

WEEKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library continues to be the center of the Greenland community, serving all ages and all interests. Residents may borrow books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs and magazines. Downloadable audio books for MP3 players are available through the Internet from home or office. Residents may also request materials from other libraries, through our Interlibrary Loan service. The State Library provides residents with research databases. Most are available from home or office. While in the building, residents may read a newspaper, access the Internet for email or research, use the computers to create resumes, flyers and spreadsheets, utilize our WIFI access, make photocopies, send a fax, attend a program and even visit with a neighbor. Library news and events can be found in our monthly print newsletter, our semimonthly electronic newsletter, and on our website, www.weekslibrary.org. The library is open evenings and Saturdays for a total of 51 hours a week.

This year's circulation and programming numbers are the highest ever in the history of the library. Circulation totaled 37,642 and we ran 286 programs for children, teens and adults. Programs attracted 2,578 people and 132 residents took advantage of our museum passes. Many more residents have discovered the wonderful collection that is available to them. An increase in the materials budget allowed staff to purchase more new books and audio-visual titles, providing residents with a greater variety of materials. It was a truly incredible year at the library. See the department reviews below for specifics.



Adult Services

This past year, adults had opportunities to meet with their neighbors at weekly cribbage nights or Friday Morning Group gatherings, and at the monthly book discussions. Winter programs provided opportunities for adults to redefine retirement, to learn to draw and to understand the legal process of estate planning. In the spring, adults learned to live more simply, enjoyed a night of poetry, discovered tips on container planting, and learned how to make the perfect pie dough. Summer brought programs on beaded jewelry, the Arab culture, the early history of Greenland, and the world of Musical Theatre. By September it was time to review our health, make a fall floral wreath, explore the architectural world of Frank Lloyd Wright, bust stress myths, and make more beaded jewelry. The holiday season featured programs on creating unique greeting cards, making boxwood tree centerpieces, appreciating Emily Dickinson's letters, and designing beaded gifts. The year was packed with wonderful things to do and learn.

The second annual summer adult reading program was a success. One lucky reader won the \$50 gift certificate to the Music Hall which was donated by the Friends. Many other readers won various miscellaneous prizes. Twenty-five adults participated this year.

The new program for adults, the Friday Morning Group, was added in February. The focus of this group is to provide a fun daytime social outlet for adults. While visiting each Friday

morning, the group has played several different games, including Mexican Train Dominoes, Skip-Bo, Bananagrams, In a Pickle, and the card game 65. Simple refreshments were served and fun was had by all. The group met all year and new friendships developed along the way.



Teen Services

Teens in Greenland are creative, hard working and fun-loving! The library continues to offer teens in grades 7 and up an opportunity to plan events and select materials for teens in grades 6 and up through the Teen Advisory Board. These teens also do fundraising to help support some of the programs they plan. During one of the brain storming TAB meetings, the teens came up with Gangsta night. This involved dressing as a rapper, with prizes for best outfits, and answering trivia questions on rap history and artistic creations. A guest rapper came in and rapped for us! Poetry Café for the teens is an annual event now. Teens read their own poetry or read an admired poet's writing. There never seems to be a shortage of readers or listeners in the café-like setting. One very fun event this past year was the teen No-bake Bake-off. The teens could make whatever they wanted. The catch was they had to do all the creating here in the library without an oven. They could, however, use a microwave if they needed to melt or warm ingredients. Three members of the community, a selectman, a police officer and a reporter judged the entries on creativity, presentation, and taste. What a delectable, delightful program that was! Rock 101 was suggested by one of the Library Trustees and what a fabulous idea it turned out to be. Two new teen bands came to play and talked about how to start your own band. The crowd was enthusiastic and big!

Two different summer reading programs helped to meet the entertainment needs of students in grades 5 and up this summer. Monday nights were reserved for 5th and 6th grade fun and on Thursday nights students in grades 7 and up came for their special night of programs. The Not Bored Board Game night for the 5th and 6th graders was a riot! Although a bunch of different board games were played, everyone ended up together at the same table playing Apples to Apples and howling with laughter. The big hit for the Thursday night crowd was the Teens Mystery Night where everyone played a role, deciphered clues and discovered the culprit! Each week both groups turned in reading logs for chances at the weekly drawings. All of the participants enjoyed the prizes provided by the Friends of the Library.

