

WEEKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library continues to be the center of the Greenland community, providing equal opportunity in education and enrichment for all ages. Residents have a wide variety of books, audio books, movies, music and magazines to borrow. Residents may also request materials from other libraries, through our Interlibrary Loan service. The Downloadable Audio Books service now includes the format that is compatible with Apple devices. This service is available through the Internet from home or office and just requires a Weeks Library card and the library code. The State Library continues to provide residents with research databases accessible through the Internet 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, laminate documents, attend a program and even visit with a neighbor. Residents may also borrow a Kill A Watt™ energy detector to assess the efficiency of their appliances and make changes to lower their energy usage. These detectors were donated by the New Hampshire Electric Co-op and check out for two weeks just like a book.

In 2009, with the lingering slow economy, the library was busy providing residents with computers to meet their job searching needs, materials to checkout and programs to attend. This year's circulation and programming numbers surpassed 2008's record breaking numbers. The total circulation for 2009 was 39,622, an increase of 5.26% over the 2008 total of 37,642. In 2009, the staff organized 301 programs for children, teens and adults. These programs attracted 3,387 participants. Several museum passes, provided by various donations, were available and 158 residents took advantage of the free or discounted admissions. Staff continued successful programs implemented in 2008 and sought out different programming options for all ages to keep library events fresh, alive and interesting for all.

As always library news and events may be found in our monthly print newsletter, our semimonthly electronic newsletter, and on website, www.weekslibrary.org. This year staff began posting events on Twitter and at NH365.org. Just two other ways to stay connected to your public library. The library is open evenings and Saturdays for a total of 51 hours a week.

Residents who discovered our wonderful collection and resources at the Weeks Public Library in 2008 continued to use the services in 2009 helping to make this past year very successful and productive. Staff continued to purchase new books and audio-visual titles to provide residents with a variety of materials. It was a truly dynamic year at the library. The following department reviews highlight the past year's accomplishments.

Adult Services



Weekly and monthly programs were scheduled and provided adults with a variety of learning opportunities. Adults learned about: their health and the power of choices, dealing with the volatility of the stock market, the best landscaping practices, organic lawn care techniques, the best plants for a New Hampshire landscapes and the healing powers of crystal singing bowls. An artistic revue featuring the works of E.E. Cummings, a lecture on the Origins of Photography and monthly book discussions provided additional opportunities for adults to gather and learn with neighbors and friends.

Two local authors, Brendan DuBois and Doug Zechel writing as K.D. Mason, also visited the library this year and spoke about their books and the publishing process. Craft workshops provided adults with opportunities to learn new skills in fashion and floral design through the beading parties and the wreath and boxwood tree classes. Adults had yet another opportunity to



learn a new skill in the one-stroke painting class offered this fall. Attendees of this new class learned the one-stroke technique and decorated a clay pot for the fall.

This year the summer reading program for adults ran through Labor Day. Thirty-one adults read five or more books to qualify for the raffle, the \$50 gift certificate to Target provided by the Friends. Seven other lucky readers won other prizes.

Two programs were offered as part of the International Year of Astronomy, a lecture on Galileo and the star gazing party. Adults also had the chance to participate in the National Gaming Day which featured Wii bowling and Mario Karts. The year was filled with many instructive and enlightening experiences.

~ Denise Grimse, Director and Adult Programming Coordinator

Teen Services

In 2009, Greenland teens benefited from many activities expressly targeted to their age group. The programs encouraged team work, competition and lots of fun! All of the programs attended were informative and entertaining.



The Teen Advisory Board learned about service to the community at their monthly meetings. Fifteen students in grades seven and up worked on the board. Their input helped with collection development, programming and marketing. They read reviews of books and chose books for the teen collection. Members also developed new programs at their meetings. This year the Teen Advisory Board also sold after-school snacks two days a week to students. While running the store, they learned about pricing, scheduling and marketing. The money earned went towards programs and pizza! The group also worked together to earn money by holding a car wash during the summer.



All students in sixth grade and up are welcome to attend any of the programs planned by TAB. The teens of this community learned new things by attending a variety of programs: YO' Smo night (yoga & smoothies), Web comic strips, holiday karaoke night, scary movie night, sundae extravaganza, painting with coffee, 3-D photos, Dance Dance Revolution, No-Bake Bake-Off, and the Divine Valentine Event. Again this year, the teens requested a poetry night where they read their own poems or poems they selected from a book. The board game night, Wii fun and Game Cube night were well attended. Gaming programs improved literacy skills as teens learned the rules and the best strategies of the various board and video games.



