, greater variety of programs for teens and adults, and programming for middle school children. With these requests realized, staff worked on addressing other areas of interest such as language and computer classes and an online card catalog system. Tax dollars provided the resources necessary to add new online services and increase the content of established services for the residents of Greenland.

Mango Languages, an online language learning program and LearningExpress Library, a test prep and skill improvement center were added in March. At the same time, eBooks were added to the formats available through the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Service. Then in July, the computer tutoring module was added to the LearningExpress Library package. These online services provide residents with 24/7 access to educational and recreational resources through the Internet. Another service available through the Internet, Atrium, our web-hosted online card catalog system, went live on August 4th. Now patrons may search the library catalog through the Internet from home or office, 24/7. Items may be reserved and renewed online with this new system.

The library also relies on donations and grants to fund programs, services, and materials. The Orion StarBlast 4.5" telescope was presented to the library by the Friends of the Library. The telescope may be borrowed just like a book. The Friends also supported the book rental service, the summer reading prizes and supplies, the holiday refreshments, the holiday parties for children and teens, and museum passes to the New England Aquarium, the Museum of Science in Boston and the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. The Greenland Women's Club sponsored the museum passes to the New Hampshire Children's Museum in Dover and the Seacoast Science Center in Rye. This year the group added the Prescott Park buttons for residents to enjoy Prescott Park events during the summer. The passes were used 201 times providing families with free or discounted visits in 2010. All residents of Greenland are encouraged to take advantage of these passes.

For adults, grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council provided scholars for adult lectures either sponsored by the Library or the Friends. For children, the Greenland McDonald's restaurant donated a Ronald McDonald visit and free food for attendees and the Weeks Public Library was awarded a CLiF Library Sponsorship. For that sponsorship, we were one of twelve recipients in the second round for 2010. This sponsorship included \$2,000 worth of brand-new children's books for the Children's Room and a storytelling presentation at the school. Susan MacDonald, the Children's Librarian, coordinated the book selection, the storytelling presentation at the school and the library celebration of books scheduled for January 2011.

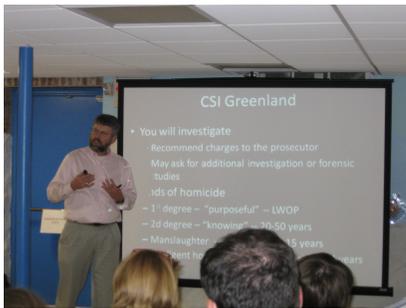
The library continued to be busy with residents using the computers to meet their job searching needs, checking out materials and attending programs. The total circulation

for 2010 was 42,455, an increase of 7.12% over the 2009 total of 39,622. In 2010, the staff organized 339 programs for children, teens and adults with an attendance of 3,936.

As always library news and events may be found in our monthly print newsletter, our semimonthly electronic newsletter, on website, www.weekslibrary.org and on Twitter. The library is open evenings and Saturdays for a total of 51 hours a week. The Weeks Public Library provides residents with a full range of programs and a variety of materials and online services. Below are highlights for the year.

Adults Services

Adult programming included continuing programs such as the weekly cribbage nights, the monthly book discussions and the weekly Friday Morning Group gatherings. In March, the library joined the state-wide Big Read event which centered around the book To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Scheduled programs for this event included a scholar-led book discussion, a movie night featuring the film version of the book, a lecture on the “Role of the Defense Attorney” and a lecture on birds in New Hampshire. Other special programs scheduled in 2010 for adults included one-stroke painting nights, an open-mic poetry night, a lecture on Life in Paris, a lecture on Dr. Sherlock Holmes, the summer reading program, a moon rocks viewing night, bridge lessons, and a performance by local resident, Dr. David Phreaner, of “A Child’s Christmas in Wales.” Lectures on the paranormal, criminal homicide, handwriting analysis and French-Canadian Music were also scheduled. Greenland resident, Chuck Galle even shared stories from his new book. Three New Hampshire Humanities Council programs hosted by the Friends were scheduled for adults, “True Stories from New Hampshire’s Black History,” “That Reminds Me of a Story: Yankee Humor and the New England Storytelling Tradition,” and “Witches, Pop Culture and the Past.”



