Year end means checking on statistics. The library despite the addition of e-books and e-readers into our lives maintained a circulation of over 113,000 items just as we did at the end of 2011. E-book/audiobook downloads throughout the year remained steady at an average of 400 a month from our statewide Overdrive system.

You may see a couple of new faces at the circulation desk upstairs in the future. We have two new people working on a substitute basis as need arises. They are Robyn LaRose and Kat Brown, both with library experience. Welcome!

Reference/Technology Librarian Barbara Keef and Children’s Librarian Laurel T. Parker attended a workshop on digital literacy and libraries. It was a meeting offered to address the topic in conjunction with the American Library Association’s nationwide campaign to advocate library services in regard to helping people with new digital technologies and resources. Barbara also attended a state sponsored workshop on the same issue but dealing with statewide efforts.

The book discussion group organized a holiday potluck dinner at the home of a gracious member in lieu of a book discussion.

Sally and Barbara continue to update our website. It will have a great new look and a friendly interface. We are hoping to unveil in February.

Local artist Liz Wisecup is featured in the library. The exhibit case now is displaying the Disney mug collection of Jen Harmon.

The library staff celebrated the holidays with our annual potluck breakfast as well as joining in the Town’s annual holiday lunch buffet. To counteract some of those holiday treats, some staff members participated in the Town’s 12 Days of Fitness Program this month.

Reference Question of the Month: “What information do you have on geothermal energy?” We came up with a current book on the topic as well as reference book articles.