

## Weeks Public Library



As the center of the Greenland community, the library provided residents with a variety of traditional library services and an array of events and programming to educate, inform, and entertain.

In 2014 residents had access to 26,925 items in the building and to 20,955 downloadable eBooks and 7,981 downloadable audiobooks through the OverDrive New Hampshire Downloadable Books Service. Additional eBooks were available to residents; 8 Kindle eBooks on our Kindle devices and 26 Advantage Account eBooks through the downloadable service. Residents also had access to the following databases provided by tax dollars: Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest, LearningExpress, Universal Class, Mango, and Freegal. The subscription to Freegal expired mid-October and was not renewed. Ancestry Library Edition, available only in the library, was new for residents this year. The NovelList and EBSCO databases were provided by the State Library.

In addition to all the events planned by staff, the Winnicut River Watershed Coalition used the library for their quarterly conservation lectures which were open to the public.

Staff changes: Candace Yost joined our team in mid-March as the Teen/Tween Librarian. She also staffs the Circulation Desk and assists with Interlibrary Loan, Cataloging, and Reference questions.

New for the library, the Library Trustees commissioned local resident John Hirtle to design a library logo. The sleek yet bold design exemplifies the library's solid commitment to providing residents with resources and programs in a variety of formats to support lifelong learning.

### **Adult Services:**

In addition to regularly scheduled events like the weekly cribbage nights, the weekly Friday Morning Group, and the monthly book discussion, adults attended lectures, workshops, and concerts. Adults learned about de-cluttering, the self-publishing process, retirement planning, and various financial topics. They also learned about herbs for health and wellness, how coyotes are becoming wolves, about the Crisis in Ukraine, and about NH aviation history. In March, Classic Movie night became a monthly Monday night event with local movie buff, Glenn Bergeron, presenting movie trivia before each showing. At workshops adults made love potions, worked through the self-publishing process, released stress through chair yoga, and created Zentangle art tiles. Music was in the air as adults enjoyed NH flavored music with Jim Barnes and a holiday instrumental concert performed by local residents Bob and Mary Paul.

The Friends hosted three New Hampshire Humanities Council programs at the library. Queen Victoria visited, the producer of the documentary World War II New Hampshire facilitated a discussion, and the contributions of the Shaker community were explored at the Shaker Legacy program. It was a very full year of lectures, workshops, and programs.

Summer reading, "Literary Elements," provided adults with the opportunity to earn raffle tickets and win prizes. The grand prize, a \$50 Portsmouth Ala Carte gift card, was provided by the Friends. Other prizes included a fire extinguisher, puzzles, and a variety of donated items. Adults also enjoy the fun of summer reading!

The adult materials collection was updated as needed to keep the collection current and stocked with popular best-selling titles. Replacement copies also were purchased to replace those much loved copies. Our monthly list of forthcoming titles remains popular and residents use it to reserve hot new titles.

### **Teen and Tween Services:**

Teens and tweens this year had the opportunity to attend a wide variety of programs. Gaming events such as Dance Dance Revolution, Wii Gaming, and board games were hosted, as

well as pizza and movie nights. Teens got to try their hand at candy making, soldering basics, sharpie tie dying, and assorted crafts. The American Red Cross Babysitting Course was held in June and was well attended.

During the summer reading program Spark a Reaction™, teens learned about such topics as how to care for pets, how to make slime, and about paranormal investigation. A night to celebrate the Divergent series and a Superhero party were also offered. Teens were also able to earn tickets to the Stratham Fair and to see the Portland Sea Dogs with their summer reading efforts.

In the fall, teens strutted their stuff in costume at a Halloween party, and began attending a new afterschool program called ASK (After School Kids) on Thursdays at Greenland Central School. The ASK program, led by Librarian Candace Yost, combines crafts and social activities. Also, new teen books are showcased each week. The year wrapped up with a holiday party featuring winter crafts and a make-your-own hot cocoa station.

This year, the young adult section was thoroughly updated. Both the fiction and the nonfiction sections were weeded and many new titles were added based on need and requests from teens.

### **Children Services:**

Through the Children's Room, the library continues to provide educational and entertaining programming for all children in the town of Greenland. Story time was scheduled year round, craft weeks were held every month, and special activities were arranged for vacation weeks. Special one-day programs were also scheduled, such as, our candy work shop and our Minion program.

The library hosted two major parties during the year, a Halloween party and a holiday party. These parties, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, are a combination of crafts and refreshments. Our annual Cow Day, which includes a visit with a young calf and making butter, continues to be our most popular program. Each year, ice cream is served and a new cow craft is featured. The 2014 summer reading program was successful. This year the theme was science and included a mix of reading, workshops, entertainers, and hands-on activities. Additional craft weeks were added to the summer schedule to meet requests for programs and to provide activities around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

A few new programs were added this year. In the fall we began our Lego Building days scheduled on the first Wednesday of every month. All children were invited to come and build for one hour with Legos either purchased by the Friends of the Library or donated by patrons. All builds are photographed and put on display for the month. This program attracted many young builders. Another new program resulted from the school early release days. On these Wednesdays, the library runs special programs like, Shrinky-dinks, a movie and craft, and Dance Dance Revolution. We have had a great response to this program. With the help of the teen/tween Librarian Candace Yost, the library began to offer a Baby Lap Sit story time in October. These story times include stories, finger plays, and social playtime for our youngest patrons, aged 0-24 months.

Our new early literacy iPad is now available for ages 3-6 and their parents. This iPad is preloaded with a variety of early learning apps which teach the alphabet, numbers, and words. The iPad also includes several interactive stories for children and parents to enjoy together. Funds from the Bourassa Golf Tournament donation were used to purchase this iPad and make it available for check-out.

