

Librarians Report

March 23, 2004

On Wednesday, March 3rd Missy Brandt, and her husband Lenny Daigneault started off our year of "Discovering New Trails" (the theme for our Summer Reading Program), by bringing two of their sled dogs Kodiak and Luna, along with their dog sled to the library. Missy began by reading two books about sled dogs and one about a dog to the story hour children at 10:15. She talked a little about the dogs, then everyone went outside where we joined up with the Homeschoolers. Missy and Lenny showed the children how the dogs are harnessed to the sled, discussed the training and care of the dogs, how long they have been involved in dog sledding and more. The children were excited to pet the dogs and stand on the back of the sled. The twenty-one adults and more than thirty-six children went away with a better knowledge of what is involved in sled dog racing and the care of the dogs.

Last Monday, men from the Superflu company came out to check out the chimney. We are now waiting to hear back on when they will do the chimney. I called the furnace people and found out the new furnace is in. They are waiting for warmer weather, probably early May, to install the furnace after the new chimney is put in. The furnace installation will take about three days and will be done on a Friday, Saturday and Monday so we would only have to close on Saturday unless the weather warms up a lot then so we can work with no heat.

Friday our septic tank was pumped out by G&E. The holdig tank was filled to the top, and partly frozen, probably the reason we have been having a bad "odor" on and off the last few months. Hopefully draining the tank will now take care of the problem. G&E had no idea the last time they pumped the tank, so it has been quite some time.

Jean and I continue to have patrons asking about the new library and where it will be, when it will be built. We let them know the town is taking applications for the building committee and hope the committee will be formed sometime in April. Jean and I are reminding people to attend town meeting, especially if they want the library open more hours. I have emailed Pam to see if the library will be open town meeting day, she will let me know.

We continue to get more books in to be sorted for putting in the library or adding to the book sale. I have received several boxes of Homeschool materials to be sorted and added to our collection. I am getting rid of the paper card catalog in the children's room as everything that is in the catalog is now in the computer catalog. I still have the Homeschool materials, video and audio tapes to add along with some board books and golden books. We are up to the 600's being catalogued in the adult room. Jean with the help of Shelley and nat continue to enter the adult non-fiction into the computer as quickly as possible. Many old, outdated books continue to be discarded and some are being replaced with newer additions. We have over 17,600 items in the computer now,

and it is much easier to check out materials to patrons.

I have asked Craig Tripp if his scouts would like to make the library a new book case as a scout project. Once the children's card catalog is gone, I am having Neal Take the corner cabinet downstairs. I want to have a set of shelves built to go in the corner for all the Homeschool and Parenting material we have. That will free up some space for Jean in the adult room and make more space for children's nonfiction. We also need to see about having a couple of small end shelves built for our audio collection. We are weeding what is not being used, but will continue to have to find space for new materials till a new library is built.

I have put up a note for all the groups that meet at the library to be sure to clean-up after themselves before they leave and make sure the heat is down, doors locked, and lights off. Jean and I found the upstairs chairs all over the library and the refrigerator switch turned to off two weeks in a row. Since the notice things have been cleaner.

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