The 2010 summer reading program, “Water Your Mind,” began Memorial Day weekend and ended Labor Day Weekend. A book display featuring water-related titles was set-up. Forty-eight people signed up to track their reading, 34 read at least five books to earn a raffle ticket. The Friends donated a \$50 gift card to Portsmouth A La Carte for the grand prize. Other donations were acquired including a \$50 Target gift card, a \$10 Best Buy gift card, and several

promotional items from vendors.

Residents enjoyed many hours of informational, educational, cultural and recreational programs at the library.

~ Denise Grimse, Director and Adult Program Coordinator

Teen Services

The Library had lots going on for teens this year. With the help of the Teen Advisory Board 14 different programs were planned and offered throughout the year! New programs included Water Party, Live Clue, Project Zombie Runway and Duct Tape Doo Dads. Teens were invited to join in on some adult programs such as Handwriting Analysis and The Big Read Book Discussion on To Kill a Mockingbird. The theme for the teen summer reading program was “Make Waves @ your Library.” One of the most

popular events held was the live Clue game where teens played the roles of the different characters and turned the library into a mansion! The Friends of the Library encouraged participation in the summer reading program by providing gift certificates to GameStop, Cold Stone Creamery and Target. Some members of the Teen Advisory Board also helped out at the Summer Fun & Jason's Run community event by holding a bake sale and taking pictures for the library.



Teens need a variety of places to learn life experiences and the Weeks Public Library provides that opportunity. Encourage your teen to get involved!

~Sharon Taylor, Assistant Director and Teen Librarian

Children Services

The Children's Room had a very successful year. The many programs and workshops we offer always promote the services we have available at the Weeks Public Library. This year, we added many new programs to our regular roster. Several extra craft programs were added because so many children love coming to the library to make crafts before or after they choose their books. It's a popular and much requested activity. The Drop-In format is being used to meet these requests and fit our patrons' schedules. Green Day crafts, a snowy day crafts and a springtime crafts day were some of the new additions utilizing this format. Our most popular new program this year was our Scooby-Doo Movie Marathon. A Scooby-Doo movie and craft were offered every day during April vacation week. Many patrons were repeat customers. For another new program, many young ladies attended our first Fancy Nancy Party. This program was based on the very popular Fancy Nancy book series. Children came dressed in their best finery and had a grand soiree. Pink lemonade was served in goblets and elegant cookies arrived on silver platters. Tea pot picture frames were made, petite candies were consumed, stories were read and pictures were taken. A splendid time was had by all. This was a wonderful fun event. Cow Day was celebrated again this year. A cow puppet craft, cow games, ice cream and a calf provided entertainment for residents of all ages.

The summer reading program is always a very busy time for the Children's Room. This year, "Make a Splash . . . Read", ran from the end of June until the second week in August. Many young readers signed up to participate. New this year, was a choice of program times for children. Kindergarten through fourth grade readers could attend a program at 11am or 6:30pm. This worked well for everyone, we hope to offer it again next year. Ronald McDonald visited the library in late August. Kids and parents alike were amazed that he was the one and only (real) Ronald. Everyone enjoyed his magic show which was sponsored by the local McDonald's restaurant. The kids were treated to a free ice cream or apple dippers by our local restaurant.

Children entering 5th and 6th grade in the fall had their own summer reading program again this year. "Make a Splash: Read, create and do!" was the theme for this year's program. The program was designed to expand on the "Make a Splash: Read" program for younger children and to provide middle school children with programs just for them. It ran from the last day of school, June 18 to August 6 and was coordinated again this year by the Director. Splash cards were created to track reading and activities.

Options included reading, attending programs, listening to music, completing an activity sheet, posting jokes and poems and a free choice option. Prizes, \$5 gift certificates to Walmart and Target, were provided by the Friends. To go along with the reading program, five evening programs were scheduled, a movie night, a gaming night, a ship-building night complete with a fuzzy dude crew, a Shark Zone night and a photo-mania night.



