Facility:
A town-wide power outage closed the library building early on Tuesday, December 9. Following the outage the heating system had to be reset and the time clocks recalibrated. Additionally, a series of problems with the library’s computer systems developed. It took several days to get everything back to normal.

Minor roof leaks continued to be a problem in December as there were several rain or mixed precipitation storms during the month.

Staff Development:
Cindy Scott, Library Director attended a Carroll County Library Co-op meeting in Sandwich. The speaker presented a program on the new makerspace kits available for loan from the State Library, which libraries can borrow to use in library programming.

An All-Staff-Workday was scheduled for Friday, December 19th. Staff discussed plans for work that will be necessary to prepare for a future building project. Additionally staff worked as a group on removing items no longer owned from the library’s database and the New Hampshire State Library database.

Programming:
The library presented a total of 16 programs in December. Programs included the Lego club, book discussions, and story times. One hundred fifty-seven people attended the various programs.

Statistics:
The number of visitors increased by 6.3% with 6,161 patrons visiting during the month. Internet use increased by 2% with 1,413 half hour sessions. The percentage using the library’s wired computers continued higher as fewer wireless users visited during December. Library patrons borrowed 8,164 items during the month, which was a decrease of 7.7% over December 2013. Downloadable e-book and audio book usage increased by 0.7%. The number of questions asked increased by 36%.