

Facilities:

Work began July 15th to establish the condition of the soils on the library property. These geotechnical studies will help establish how much weight can be supported on the site, what type of footings are necessary, and water management options. This is part of developing a solution to the roof and drainage issues for the library site.

Two air conditioning units failed in mid-July. The meeting room air conditioner was able to be repaired the same day, however the unit that services the children's area and the staff offices was down for a week until the necessary parts were available.

A problem in one of the restrooms resulted in minor flooding extending throughout the restroom and under the wall to spread two feet across the carpet in the back of the meeting room adjacent to the restroom. The problem was quickly discovered and controlled by library staff and the restroom closed until the plumber could resolve the issue.

Other:

The library recently migrated Internet access to Bayring Communications in order to increase bandwidth and access speed. The change has resulted in a better user experience for both the public and staff.

The Wolfeboro Library Foundation hosted a Chamber Social at the library on July 13th. It was an opportunity for people to take a look behind the scenes in the offices and basement of the library and to hear a little about the future plans of the library and the Foundation.

Programming:

The library presented 25 programs during July. The programs included book discussions, a family friendly film, a presentation on hiking with kids, guest story time readers, a travel film, and three genealogy programs. Four hundred fifty-nine people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

Some statistics for July 2016 were up, while others were down, compared with July 2015 figures. Weather, as usual, impacted library usage. Good weather in the winter causes the library to be busier, while the opposite is true in the summer as bad weather in the summer causes the library to be busier. The absolutely perfect summer weather this July reduced the number of people visiting the library as they chose to go to the beach or spend the day on the lake instead. Visits to the library and circulation were both down by 7%, however the year-to-date numbers are still ahead of 2015. And the number of reference questions asked was up 10.6%, so staff was quite busy assisting library users.