This year the library applied for a Children's Literacy Foundation grant of \$2,000 to buy books for the Children's Room. This past fall we were notified that we were a recipient for this award. That was a great day! Books were ordered and processed. An event was planned at the Greenland Central School so that the books could be presented to the children of the town. New Hampshire children's book author Marty Kelley was the presenter. He was astounding, the kids loved him

and it was a fantastic event. A library celebration is planned for January 2011 to continue the excitement of all the new books into the new year. This event is for all patrons to see the books, listen to stories, and make a craft. Very exciting happenings!

This holiday season, the library offered two new gift-making workshops which were offered for two different age groups. Children enjoyed making candy jars, pins, bookmarks and more. All who attended had a great time. We also offered a Stamping Workshop for all ages. Children decorated gift bags, cards and door hangers and created their own holiday decorations. It was a great program and well attended.

This past year was busy and fun. Many great things were happening at the library. We will continue to strive to bring the best possible service and materials to our young patrons and their parents. It's very rewarding to have a young reader come in and ask for a book. Reading is alive and well in Greenland.

~Susan MacDonald, Children's Librarian

Community Services

Library staff and groups participated in the annual community celebration Summer Fun & Jason's Run in July. Library activities included events at the library, in the school and on the Green. Again this year, the Trustees with the help of staff and Friends, hosted their annual book sale at the library. The time for the book sale was changed to 9am-1pm and continues to be more successful than sales held on the Green. To complement the summer reading theme, "Make a Splash . . .Read", the library scheduled a program in the school, "Get Eaten by a Whale", and offered a book-making project featuring water and sea animals. On the Green, Teen Advisory Board members ran a bake sale, the Friends sold raffle tickets for two Adirondack chairs, and Trustee Dale Rockefeller coordinated the frozen t-shirt contest. It was a great community event!



Book talks and literary lunch readings were presented by the Children's Librarian and the Teen Librarian to children at Greenland Central School. The Children's Librarian also scheduled the storytelling event at the school with New Hampshire author, Marty Kelley as part of the CLiF sponsorship award.

Friends of the Weeks Public Library

In 2010 the Friends gave the town the universe. Through their generous contribution, the library now owns an Orion StarBlast 4.5" telescope, which may be checked out like any other library material. The Friends group was able to provide this kind of contribution due to fundraising efforts. Some of their fundraisers were the annual plant sale, a book sale, a bulb sale, raffles and a fabulous spaghetti dinner at the Vets Hall coordinated by the Trustees. The Friends raffled off two Adirondack chairs made locally



by Charlie Cummings. Lighthouses painted on the chairs by Rod MacDonald made the chairs especially appealing. Money is also earned through the Friends' membership drive. If you are not already part of this great organization please stop by the library and join.

The Friends also hosted three of the New Hampshire Humanities Council programs held at the library. This year, thanks to the Friends, residents learned about New Hampshire's Black History, Yankee humor and the Salem witch hunts. Another cultural contribution provided by the Friends is their continued support of three popular museum passes: the Museum of Science in Boston, the New England Aquarium and the Currier Museum of Art.

Volunteers

Never doubt that just a few can make a difference and so it is with our wonderful volunteers. They shelved thousands of books, cleaned up the yard, hauled trash, assisted with projects, helped at programs, baked, cleaned, and helped the library thrive in 2010. Many students from Greenland Central School volunteered as part of their "Service to Others" program. Our regularly scheduled volunteers, Donalee Brothers, Becky Marks, Margaret Mooers and Hillary Kayser worked over 200 hours. Hillary Kayser wanted to volunteer at the library before leaving for college. She just fit the requirement of being 18 or older. She was a big help in the Teen section, responsible for the shelving of young adult literature. She also helped out at Cow Day. One of her jobs that day included counting the number of attendees, no easy task! The reasons they want to volunteer are varied but the end result is the same, they are a tremendous asset for Weeks Public Library. If you are interested in volunteering stop by the library!

