

Professional Development:

Cindy Scott, Library Director, hosted a meeting of the Carroll County Library Co-op and the Bear Valley Libraries Co-op on April 8. Emily Benson, the Early Learning Coordinator from Carroll county United Way, spoke about her work and how she and area librarians could work together to help parents prepare their children for kindergarten.

Other:

During the month of April the staff spent two Fridays working on special projects. Work undertaken included a reorganization of the storage room in order to create space to add more DVDs to the library's collection, a project to begin cataloging archival material and continued weeding of the fiction section. Staff also developed ideas to make the seating area adjacent to the young adult section more flexible and user friendly.

National Library Week:

This year the library celebrated National Library Week with extra programming and fanfare. Events included a NH Humanities Council presentation about the Epic of Gilgamesh, a Poet-Tree, special displays, a presentation by local author Bob Varney, a showing of the film Les Miserable, cupcake decorating, a story time session with the author, Karel Hayes, reading her books and a cute book mark craft program presented by Library Assistant, Sue Riddle.

Programming:

The library presented a total of 34 programs in April. Other programs, besides the special programming for National Library Week, included readings by two Lakes Region poets, the Lego club, a book discussion program, films on Friday afternoons, a genealogy program on how to join a heritage society and a puppeteer that was sponsored by the Nicole Jutras Fund of the NH Humanities Council. Five hundred sixty-eight people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

Total circulation figures increased 1.2%, with book circulation up by 2.3% over April 2012 figures. Internet use was up 27% and questions asked increased by 4.8%. The number of patrons through the door decreased 4.2% with 6,875 patron visits. There were 1,824 hits to the library's home page.