

Facility:

A problem developed with the outside lights not coming on in the evening. We were able to make an adjustment to the electronic eye, which controls the system, to solve the problem quickly.

While clearing the roof drains of leaves, a member of the Public Works Department noted that there was a piece of flashing missing at one side of the clerestory/monitor, that there were some new cracks in the surface membrane of the roof, and that underfoot some of the roof areas were not firm.

Staff Development:

Three staff members attended the New England Library Association Conference in Danvers, MA on October 17. Workshops included such topics as new children's programming ideas, technology innovation, and library service opportunities outside of the library's usual hours of operation. Additionally there was an opportunity to evaluate a large variety of new products in the dealer's room.

Two staff members took an online class taught by a member of the NH State Library staff on using the statewide online interlibrary loan system. The library is moving away from having only one person responsible for the entire ILL system to multiple staff members being able to handle interlibrary loans. This allows the library to respond quicker to requests for information about ILL items and means we can provide a higher level of service in this area.

Other:

The library proctored an exam for a student who is taking online classes on October 28th.

Programming:

The big event at the library in October was the Open House on October 15 where the plans for the expanded and renovated library were rolled out for the public. Tours of the library and presentations by the architect, as well as an opportunity for people to talk to members of the Board of Trustees, the Library Foundation, the Friends and the library staff, made the day a success.

The library presented 23 programs during October. The programs included book discussions, a travel film, story times, a poetry reading, and three genealogy programs. Four hundred nineteen people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

Circulation increased by 4.4%, with a total of 8,894 items checked out during October. Questions asked increased by 9.3%, while the number of visitors decreased by 1.7%, for a total of 7,632 people through the door during the month.