

WEEKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Weeks Public Library continues to be at the center of community life in Greenland. The library and its staff provide all residents with access to informational, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities through events and services. The library provides continued education for persons of all ages using the latest formats and technologies. The library equalizes opportunity of access to materials and resources that are otherwise beyond the reach of many residents.

Again in 2011, staff continued to implement services and events based on responses from the 2007 survey. An additional staff member was added to assist with children's events, circulation, and processing. Tax dollars continued to provide residents with online services, an increased variety of materials, and events for all ages as requested in the survey.

The library also relied on donations and grants to fund events, services, and materials. The Friends of the Library continued to sponsor the book rental service, the summer reading prizes and supplies, the holiday refreshments, the holiday events 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 also supplemented tax support by providing museum passes to the New Hampshire Children's Museum in Dover, the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, the Prescott Park buttons, and new for 2011, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Also this year, the group generously donated a Nook to the library for residents to use. All residents of Greenland are encouraged to take advantage of these passes, materials, events, and services.

The grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council provided yet another source of funding. These grants brought scholars to the library to speak on a variety of cultural topics for adults.

In 2011, residents continued to utilize the various online services added in 2010: Mango Languages, an online language learning program; LearningExpress Library, a test prep, skill improvement, and popular software tutorial center; and Atrium our web-hosted online card catalog system. The downloadable eBooks, added to the downloadable service in 2010, increased in popularity in 2011 as more residents purchased compatible devices. The library added the popular Kindle eReader to the collection so residents could try out the new technology. In September, the downloadable service added the Kindle format to the online service thus allowing more residents access to the service. As new technologies emerge, the library strives to add the services and materials necessary to keep residents current and informed.

The library continued to be busy with residents using the computers to meet their various searching and printing needs, checking out materials, and attending events. The total circulation for 2011 was 45,876, an increase of 8.08% over the 2010 total of 42,455. In 2011, the staff organized 350 events for children, teens and adults with an attendance of 3,661.

As always library news and events may be found in our monthly print newsletter, our semimonthly electronic newsletter, on our website, www.weekslibrary.org, and on Twitter. The library is open four evenings and Saturdays for a total of 51 hours a week.

The Weeks Public Library provides residents with a full range of events 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. Introduction to Online Services sessions and volunteer led one-on-one tutoring sessions were added this year as the library strived to meet the changing technology needs of residents.

Staff scheduled two NH Humanities Council programs this year: "The Founding Fathers: What Were They Thinking" and "Traditional Matryoshka Nested Doll Making: from Russia to New Hampshire." Three UNH speakers were also arranged: "Continuity and Change in India," "Mexico: An Introduction to Its History and Self-Image through the Monuments of Mexico City," and "Are you Talking to Me: The Language of Dogs and Cats." Other adult events included a discussion led by local resident Andy Kitts on the Paranormal, a local authors night featuring Joann Snow Duncanson and Doug Zechel, and a What's Up Skywatch night coordinated by the NH Astronomical Society. Also adults attended three NH Humanities Council lectures hosted by the Friends: "Baked Beans and Fried Clams: How Food Defines a Region," "The Guitar in Latin America: Continuities, Changes, and Bicultural Strumming," and "Your Hit



Parade: Twenty-five Years Presenting America's Top Popular Songs."

The summer reading program for adults, "Novel Destinations," attracted 50 readers reading 593 books in hopes of winning one of several prizes. Again this year the Friends donated the grand prize, a \$50 "Portsmouth a la Carte" gift card. Other prizes, donated by local businesses included: two \$25 gift cards from Golf & Ski Warehouse, a \$25 gift card from A & E Boards N Bicycles, and several gift bags of candles, soaps and lotions donated by Sweet Grass Farms. Promotional items from Mango Languages completed the list of prizes.

Residents continued to enjoy many hours of informational, educational, cultural, and recreational events at the library as well as online services, new technologies, books, movies, music CD's, magazines, and newspapers.

~ Denise Grimse, Director and Adult Services Coordinator

Teen Services

The Teens were a busy group this last year with "Teen Advisory Board" meetings and a variety of events planned throughout the year. From January through July, Sharon Taylor and TAB, Teen Advisory Board, met to review books and plan programs which included old favorites like the Poetry Café, the No-Bake Bake-Off, the Red Cross Babysitting classes, and the Live Clue game. Several new events were also planned, All-Out Game-On night, a Catapult Construction competition, and the European Jeopardy competition.

Summer found the teens celebrating "You Are Here" while they traveled around the world within our great library for six weeks of events! They traveled through books,

games, and movies. To track summer reading and activities teens utilized a TAB created "Outstanding Awesome Options" sheet. Teens earned chances to win \$10 Barnes & Noble gift cards or Movie Passes for every five activities tracked. Teens also read for free Stratham Fair tickets and Rye Airfield passes. All things teens love to do!

