

Facilities:

The library closed on Saturday, February 9, due to severe weather conditions.

Professional Development:

Cindy Scott, Library Director, attended a meeting of the Carroll County Library Co-op on February 11. Members of the group shared ideas on the best ways to track library statistics.

Susan Fuller, Library Technician, attended a meeting of the Rochester Area Libraries Co-op on March 28. A program entitled ~~W~~What Genealogists Would Like Librarians to Know+was presented.

Other:

During February and March the staff spent four days doing special projects. These special days, dedicated to specific goals, help the library staff move complicated and time consuming projects forward. The focus of these particular days was reviewing, weeding and updating the non-fiction book collection, developing programming for National Library Week and the Summer Reading Program, and staff development initiatives such as participating in online courses.

Programming:

The library presented a total of 28 programs in February and 23 in March. Programs included a crafts program, the Lego club, a book discussion program, films on Friday afternoons and a technology drop-in session. Six hundred sixty-one people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

Statistics for February 2013, which had a lot more bad weather than the previous February, showed a general decrease in usage. Circulation figures were down an average of 6.7%, the number of patrons through the door was down 21%. On the other hand, Internet use was up 115% and questions asked was up 1%. March statistics generally showed an increase with circulation figures up an average of 4%. Book circulation alone was up over 6%. The number of patrons decreased 5% with 6,812 patron visits while Internet use increased by 181% with 2,639 half hour uses, and questions answered increased by 8.5%.