

## **Librarian's Report February, 2005**

This past month has been the stormiest month I have seen in the twelve years I have been at the library. We have closed early due to the weather and not opened a couple of days due to the stormy weather. Hopefully, the worst is past. It is nice to know the furnace is dependable, and the library has stayed warm through the worst weather we had.

Had to speak to the plow guy about making sure the side walkway was plowed out past the back entryway door. He had only been plowing up to the ramp, and no one was able to get in easily. Jean ended up shoveling it twice as there was so much snow in front of the ramp. The snow has now been pushed way back and there shouldn't be a problem from now on.

Tom has purchased and installed the two new hard drives that we planned on purchasing this year. He replaced the hard drives at Jean and my desks, putting my old hard drive in the back room for me to use with the new server for the system. Jean's old hard drive replaced the one for the card catalog in the adult room. Tom also purchased updated versions of Microsoft works for Jean and my computers. Spectrum uses MS Works in some parts of its program that Jean and I use all the time.

Our Patron Appreciation week was semi-successful as we were closed one day due to a snow storm. The other days both adults and children had fun making Valentin cards with stamps, stickers, markers, fancy scissors, construction paper and cardstock. Everyone enjoyed the "sweet treats" of cookies, brownies and Hersey kisses.

The Friends book sale has a great success as they made \$560 in four hours. Many people asked if the sale would be a monthly event as they had a great time going through the books.

Shelly Burbank is starting a new book discussion group at the library. The group will read and discuss non-fiction books instead of fiction. Their next meeting is planned for April as they have already run into a few snags getting the book they want to read, and being able to find a date everyone can get together. From the discussion the group had, it should evolve into a good gathering with field trips, movies and more!

Our BMW & Co. Librarian's group (Blake, Miles, Weyer & Cole) is preparing a grant for our summer reading program this year to be sent to Poland Springs in Buxton. We found that the Narragansett Foundation doesn't fund the same group two years in a row. Hopefully Poland Springs will accept our grant request so we can continue to improve our summer reading program this year

and draw more new and old readers into it. Everyone who participated last year read a lot and had a great time and we want to try to draw more children to the program, especially those who have never been in it before.

We are moving right along in our cataloging and have now reached the 20,000 plus mark. Matt, who has been volunteering since last fall, finished the hours he needed to volunteer just as we are reaching the end of the adult room non-fiction to add to our computer card catalog. It will now take a little longer to finish up the last shelves, but the end is in sight. All that will be left is the audio and video collections that have not been added along with the paperback adult books not already put in. We hope to be finished by July so that all our collection will be in our computer card catalog in case we can purchase the on-line system.