Fall brought changes. New staff members, Becky Marks and Margaret Mooers, coordinated teen events and sixth graders were invited to join the "Teen Advisory Board". New board members brought new ideas. New materials were selected and



different program ideas were discussed. October found the teens having fun at a Halloween survival challenge night; November's "Teens Got Talent" cafe night proved to be a big hit; and swapping was the theme for the Holiday Party with books and white elephant gifts being exchanged! Excitement is in the air when the teens are in the building. Please encourage your teen to let their voice be heard and join the "Teen Advisory Board". All teens in

sixth grade and up are welcome.

~Becky Marks, Assistant Director and Teen Services Coordinator

Children Services

The Children's Room was the place to be this year. The library provided many Greenland students with books and research materials to help them complete their assignments. Required reading lists generated several assignment requests while many other requests required Readers' Advisory Service, utilizing staff recommendations of titles for particular needs and preferences. New materials were purchased while other materials were borrowed from other libraries to meet these various requests.

Events and workshops for children continued to be well attended. The Drop-In format continued to work well in providing events that fit the many varied schedules of families in the community. Parents and caregivers especially made good use of weekly story times for early learning and socialization skills. All who attended listened to stories, participated in board stories, learned to communicate with others, and made a craft. These classes combine learning with fun.



Cow Day kicked off summer programming and ran the last week of school due to all the snow days. Weekly summer events began the following week with global adventures to Russia and Egypt. Our summer reading program was very successful with our "Around the World" theme for preschool to grade 4 and our "One World, Many Stories" theme for the 5th and 6th graders. Young readers were busy reading the globe this past summer and tracked their reading with coloring sheets, die-cut suitcases and timesheets for the 5th and 6th graders. Prizes from the Treasure Chest, sponsored by the Friends, were available this year for children after a brief hiatus. Target and Walmart gift card prizes, provided by the Friends, were available for the 5th and 6th graders. Our reading program and planned events provided eight weeks of library activities and included the six special nights just for 5th and 6th graders. Many residents were still looking for things to do after the planned events ended. So an extra week of

drop-in crafts and a movie were added. The result, many very happy children and parents!

A new event began in the fall, Wild Wednesday. This session is for the fifth grade and up crowd. Activities, movies and crafts were planned to provide programming for this group. The students were very excited to have afternoon events during the school year just for them and not just in the evening events planned during the summer.

Residents of Greenland look for events and resources locally. The library is pleased to be able to address those needs. Our planned events fulfill the social needs of children, parents, and caregivers. Many families benefit from the sharing of resources such as books and movies. We make every effort to provide children, their parents, and their caregivers with new and exciting materials and opportunities.

~Susan MacDonald, Children's Librarian

Community Services

Library staff, Friends of the Library and Library Trustees participated in the annual community celebration Summer Fun & Jason's Run in July. Library activities included events at the library 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 library hosted a puppet show on the Green to complement the summer reading theme, "Around the World." Multicultural crafts were available after the show. Back by popular demand, Trustee Dale Rockefeller coordinated the frozen t-shirt contest. It was a great community event!

In the winter and spring, book talks and literary lunch readings were presented by the Children's Librarian and the Teen Librarian to children at Greenland Central School.

Friends of the Weeks Public Library

2011 found the Friends busy working for the library and our loyal patrons. They hosted three of the New Hampshire Humanities Council programs in which our patrons learned how food defines a region, enjoyed guitar music from Latin America, and recalled twenty-five years of America's top popular songs. The Friends held many fundraisers enabling the library to provide extra services including museum passes that have become a favorite for our patrons. Some of the fundraisers were the annual plant sale, a book sale, raffles and the best spaghetti dinner ever! 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.



Volunteers and Donated Services and Materials

A library is all the better for its volunteers! From shelving thousands of books, hauling trash, trimming bushes, folding newsletters, baking, and assisting at events, the 2011 volunteers made a huge difference. Our regularly scheduled volunteers, Donalee Brothers, Becky Marks, Margaret Mooers and Hillary Kayser worked over 200 hours.

Margaret Mooers and Becky Marks have now joined our staff. The reasons they want to volunteer are varied but the end result is the same, these volunteers are a tremendous asset to Weeks Public Library. If you are interested in volunteering stop by the library!