The children's book collection is always being enriched. Children ask for new and forthcoming books. So, new releases of popular series and new series are added throughout the year. The non-fiction collection is updated for school use and personal interest. We added a new series this year called "America the Beautiful." This set features a book for every state.

### **Community Support**

In addition to hosting the New Hampshire Humanities Council programs, the Friends sponsored pizza for grades 5 and up and funded the two holiday parties for children. The Friends

also provided monies for all the prizes for the children and tween/teen summer reading programs and for the grand prize for the adult summer reading program. Refreshments for National Library Week in April, National Friends of the Library Week in October, and the hot cider and cookies in December were all funded by the Friends.

The Friends continued to sponsor museum passes to the Boston Children's Museum, the Museum of Science in Boston, the New England Aquarium in Boston, and the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester.

Additional museum passes were sponsored by the Greenland Women's Club. The group continued to sponsor the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover, the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Peabody Essex Museum until December, and the Prescott Park buttons.

### Projects

2014 building repairs/maintenance: An exterior light damaged by the snow falling from the roof was replaced. A new back door with a window and push bar was installed in May. Several rotted railing pieces on the ramp were replaced. In August, the tile floor in the Children's Room was stripped and waxed. The Library Trustees assisted with various handyman jobs and painting the ramp deck. Several volunteers assisted with shelving projects, trash removal, pulling weeds, and book drop weather proofing.

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## Statistics

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>44,841</b>	<b>47,499</b>	<b>47,639</b>	<b>45,876</b>	<b>42,445</b>	<b>39,622</b>	<b>37,642</b>
<b>Change</b>	<b>-5.60%</b>	<b>-0.29%</b>	<b>3.84%</b>	<b>8.08%</b>	<b>7.12%</b>	<b>5.26%</b>	<b>17.12%</b>
Adult Books	10,888	9,112	10,086	11,138	9,688	9,382	8,870
Young Adult Books	1,519	1,473	1,580	2,115	2,247	2,228	1,622
Children's Books	13,941	14,157	14,106	12,426	10,900	9,157	10,073
Audio/Visual	17,312	19,482	20,228	18,820	17,004	16,273	15,051
<b>NH Downloadable Books Checkouts</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>629</b>
<b>Freegal Downloaded Music</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>91</b>				
<b>Number of New Cards Issued</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>164</b>	
<b>Library Card Holders</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>2,555</b>	<b>2,440</b>
<b>Holdings</b>	<b>26,571</b>	<b>26,163</b>	<b>25,425</b>	<b>25,389</b>	<b>22,839</b>	<b>22,439</b>	<b>21,926</b>
Added	2,744	2,854	2,732	2,856	1,868	2,267	2,334
Weeded	2,363	2,083	2,347	1,441	1,467	1,755	1,299
<b>Interlibrary Loan</b>							
Items Borrowed	1,370	1,450	1,562	1,632	1,362	1,269	1,156
Items Loaned	1,343	1,420	1,354	1,372	1,177	1,382	1,032
<b>Programming</b>							
Programs	341	367	358	350	339	301	286
Attendance	4,090	3,570	3,998	3,661	3,936	3,387	2,578



**Financials**

**2014 Income**

Copies/Faxes	\$836.10
Damaged/Lost Materials	\$390.99
Donations	\$1,146.00
Nonresident Cards	\$100.00
Unanticipated Income	\$0.00
Trust Funds	\$2,544.62
Interest	\$25.31
Town Appropriation	\$248,190.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$253,233.02</u>

Income from previous years that was used in 2014:  
 \$768.50 from 2013 Copies/Faxes; \$485.95 from 2013 Damaged/Lost;  
 \$661.00 from 2013 Donations; \$1,109.15 from 2013 Trust Fund.

Income from 2014 that will be used in 2015:  
 \$836.10 from 2014 Copies/ Faxes; \$390.99 from 2014 Damaged/Lost Materials;  
 \$649.80 from 2014 Donations; \$2,544.62 from 2014 Trust Funds;  
 \$100.00 from 2014 Non-Resident Cards.

**2014 Expenses**

Administration	\$9,337.99
Library Materials	\$41,783.19
Operations and Maintenance	\$11,939.75
Salaries & Benefits	\$173,628.77
Utilities	\$7,367.30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$244,057.00</u>

Funds returned to the General Fund:  
 \$7,679.11

**Operational Accounts:**

**Checking Account**

Balance on December 31, 2014 \$10,357.40

**Money Market**

Balance on December 31, 2014 \$33,845.09

**Investment Accounts:**

**Savings**

Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$1,087.00
	withdrawal <span style="float: right;">\$0.00</span>
	interest <span style="float: right;">\$0.11</span>
Balance as of December 31, 2014	<u>\$1,087.11</u>

**Checking (Building Fund)**

Balance on December 31, 2013	\$3,195.86
	deposits <span style="float: right;">\$2.00</span>
Balance on December 31, 2014	<u>\$3,197.86</u>

**Money Market (Building Fund 2)**

Balance on December 31, 2013	\$22,128.08
	deposits <span style="float: right;">\$0.00</span>
	interest <span style="float: right;">\$9.61</span>
Balance on December 31, 2014	<u>\$22,137.69</u>

**New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA Asset Management)**

Balance on December 31, 2013	\$0.00
	deposits <span style="float: right;">\$0.00</span>
	withdrawals <span style="float: right;">\$0.00</span>
Balance on December 31, 2014	<u>\$0.00</u>