The Teen Advisory Board met twice in the fall to lay out new programs. They helped celebrate Banned Book Week by writing hundreds of banned or challenged book titles in chalk on the brick sidewalk leading up to the library. The teens also enjoyed a movie night, a "Books with Bite" book discussion, and a Henna painting workshop. The year ended with the Annual Holiday Karaoke and Craft night. Talk about holiday spirit – you haven't experienced it until you see these teens in singing action.



Children Services

2008 was a very busy year in the Children's room. New programs were started and popular programs were continued making the library a great place to visit. Twilight Tales and the Activity Workshops were the two new programs added. Twilight Tales, a night time story hour, was scheduled once a month at 6:30 pm. We offered stories and an activity for children and parents who could not attend programs during the day. It was well received by those who attended. The Activity Workshops were offered once a month at 2 pm, right after school. Children were required to sign-up to attend since space is limited. We made tee-shirt bags and candy. We also did woodworking, figure painting and created fall decorations. These workshops have been very well attended and lots of fun for the children. Friday Flicks or Afternoon Movies, Dance, Dance Revolution and the holiday parties sponsored by the Friends are still popular programs and continue to thrive. The now annual school's out party was quite the event with a dance freeze and hula hoop contest, limbo dancing and of course the ever popular Dance, Dance Revolution. As usual, Cow Day was another big draw this year. A baby calf, ice cream, cow jokes, and butter making, what's not to love? Many thanks to Cynthia Smith of Great Bay Farm for bringing countless baby calves to the library over the years. Salt was our baby calf this year. Everyone loves Cow Day! The Children's Summer Reading Program, "G'Day for Reading", did very well this summer. Children celebrated the Australian theme with a scavenger hunt, a paint and print day, a surf's up beach party, a lemme sticks workshop, a snow in July day, and finally an Australian music day. It truly was a "G'Day for Reading" all summer long!

Story time was very popular this year. Our numbers have grown to 17-28 people per week. This makes for a really fun story time. It is a great opportunity for children and adults to socialize. Stories, crafts and fun, that's what we provide year round.

Greenland residents continue to use the library's resources more and more. Readership is up and so is the use of our other materials. We have started a music collection in the Children's Room and continue to expand our audio book collection. Audio books were in high demand this year and are great for family road trips. Those two collections will continue to grow to meet demands. All the resources in the Children's Room, the computers, the DVDs, the magazines, the board books, the reference sources, the picture books, the I Can Read collection, the fiction collection and the non-fiction books are heavily used during the year.

Community Services

The library staff worked at the annual Jason Hussey Race Day in July. Activities included Dance, Dance Revolution, a dunk tank to raise funds for teen programs, and a boomerang craft project for children. The Library Trustees hosted their annual outdoor book sale on Race Day, the Friends sold homemade jellies and jam, and new this year, Trustees Dale Rockefeller and Mark Fodero organized a frozen tee-shirt contest.

On several different occasions during the school year, Sharon Taylor, as the Teen Librarian and Susan MacDonald, the Children's Librarian, visited students at the Greenland Central School. They both talked about great books and programs available at the library. In September, Susan and Sharon, provided the teachers with a list of new resources that might help students with their various assignments. They also presented the teachers with a list of our services available to them as teachers in Greenland.



The Friends of the Library

The Friends continue to be a tremendous support group for the library. Their annual Plant Sale, Bake Sale and Chili luncheon continues to be the main fundraiser of the year. Several raffles, a spring bulb sale, the fall bulb sale, and the holiday candle sale brought in extra money to help support programming and services at the library. With membership dues and profits from the fundraisers, the Friends were able to continue to sponsor the monthly chess nights, to increase the book rental program, to sponsor the holiday parties, and to purchase the museum passes to the New England Aquarium, the Strawberry Banke Museum, and the Boston Museum of Science. The Friends also provided the funds to run the summer reading programs for the children and teens and donated the gift certificate for the adult summer reading program.

