Library Report
June 2012
Circulation: 9,826
New Patrons: 77
Reference Questions: 163
Special Requests: 44
Computer Sign-ins: 751
Downloads: 464
Cataloging: 195 (161 purchases/34 donations)
Cataloging edits: 198
Meeting Room Usage: 41 /Study Room Usage: 16
Bills for in-returned materials: 28

Summer programming at the library started in late June for children, teens and adults. Growing in popularity each year are the adult and teen bingo reading sheets. Complete a row of reading activities and be entered into the end of summer prize drawing. Starting July 2 the star of the summer-the rubber chicken-will be hidden every day. A small prize awaits those who find him. Going with the theme of the nationwide summer reading program-night- this year the chicken will be disguised as the Phantom of the Opera aka the Bantam of the Opera.

Senator Bill Diamond did a book signing at the library for his book, The Evil and the Innocent, a gripping look at real life cases of child sexual abuse. Years of research and of drafting legislation on the issue have culminated with this powerful book. Copies are available at the library for checkout.

I attended the annual American Library Association meeting in Anaheim along with over 20,000 others including librarians, vendors, presenters and speakers. The recurring phrase “digital inclusion” was a predominant one at the conference. It is the ability of individuals to have access to and use information and communication technologies. Libraries and other municipal agencies try to target who is at a disadvantage and look at means to help those in need of access and technology training. I also attended programs on reader’s advisory, paranormal young adult fiction, best reading of the year, crossover fiction, financial literacy and more. The hundreds of vendors offered the opportunity to look at and talk with library related companies.

Local art students in the advanced watercolor class of Charlene Lee (Windham/Raymond Adult Ed) donated numerous matted 5” by 7” originals to the library for sale to benefit the library. They are displayed and for sale near the circulation desk and priced at $10 apiece. They have been selling like hotcakes. Where else can you get matted originals for $10? Thank you all!

The book discussion group’s book choice for June was the highly acclaimed novel Swamplandia by Karen Russell.

On display: Artwork on the wall is by Windham resident Diana Libby. In the display case we showcase the collection of playing cards by local teen Ashley Crocker.

Reference Question of the Month: A patron came in looking for publishers of almanacs and statistical data. He was compiling a book of his own and looking for possibilities to contact.