Two small desk-top shelving units were made to increase staff work area, with labor and supplies provided by Charlie Cummings. David Perham, a resident of Greenland also known as "David-Duzzit" home and commercial improvement, donated his time and skills to adjust the doors on the glass cabinet which houses local history and New Hampshire resources.

Building

MJ Murphy and Sons, Inc. was hired to replace and secure slate roof shingles after a storm. Kohlhas Electric was hired to replace the ballast on one of the pendant lights. Ray's Gutter was hired to replace a damaged downspout extension. Ramp boards were replaced with labor donated by Trustees Dale Rockefeller and Mark Fodero. Natural Home & Deck Seal was hired to sand and repaint the exterior trim where needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise J. Grimse, Director

Statistics

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
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Total Circulation	42,445	39,622	37,642	32,141	33,987	34,861	31,133
Adult Books	9,688	9,382	8,870	8,083	7,865	8,483	8,713
Young Adult Books	2,247	2,228	1,622	1,107	844	886	637
Children's Books	10,900	9,157	10,073	9,061	11,896	12,277	11,126
Audio/Visual	17,004	16,273	15,051	11,953	11,441	11,284	9,160
 Downloadable Books							
Checkouts	1,153	823	629	261			
 Number of new cards issued	167	164					
 Library Card Holders	2,669	2,555	2,440	2,456	2,387	2,242	2,110
 Holdings	22,839	22,439	21,926	20,891	19,959	19,700	19,504
Added	1,868	2,267	2,334	1,543	1,433	1,523	1,534
Weeded	1,468	1,755	1,299	610	1,175	1,327	1,152
 Interlibrary Loan							
Items Borrowed	1,362	1,269	1,156	1,025	1,053	877	638
Items Loaned	1,177	1,382	1,032	797	1,071	1,064	1,015
 Programming							
Programs	339	301	286	268	222	245	202
Attendance	3,936	3,387	2,578	2,474	2,037	2,264	2,196

Financials**2010 Income**

Copies/Faxes	\$986.82
Donations	\$1,686.05
Nonresident Cards	\$0.00
Damaged/Lost Books	\$610.84
Unanticipated Income	\$420.06
Trust Funds	\$4,367.00
Interest	\$82.80
Town Appropriation	\$212,600.00
Total Income	\$220,753.57

2010 Expenses

Administration	\$6,084.20
Library Materials	\$37,607.13
Operations	\$9,685.27
Atrium Card Catalog System*	\$4,394.98
Salaries & Benefits	\$159,845.34
Utilities	\$6,717.59
Total Expenses	\$224,334.51

*Used funds from the Investment Account.

Income from 2009 that was used in 2010: \$1,134.51.

Income from 2010 that will be used in 2011: \$117.00 of 2010 Trust Fund dividends; \$325.50 of the 2010 Copies/Faxes income; \$1,506.05 of 2010 Donations.

Operational Accounts:**Checking Account**

Balance on December 31, 2010	\$2,829.31
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Money Market

Balance on December 31, 2010	\$29,569.93
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Investment Accounts:**500 Index Fund Investors Shares**

Value as of December 31, 2009	\$6,566.36
Value as of March 4, 2010	exchange to Prime MM \$6,635.44

Prime MM

Balance as of March 4, 2010	\$6,635.44
	dividends \$2.35
	withdrawals -\$4,394.98
Balance as of December 31, 2010	\$2,242.81

Checking (Building Fund)

Balance on December 31, 2009		\$3,187.86
	deposits	\$2.00
	withdrawals	\$0.00
Balance on December 31, 2010		\$3,189.86

Money Market (Building Fund 2)

Balance on December 20, 2010		\$4,800.00
	interest	\$0.32
Balance on December 31, 2010		\$4,800.32

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA Asset Management)

Balance on December 31, 2009		\$0.00
	deposits	\$0.00
	withdrawals	\$0.00
Balance on December 31, 2010		\$0.00