

Facility:

Unlike the previous rain storm in September, the rain in October resulted in only one roof leak. Public Works staff cleared debris including leaves and branches from the roof and the drains. They noted that the area of the roof where most of the leaks are is becoming less firm and has more give when walked across.

There was no heat on October 19 when staff arrived for work. Sometime on Sunday the heating system failed resulting in uncomfortably cold temperatures on Monday morning. Repairs were completed by midday and no further problems developed during the month.

Programming:

The library presented 18 programs during October. The programs included book discussions, a program on the Middle East, genealogy workshops and story times. Two hundred fifty people attended the various programs.

Other:

Four staff members took turns attending the annual New England Library Association conference in Manchester on October 26th and 27th. Besides attending valuable programs, staff had an opportunity to talk to various vendors about products and services for libraries. One staff member won a prize of five audio books from Recorded Books, which have now been added to the library collection.

Statistics:

There were 7,766 visits by library users during the month of October. While overall circulation figures for the month decreased by 3%, one area that is showing clear increases is fiction for adults. In October adult fiction circulation increased by 5.4%. Children's circulation, which has been increasing over the last few months, decreased by 11%. A total of 8,516 items were borrowed from the library during the month and so far this year 89,538 items have been circulated. Use of the library's Internet system increased by 40% with 2,328 half-hour blocks used.