Some volunteers assisted with odd jobs by donating supplies and or their skills. Bourassa Construction re-graded the driveway again this year. David Perham, a resident of Greenland also known as "David-Duzzit" home and commercial improvement, returned this year to help make repairs on doors. He donated materials plus his time and skills to replace brass bolts on the front interior and exterior doors. David Picha donated his time and labor to build our new DVD shelves. The Friends paid for materials. Brian Hutchinson, donated the perfect sheet of plexi-glass complete with polished edges to protect the puzzles during construction. Lang's Landscaping donated materials, labor and delivery for our fall landscaping project. Beverly Armstrong donated a variety of rubber stamps and art supplies. Jamie Marks repaired stretchers on two of the Windsor chairs and built a mini-shelf topper to house additional teen books. Again this year, Trustee Dale Rockefeller completed many handyman jobs at the library, including the construction of a designer quality air conditioner cover. Trustees Mark Fodero and Dale Rockefeller secured the ramp until Birse's could return to make the needed repairs.

Building

Ray's Gutter replaced a damaged downspout. Three diseased pine trees were removed by the town. Two new shrubs for out front were ordered from Lang's Landscaping Service. Kohlhase Electric added a network connection, replaced a Cat5e cable, added an emergency light in the stairway, and replaced the rear exterior light timer. MJ Murphy and Sons, Inc. secured slate roof shingles after a storm.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise J. Grimse, Director

Statistics

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
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Total Circulation	45,876	42,445	39,622	37,642	32,141	33,987	34,861
Change	8.08%	7.12%	5.26%	17.12%	-5.43%	-2.51%	11.97%
Adult Books	11,138	9,688	9,382	8,870	8,083	7,865	8,483
Young Adult Books	2,115	2,247	2,228	1,622	1,107	844	886
Children's Books	12,426	10,900	9,157	10,073	9,061	11,896	12,277
Audio/Visual	18,820	17,004	16,273	15,051	11,953	11,441	11,284
Downloadable Books							
Checkouts	1,683	1,153	823	629	261		
Number of New Cards							
Issued	166	167	164				
Library Card Holders	1,882	2,669	2,555	2,440	2,456	2,387	2,242
Holdings	25,389	22,839	22,439	21,926	20,891	19,959	19,700
Added	2,856	1,868	2,267	2,334	1,543	1,433	1,523
Weeded	1,441	1,467	1,755	1,299	610	1,175	1,327
Interlibrary Loan							
Items Borrowed	1,632	1,362	1,269	1,156	1,025	1,053	877
Items Loaned	1,372	1,177	1,382	1,032	797	1,071	1,064
Programming							
Programs	350	339	301	286	268	222	245
Attendance	3,661	3,936	3,387	2,578	2,474	2,037	2,264

Financials**2011 Income**

Copies/Faxes	\$849.15
Damaged/Lost Materials	\$340.00
Donations	\$553.00
Nonresident Cards	\$0.00
Unanticipated Income	\$475.02
Trust Funds	\$428.83
Interest	\$50.03
Town Appropriation	\$227,163.00
Total Income	<u>\$229,859.03</u>

2011 Expenses

Administration	\$6,576.63
Library Materials	\$36,721.58
Operations and Maintenance	\$11,902.81
Salaries & Benefits	\$159,388.95
Utilities	\$6,684.01
Total Expenses*	<u>\$221,273.98</u>

*Includes encumbered funds to cover outstanding bills paid in 2012:

\$613.92 in Operations and Maintenance; \$217.89 in Library Materials.

Income from previous years that was used in 2011:

\$117 from 2010 Trust Fund; \$325.50 from 2010 Copies/Faxes; \$1,506.05 from 2010 Donations.

Income from 2011 that will be used in 2012:

\$849.15 from 2011 Copies/Faxes; \$340.00 from 2011 Damaged/Lost Materials; \$553 from 2011 Donations.

Funds returned to the General Fund:

\$8,791.45

Operational Accounts:**Checking Account**

Balance on December 31, 2011 \$11,491.59

Money Market

Balance on December 31, 2011 \$32,119.96

Investment Accounts:**Prime MM**

Balance as of December 31, 2010 \$2,242.81

dividends \$0.03

withdrawals -\$2,242.84

Balance as of January 7, 2011 \$0.00

Prime MM account closed and moved to Savings Account

Savings

Balance as of January 18, 2011 \$2,242.84

interest \$1.08

Balance as of December 31, 2011 \$2,243.92

Checking (Building Fund)

Balance on December 31, 2010 \$3,189.86

deposits \$2.00

Balance on December 31, 2011 \$3,191.86

Money Market (Building Fund 2)

Balance on December 31, 2010 \$4,800.32

deposits \$9,500.00

interest \$8.80

Balance on December 31, 2011 \$14,309.12

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA Asset Management)

Balance on December 31, 2010

deposits \$0.00

withdrawals \$0.00

Balance on December 31, 2011 \$0.00