

Building Issues:

On March 1 a circulating pump began to leak and had to be isolated from the rest of the heating system. Fortunately, there is a second pump which can keep the system working until the first pump can be repaired.

There were four incidents where the heating system was off when staff arrived in the morning during the month. One was when the system went into emergency after noticing one of the pumps was not working and the other three were all time clock issues.

A bad leak developed above the circulation desk area where books are stored on carts until they can be reshelved. Staff were able to move the carts and place buckets to catch the leaks. The bulletin board behind the desk had to be removed as water was running down the wall and a leak on the other side of the wall resulted in puddles on the counter in the office. Plastic tarps were draped in the office to protect materials. Public Works staff checked the cause of the problem and discovered missing caulking, which they replaced.

The library staff were pleased by the positive response by the voters to the library renovation and expansion project. We are grateful to all who helped make this project a reality. As the problems with the library building and the mechanical systems continue to multiply it is a relief to know solutions are coming in the near future.

Other:

The library held an open house on Saturday, March 3 to give people a chance to learn more about the library expansion and renovation project. Two information sessions were presented and multiple tours of the building conducted.

The library closed early on March 7 and March 13 due to bad weather. On March 8 the library opened late due to snow.

The library's server failed on March 23 and could not be restored. Fortunately, most of the data on the server was recoverable and we had back-ups available. A temporary replacement was installed by March 27th. Plans for a long term solution were underway prior to the failure and are continuing to be evaluated.

Staff Development:

Library staff participated in two special staff work days on March 9 and 23. There were two primary tasks that the staff focused on: reviewing and reorganizing book sale items and weeding non-fiction.

Programming:

The library presented 20 programs in March. The programs included book discussions, story times, a presentation on having a home greenhouse, a program on New Hampshire wildlife,

and a genealogy program on restoring photographs. Two hundred seventeen people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

March statistics were not ready in time to be included in the current librarian's report.