A lively discussion took place during a program called Freedom to Read. During this program students read from books which were banned or challenged in other communities

and then talked about attempts to restrict information and reading. It was inspiring to hear their passion on the subject.

An important element of Teen Services is going into the schools to promote books to the teens. The staff of the Greenland Central School was supportive as always and welcomed visits where new and nominated award books were introduced to students.

Greenland teens are amazing, open and ready to learn new things outside of the school setting and the Weeks Public Library provides the perfect venue.

~ Sharon Taylor, Assistant Director and Teen Librarian

Children Services

2009 was another banner year for the Children's Room here at the Weeks Public Library. We had more programs, more readers and more fun than ever before.



Our story time program continued to do very well. New this year were special programs for the pre-school set. Raspberry, the box turtle and a lobster from the Seacoast Science Center visited with pre-school children and caregivers. Everyone was thrilled to see the animals up close and to learn about sea creatures. Two puppet programs were scheduled this year. The library welcomed Lesley and Sammy the Snail and Carol & Company. The special entertainment was enjoyed by all. We plan to continue these types of special programs because our patrons enjoyed them immensely.



For older children, the Friday Flick and Dance, Dance Revolution programs continued to be very popular, so these programs were planned regularly. Friday is a good day for programming as children and parents wind down for the weekend. An all-day gaming event also ran on a Friday and featured Mario Karts and Wii Olympics. A variety of seasonal craft workshops for this age group along with drop-in crafts for all ages were scheduled throughout the year. The drop-in crafts worked very well in meeting the varied schedules of parents, caregivers, and children. They attracted many participants and everyone always learned something new and had fun. Over the course of the year, and often with the support of the Friends, the library offered a series of seasonal parties. This year we ran a school's out celebration, a Halloween party, a Frosty Express party and a star party. The star party was a star gazing event held after hours featuring amazing astronomical sights and giant telescopes. It certainly was a fantastic event.



The 2009 summer reading program theme was "Summertime ... and the Reading is Easy." There was so much reading going on that often books didn't even make it back onto the shelves before someone else was checking them out. Activities of all sorts went along with the reading. There were movies, dancing and food judging. There were crafts, an old-fashioned read-in and my favorite, hot-air balloons. The kids made hot-air balloons and flew them up to the ceiling rafters. Kite string brought all the balloons back to earth. What a sight!!! Balloons of all colors floated up to the ceiling. Cow

Day started our summer program again this year. Many thanks to Great Bay Farm for bringing a calf and supporting the library all these years. Children of all ages enjoyed ice cream, making butter, visiting with a real calf and making a very cool cow craft.

Summer programming for students entering 5th and 6th grade continued this year. The reading program involved time cards and weekly raffles. Programs included a movie night, a gaming night, a Dance Dance Revolution night and two craft nights. It was a great summertime of reading and fun.



New this year in the Children's Room is a music section. The collection is small but growing. Please check it out the next time you visit. I'm always excited to offer something new.

The Children's Room continues to provide excellent service to the young people of Greenland. We offer great reading material, readers advisory and reference help. We help students with homework, projects and reading lists. Young children learn early socialization skills and creative expression at our programs. Learning is a life long journey and no one is too young or too old to start. The library is a great place to start. All you need is your library card.

~ Susan MacDonald, Children's Librarian

Community Services



Library staff and groups participated in the annual Community Celebration and Jason Hussey Race Day in July. Library activities included events at the library and on the Green. The Trustees hosted their annual book sale at the library from 9am-3pm. This was more successful than previous sales held on the Green. Dance Dance Revolution was held at the library from noon to 3pm. Then from 4-5pm on the Green, the staff ran a balloon mask craft table, the Friends sold homemade jellies and jam, and Trustees Dale Rockefeller and Mark Fodero ran the frozen t-shirt contest. It was a great community event!

On several different occasions during the school year, staff visited students at the Greenland Central School. Great books and details on the summer reading programs were presented.

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. A raffle, the fall bulb sale and the on-going book sale also helped to generate funds this year. Two new fundraising opportunities were implemented with no additional costs to participants. These two programs, the Shaw's Rewards program and Charity Blast provide funds to the Friends based on purchases at specific merchants. Just by purchasing weekly groceries or ordering items online the Friends receive additional funds. Links to these fundraising options are available on the library's website.

