Library Report
July, 2012

Circulation: 11,003
New Patrons: 75
Reference Questions: 158
Special Requests: 42
Computer Sign-Ins: 997
Downloads: 499
Cataloging: 308 (261 purchases/47 donations)
Cataloging edits: 186
Meeting Room Usage: 31 / Study Room 20
Bills for unreturned materials: 18

It is the height of the season for high school students coming in for their required readings. There are reserve lists for most books. Adults and teens are playing our reading bingo. Kids are looking for that rubber chicken. People on vacation are checking out lots of summer reading and it seems every popular author has a book out in the summertime. All this adds up to a high circulation count for the month.

On the evening of July 17th the library hosted a program on coyotes. A Maine conservationist and expert in the field led an interesting talk.

The library website is getting a makeover. Sally and Barbara are editing and updating the look and content as time allows. The final result will be worth the wait and will make posting information easier as well.

Local artists’ original matted watercolors are for sale at the library at $10 apiece this summer. Proceeds benefit the library.

The library book discussion group’s title for July was “Train Dreams” by Denis Johnson. August’s book is “A River Runs Through It”.

The reference question of the month really has to be the generic question “What do you suggest I read next?” Barbara is asked this yearlong but in the summer every day someone wants a recommendation prompting the librarian to assess what type of book and what authors the patron has read and likes.