Wolfeboro Public Library

Librarian’s Report – March 7, 2014

Facilities:
The library roof was cleared of snow on February 21st after a ¾ inch deflection in the roof beams was noted.

Severe weather resulted in the library closing on February 5th and closing early on February 13th and 18th.

Other:
After months of planning and preparation, the library moved its accounting to a cloud based system on February 3rd. This will allow the information to be accessed from multiple computers and make it possible to utilize additional features available in the program.

Staff Development:
On February 28th library staff attended a special training session on how to use Wordpress software to add content to and maintain the new library website. Currently staff is developing content for the website, evaluating links and making sure the site works the way it is supposed to. Anticipated release of the site has been moved to April.

Programming:
The library presented a total of 19 programs in February. Programs included the Lego club, book discussions, story times and a performance by a magician. One hundred three people attended the various programs.

Statistics:
February 2014 was a challenging month statistically, primarily due to the cold and stormy weather. Snow storms resulted in the library being open fewer hours than normal and caused four library sponsored programs to be cancelled. This caused a significant decrease in the number of people through the door. The number of visitors to the library decreased by 7.7% with 5,259 visitors. Circulation figures decreased by 2.5% from February 2013 figures with 8,261 items circulating. Questions asked decreased by 14% with 445 reference questions asked. Internet use decreased by 12% with 1,495 half-hour uses of the library’s Internet services. Year-to-date figures show a small decrease in all areas except for circulation, which shows a slight increase over 2013 year-to-date figures.