

Staff Development:

Susan Fuller, Library IT Coordinator, attended a meeting of the Rochester Area Libraries Co-op on Thursday, December 1. The topic of discussion for the meeting was exploring library programming ideas.

Cindy Scott, Library Director, attended a meeting of the Carroll County Libraries Co-op on Tuesday, December 6. A representative from Granite United Way and Carroll County Coalition for Public Health presented a program about resources that are available.

Other:

The library director proctored an exam on December 12 for a local student who is taking courses online. Such tests generally have to be scheduled on a day specified by the school and individual staff members have to be pre-qualified as approved proctors. Public libraries such as the Wolfeboro Public Library are one of a limited number of options available where students can arrange to take such exams.

Programming:

The library presented 16 programs during December. The programs included book discussions, a travel film, and story times. One hundred seventy-six people attended the various programs. Even though there was a 64% decrease in the number of programs presented during the month, attendance at programs still increased by 4%. Demand for quality programming continues to grow.

Statistics:

December 2016 Statistics

Book circulation increased by 2%, while media and electronic circulation decreased by 8%. A total of 7,413 items were checked in December. Questions asked, which increased by 41.5% last month, decreased by 23% this month. An estimated 5,268 people visited the library during the month.

2016 Year-End Statistics

Circulation figures increased slightly over 2015 figures with an additional 76 items checked out in 2016. Reference questions asked increased by 3%, program attendance increased by 30% and Internet usage increased by 13%. The number of people through the door decreased by 2% in part due to presenting a number of library sponsored programs at locations such as the Great Hall, rather than at the library. Other trends noted include:

- Children's overall circulation increased by 6%, with a non-fiction increase of 9% alone
- Fiction circulation for adults increased by 2%, while non-fiction decreased by 9%
- DVD usage decreased by 3% as more people began to stream their videos
- Usage of electronic books, audios and other virtual resources increased by 17%
- However, usage by material type shows physical resources such as books, CDs and DVDs are used 92% of the time while virtual items such as e-books, downloadable audios, and databases are used 8% of the time.