Library Report  
October, 2011  
Circulation: 9,740  
New Patrons: 75  
Reference Questions: 150  
Computer Sign-ins: 1,145  
Special Requests: 52  
Downloads: 333 (212 ebooks/121 audiobooks)  
Cataloging: Items added: 327 (270 purchases/57 donations)  
Cataloging edits: 320  
Repairs: 52  
Meeting Room Usage: 44/Study room usage: 35  
Bills for un-returned materials: 25  

We have added two new statistics to this report, audiobook and ebook downloads. The Kindle downloads just added a few weeks ago have boosted these numbers. Also included in the stats is the study room usage. As the demand rises for this smaller space it validates the need for more people/quiet space at the library.

Plans are in the works to celebrate 40 years of the Windham Public Library on this site. Prior to that the library was not a town department, was run by volunteers and called the Windham Circulating Library. The staff and others are planning for a celebratory week in mid-December, the month the library opened in 1971.

Sally and Barbara attended the New England Library Conference in Burlington, Vt. A full schedule of meetings and workshops along with library talk with librarians from other states was well worth it and they came back with ideas. One is already in the planning process. A monthly teen program is getting finalized and some teens have already jumped onboard. Over the years we have had a teen librarian (at least part-time) on our library wish list. We have a built-in audience with many teens coming to the library after school on a regular basis. Having book talks, discussions, writing programs, etc. takes work and planning that current staff levels do not permit. However---once a month they will give it a try. Getting input from teens on library service will be an added benefit. The program starts December 8th. They will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month from 2:30-3:30 in the library’s meeting room.

The library book discussion group had a special guest at their October gathering. Library patron and area resident children’s author Mary Morton Cowan spoke with the group. Participants had plenty of books and articles of Mary’s to choose from. Her latest Book Captain Mac: The Life of Donald
Baxter Macmillan, Arctic Explorer has won numerous awards. She was a truly engaging speaker. Thank you to the Friends of the Windham Public Library for helping sponsor her visit.

Several of the library staff participated in the Town’s 1st Wellness Walk/Run to support the Food Pantry. Hopefully this will continue as a yearly event.

Reference Question of the month: How do I go about selling my car which is still registered in Vermont to a person in Maine? The answer was found at the Department of Motor Vehicles on the maine.gov website. Also of interest, a TSA employee at the Portland Jetport came in to get Spanish language CDs in order to better his communication skills with travelers.