

**Staff Development:**

The library staff participated in two special staff work days during the month of February. Activities included moving and expanding the popular 7-day book collection, weeding the non-fiction section in the adult area, and preparing publicity for future programming. These special project days allow the staff to have uninterrupted time to accomplish specific goals.

**Programming:**

The library presented 17 programs during February. The programs included book discussions, nursery school visits, story times, a travel film and a magician. Five hundred twenty-three people attended the various programs.

Of particular note was the library sponsored children's program, the Magic of the Steelgraves, which was presented during school vacation week in the Great Hall at Town Hall. This was the first time the library was able to use the new facilities. Having this larger space available means the library no longer needs to limit access to popular library programs due to size of our meeting room. Almost 300 people attended this well-received event. The program was made possible by a grant from the Nicole Jutras Fund of the NH Charitable Trust.

**Statistics:**

February is usually the coldest, snowiest and quietest month, but this year the weather encouraged people to get out and visit the library. All of the February 2016 statistics increased compared to February 2015 figures. Circulation figures increased by 7% with the year-to-date total running 3% ahead of this point last year, the number of people who visited the library increased by 2.5%, questions asked increased by 9%, Internet use increased by 19%, and attendance at programming increased by 139%. It was a busy and productive month for the library staff.