

Facilities

A new thermostat was installed by the circulation desk as a test to see how the technology would work with the library's old HVAC system. If the test is successful similar thermostats will be installed throughout the library.

Professional Development:

Susan Fuller, Library Technician, attended the annual meeting of the NH Downloadable Books Consortium in Plymouth on May 2nd. Information on providing access to downloadable audio and e-books was discussed as was the proposed budget for 2014.

Library Director Cindy Scott and two Board of Trustee members, Linda Matchett and Linda Wilberton, attended the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association Annual Conference in Bedford on Monday, May 20th. The three were able to attend most of the important workshops, which included such topics as managing library funds, evaluating employees and writing policies.

Other:

During the month of May the staff spent two Fridays working on special projects. Work undertaken included continued weeding of the fiction section and finalization of plans for upgrading the original 1978 chairs in two areas of the library. The donation of a \$1,000 dollar gift card to Green Mountain Furniture and a grant from the Friends of the Library will fund the upgrade.

Programming:

The library presented a total of 32 programs in May. Programs included the Lego club, a book discussion program, films on Friday afternoons, a genealogy program and the kick-off of the monthly Classic Film Series. Three hundred sixty-two people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

The number of questions asked by library visitors increased by 93% with 917 questions asked. Total circulation figures decreased 1.7%, with book circulation down by 2.1% over May 2012 figures. Internet use was up 57% with 1,694 uses of the network. The number of patrons through the door decreased 4.7% with 6,815 patron visits. There were 1,731 hits to the library's home page.