Wolfeboro Public Library   Librarian's Report – October 4, 2013

Facilities
The meeting room carpet was professionally cleaned and spot treated on September 5th in order to try one last time to improve its appearance. Happily this latest attempt, using a stain remover specifically designed for coffee, cleaned up the worst of the stains.

Strogens installed the five remaining replacement thermostats on September 26th. Further work remains as the problem with the heating system has not yet been repaired.

A project to improve the appearance of the gardens around the library began in September with a crew of volunteers weeding the beds. Follow-up work included a crew rearranging and pruning plantings throughout the garden. Further work will include planting additional low maintenance perennials and additional weeding both this fall and in the spring.

Other:
Cindy Scott, Library Director, and Susan Fuller, Library Technician attended the annual meeting of the Carroll County Library Co-op in Effingham on September 16th. The program included an overview of a "paperless" Interlibrary Loan system developed at the Effingham Library. Cindy was elected Secretary to the organization at the meeting.

Programming:
The library presented a total of 20 programs in September. Programs included the Lego club, book discussions, films on Friday afternoons, a series of weekly genealogy programs, an iPad class and a classic film. Two hundred nineteen people attended the various programs. The number of programs increased 82% over last September and attendance at the programs increased 184%.

Statistics:
Statistics were mixed with fewer people visiting the library compared to the previous September, but more of the visitors attended library programs. Library users also asked for more assistance from the staff and they heavily used the library's Internet services. So, while book circulation decreased by 1.5% over September 2012, all other materials increased by 0.38%, Internet use increased by 80.5% and questions asked increased by 72.5%. Year-to-date circulation figures have increased by 1.8%.