Library Report  
February 2012  
Circulation: 9,906  
New Patrons: 67  
Reference Questions: 150  
Special Requests: 44  
Computer Sign-ins: 1,011  
Downloads: 430  
Cataloging: 289 (211 purchases/78 donations)  
Cataloging edits: 447  
Meeting Room Usage: 34 /Study Room Usage: 31  
Bills for unreturned materials: 9

The 5 part discussion series Making Sense of the Civil War opened with a discussion of the book March by Geraldine Brooks. The limit of 25 participants was reached and there is a waiting list. This series is made available through a grant from the Maine Humanities Council which provides the facilitator and the books.

The teen discussion group had a lively discussion of the survival themed books they read. The March selections will feature relationships as the topic. Displays include the nature photography of Windham resident Emily Keef and an exhibit of Wizard of Oz memorabilia from the collection of Mike Merriman.

Federal tax forms are available at the library. Maine State has not sent forms to libraries for the last few years. They send a flyer with a phone number and instructions for citizens to have forms sent to them and information on where to go to download forms online.

Reference Question of the Month: “I am looking for the song that has the line “My name is McNamara and I’m the leader of the band. Do you have the song on CD?” Wikipedia gives a history of the song “McNamara’s Band” and lyrics. It states that Bing Crosby had a hit with the song. Sure enough it was on a Bing Crosby’s greatest hits CD the library had.

The Civil War “Let’s Talk About It” program has remained popular with a good crowd attending every month. The exhibit case holds Wizard of Oz memorabilia and on our walls is a photography display by Emily Keef.

At the Maine Library Commission meeting of which I am a member we discussed at length the future of the state library consortium. A sub-committee was formed to keep abreast of the on-going talks with Maine InfoNet and the Library of Congress’s WorldCat Local to get all Maine library catalogs on a statewide system in the near future.
Reference question of the month: “I don’t have access to a computer at the moment and am unable to come to the library. Can you check out a particular wedding planner site on the internet for me?”

While on the phone the reference librarian answered questions about the wedding planner site and offered her opinion of the site and the services.