The telescope we are lending out for a week at a time has proved very popular. Currently there are 21 patrons on a waiting list. We wish we had another to lend out. We have also added to our collection of books on stargazing and astronomy.

The adult and teen summer reading program that featured a reading bingo sheet came to a close. There was a prize drawing for participants. The rubber chicken that was hidden every day and a favorite of kids, teens and adults was retired for the summer.

The library book discussion group’s pick for August was *A River Runs Through It* by Norman MacLean. The September read is *The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

We have two excellent exhibits on display at the library through the end of October. Local resident Karen Hand Ogg is a public educator of both English and the Visual Arts. Her mixed media artwork graces our walls. Read her moving account of what these pieces of art mean to her. In our exhibit case and generating lots of comment is the collection of toy automobiles crafted from metal from the 1920s to the 1950s. Raymond Philpot has restored many of these found toys to their former glory days.

Sally and Barbara have been working on the schedule for the monthly teen group as well as publishing a teen newsletter. Look for more info in September when the teen group starts up again after the summer.

There was a meeting of Windham and Raymond school and public librarians. We meet every few months to keep in touch with student needs and cooperate in resource sharing. WHS librarian Amy Deneker spoke about a reading mentor program at the high school and of the new databases the high school library will be offering. We also met the new library director of the Raymond Village Library.

Reference question of the month: A patron called looking for a knitting pattern for Mary Jane slipper socks. The pattern was found. Another new thing learned on the job—.