Library Report
November 2012

Circulation: 8,746
New Patrons: 48
Reference Questions: 149
Special Requests: 24
Computer Sign-ins: 859
Downloads: 358
Cataloging:192 (169 purchases/ 23donations)
Cataloging edits: 36
Repairs: 28
Meeting Room Usage:43 /Study Room:27
Bills for unreturned materials: 23

The library is now accepting credit and debit cards just like all the other Town departments. There is a convenience fee attached however. The staff was briefly trained and it will take a little while to get us up to speed as we expect usage to be on the slow side.

There was a meeting of the Windham and Raymond librarians. School and public librarians get together to update each other on new services, materials and issues common to us. Cooperation and co-ordination of library services benefits both the schools and public libraries.

The Friends of the Windham Public Library held their annual book and bake sale this month. This is the major fundraiser of the year. Funds raised helps supply the library with needs that are not covered by the town budget. Thanks to all who came and supported us. Also a big thanks to the folks bring in donations throughout the year to supply our sale as well as the bakers who bring in the goodies to sell. Thank you to the volunteers helping out at the sale. Our biggest thanks goes to Jeanne Thurber who manages the book and bake sale every year. It involves a lot of time, energy and lugging books around. Thank you Jeanne!

The book discussion group had a lively session with the November selection, “When We Were the Kennedys” by Portland, ME author Monica Wood. The book got positive reviews by most in the group. Monica Wood spoke at the North Gorham library a few days after the group met and several of our discussion group members got to meet and greet the author.

Sally and Barbara are working hard on updating our website. It will have a great new look and a friendly interface. We’ll let you know when the unveiling is.

New artwork is on display. Local artist Liz Wisecup is featured. The exhibit case now is displaying the Disney mug collection of Jen Harmon.

Reference Question of the Month: “Would I be able to Skype a meeting with my physician at the library?” Indeed she could. She was able to use our study room for privacy. The patron had her own laptop but could have used one of ours otherwise.