Building

This year was spent working on the exterior of the building. You or one of your neighbors may have even assisted with some of the projects. Students from Berwick Academy helped with the spring clean-up this year. They spent the day raking, sweeping and collecting debris. The winter damaged front yard was repaired through donations of loam and labor from Trustee Dale Rockefeller. Jim Coombs at Greenside Up donated hydro-seed and Trustee Julie Gilston provided fertilizer. A painter was hired to scrape, caulk and paint the exterior white trim of the building. The front door, through the generous offer of resident Lori Larson, was refinished. Richard Page of Page Renovations, with the help of Trustees Dale Rockefeller and Mark Fodero, provided a temporary front door while Lori worked on the door. The Town paid to re-grade the side yard of the library to help reclaim the lawn area from years of washout. Additional donations from Jim Coombs and Julie Gilston completed that project. Bushes and trees were trimmed by Trustees Carolyn Weeks-White and Adele Wick. The driveway was regraded, again with the help of the Town, and then paved with recycled asphalt to create a

permeable but more stable surface. In the fall, several different groups from the community came out to rake the library grounds including a group of scouts and their families. Matthew Sargent helped coordinate the day and provided much needed equipment to haul away the mounds of leaves collected. The last big project of the year involved the chimney. The chimney was dismantled and rebuilt, the flashing at its base was replaced, and the chimney was capped to keep the heat in and the critters out.

Missing from last year's report, but truly never forgotten, was an acknowledgement of William Bonacci's contribution of his time and labor in painting the rear entrance hallway and the stairway to the Children's Room. My apologies to Bill for not including him in last year's Town Report, but hopefully, he knows how important his work was in updating the Children's Room and how much it was appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise J. Grimse, Director

Statistics

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
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Total Circulation	37,642	32,141	33,987	34,861	31,133	27,442
Adult Books	8,870	8,083	7,865	8,483	8,713	7,591
Young Adult Books	1,622	1,107	844	886	637	163
Children's Books	10,073	9,061	11,896	12,277	11,126	11,566
Audio/Visual	15,051	11,953	11,441	11,284	9,160	6,679
Downloadable Books	629	261				
Library Card Holders	2,440	2,456	2,387	2,242	2,110	1,972
Holdings	21,926	20,891	19,959	19,700	19,504	19,122
Added	2,334	1,543	1,433	1,523	1,534	1,153
Weeded	1,299	610	1,175	1,327	1,152	795
Interlibrary Loan						
Items Borrowed	1,156	1,025	1,053	877	638	593
Items Loaned	1,032	797	1,071	1,064	1,015	1,067
Programming						
Programs	286	268	222	245	202	204
Attendance	2,578	2,474	2,037	2,264	2,196	2,189

Financials

2008 Income

Copies/Faxes	\$693.80
Donations	\$2,495.73
Nonresident Cards	\$35.00
Damaged/Lost Books	\$944.26
Unanticipated Income	\$959.99
Trust Funds	\$3,630.59
Interest	\$308.94
Expendable Trust Fund	\$7,700.00
Town Appropriation	\$207,000.00
Total Income	\$223,768.31

2008 Expenses (includes \$1847.11 encumbered for 2008)

Administration	\$5,671.97
Library Materials	\$30,844.80
Operations	\$21,464.12
Salaries & Benefits	\$164,430.37
Utilities	\$7,244.73
Total Expenses	\$229,655.99

Income from 2008 that will be used in 2009: \$8.94 from interest earned on the Money Market account and \$670.59 from the Trust Funds dividends. These monies could not be spent in 2008 because these unanticipated additional amounts of interest and dividends were not presented as part of the 2008 budget. They have been used to reduce the 2009 town appropriation. Also, \$137.80 of the 2008 Copies/Faxes income that was not spent in 2008 will be used to reduce the 2009 town appropriation.

Operational Accounts:

Checking Account

Balance on December 31, 2008	\$4,754.70
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Money Market

Balance on December 31, 2008	\$28,252.82
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Investment Accounts:

500 Index Fund Investors Shares (Building Fund)

Value as of December 31, 2007	\$8,243.20
income dividends	\$154.01
redemptions	\$0.00
Value as of December 31, 2008	\$5,191.46

Checking (Building Fund)

Balance on December 31, 2007	\$3,183.86
deposits	\$2.00
withdrawals	\$0.00
Balance on December 31, 2008	\$3,185.86

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA Asset Management)

Balance on December 31, 2007	\$0.00
deposits	\$0.00
withdrawals	\$0.00
Balance on December 31, 2008	\$0.00