The money that the Friends of the Library receive is used to pay for museum passes, book rentals, special library requests, summer library programs, holiday events and refreshments for various library programs. This year the Friends discontinued the Strawberry Banke Museum pass and opted instead to purchase the Currier Museum of Art pass. A special purchase was made for the Children's Room this year. An AccuCut machine which cuts die shapes out of paper and fabric was purchased to create engaging hands-on children's activities. The staff quickly put the machine to good use for the Frosty Express program.

Volunteers

The Weeks Public Library has always had wonderful volunteers. This year we formalized the program with assigned duties and sign-in sheets. Our volunteers have not let us down, indeed they exceeded our expectations.

The Trustees and staff thank all the volunteers who have helped at the library in 2009. Volunteers of all ages helped at programs, thawed an ice dam, raked and picked up leaves, processed materials, folded newsletters, installed driveway markers, shelved returned items,

hauled trash, repaired the book drop, fixed water pipes, insulated the basement door, constructed an exit sign, repaired book bins, dusted, trimmed trees and bushes, transported book storage units, and other such special tasks. Thank you all for the help.

Building

A section of the southeast gutters was replaced.

Weatherstripping was installed around the basement door.

A leaky pipe in the restroom was repaired.

As of May 2009, lawn care and snow removal at the library were under town management.

Exit sign for driveway installed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise J. Grimse, Director

Statistics

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
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Total Circulation	39,622	37,642	32,141	33,987	34,861	31,133	27,442
Adult Books	9,382	8,870	8,083	7,865	8,483	8,713	7,591
Young Adult Books	2,228	1,622	1,107	844	886	637	163
Children's Books	9,157	10,073	9,061	11,896	12,277	11,126	11,566
Audio/Visual	16,273	15,051	11,953	11,441	11,284	9,160	6,679
 Downloadable Books							
Checkouts	823	629	261				
 New Cards Issued	164						
 Library Card Holders	2,555	2,440	2,456	2,387	2,242	2,110	1,972
 Holdings	22,439	21,926	20,891	19,959	19,700	19,504	19,122
Added	2,267	2,334	1,543	1,433	1,523	1,534	1,153
Weeded	1,755	1,299	610	1,175	1,327	1,152	795
 Interlibrary Loan							
Items Borrowed	1,269	1,156	1,025	1,053	877	638	593
Items Loaned	1,382	1,032	797	1,071	1,064	1,015	1,067
 Programming							
Programs	301	286	268	222	245	202	204
Attendance	3,387	2,578	2,474	2,037	2,264	2,196	2,189

Financials

2009 Income

Copies/Faxes	\$717.65
Donations	\$1,281.80
Nonresident Cards	\$0.00
Damaged/Lost Books	\$515.51
Unanticipated Income	\$660.16
Trust Funds	\$2,171.54
Interest	\$140.73
Expendable Trust Fund	\$0.00
Town Appropriation	\$227,808.00
Total Income	\$233,295.39

2009 Expenses

Administration	\$5,880.69
Library Materials	\$31,542.37
Operations	\$10,267.29
Salaries & Benefits	\$172,405.39
Utilities	\$6,908.97
Total Expenses	\$227,004.71

2009 totals do not include 2008 encumbered funds paid in 2009.

Income from previous years that was used in 2009: \$920.33.

\$6076.50 was returned to the Town.

Income from 2009 that will be used in 2010: \$579.32 of the 2009 Copies/Faxes income and \$555.19 of 2009 Donations.

Operational Accounts:

Checking Account

Balance on December 31, 2009	\$5,597.63
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Money Market

Balance on December 31, 2009	\$29,493.55
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Investment Accounts:

500 Index Fund Investors Shares (Building Fund)

Value as of December 31, 2008	\$5,191.46
income dividends	\$132.72
redemptions	\$0.00
Value as of December 31, 2009	\$6,566.36

Checking (Building Fund)

Balance on December 31, 2008	\$3,185.86
deposits	\$2.00
withdrawals	\$0.00
Balance on December 31, 2009	\$3,187.86

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA Asset Management)

Balance on December 31, 2008	\$0.00
deposits	\$0.00
withdrawals	\$0.00
Balance on December 31, 2009	\$0.00