

Building Issues:

On April 10th the library basement partially flooded when the sump pump failed. Damage was minimal as only a couple of pieces of furniture were stored in the area that flooded. A replacement pump was installed later that day.

By mid-April the installation to provide a replacement for the failing control unit on the heating system that contained vacuum tubes was completed. Between this upgrade and various parts replaced on both oil burners, the heating system has begun running more reliably.

Other:

The library was closed on April 1st due to inclement weather.

Programming:

The library presented 23 programs during April. The programs included book discussions, a travel film, story times, a presentation on pollinators, a genealogy program and a short film about opera. Three hundred twenty-nine people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

April 2017 Statistics

April, as is typical, was quieter than March as people begin to enjoy outside activities. An estimated 6,063 people came through the door, they borrowed 7,167 items and asked 618 reference questions. The iPad kiosk in the children's area was used for 54 hours during the month, 14 museum passes were borrowed, and 221 e-books were checked out. For an interesting comparison, 4,095 physical books were borrowed from the library. Downloadable audios made up 21% of the audios borrowed from the library during the month.