

Librarians Report May 2005

Spring has sprung and the grass, flowers and weeds are coming up outside at the library! With all the rain, the lawns need mowing, the flowers need weeding and all our patrons need books to read.

We have had five new babies join us for story hour the past few months, another little girl just born and a new baby boy due the end of this week! Several more patrons are expecting in the fall, so our patronage will be growing even more!

The town furnace inspector came to check out our new furnace while I was in Chicago and told Jean the furnace failed the inspection! Said it needed a new filter or something. I have emailed Nancy at the town hall who said she is waiting for the report so that the work may be completed.

Our April Read-a-thon was a success. Over forty children participated in the program. Six hundred plus books were read, not a record, but a good amount. The children loved picking a prize out of the treasure chest when they came in to turn in their book slips. If you read the Reporter, you saw we had our ice cream party on Monday, May 9th. More than thirty children and fifteen adults came to celebrate the children's reading success with ice cream sundaes, cookies and soda. It was a nice evening, so many of the children took their sundaes outside and played on the lawn. Stephanie Guillemette from the Reporter took pictures and spoke to parents and children alike about the reading program and the library.

We have a new addition to the library, Snow White, the guinea pig. She was given to us by a family who's children no longer could care for her. Skippy is happy to have a new female friend. He has been more active then he has been in a long time.

As we did not receive the grant we had applied for from Poland Springs for our summer reading program this year, the Hollis Center, Salmon Falls, West Buxton librarians and myself have been trying to find some money for the program for other sources. The Waterboro Lions, Hollis/Buxton Lions Club Gorham Savings Bank and Pine Tree Network have donated money towards the program. We have booked a Waterboro magic act called Almondarr's Grand Illusion and are hoping to be able to have our final program at the Saco River Grange again this year. We have tickets to hand out for Sea Dogs games, tickets for Subway Children's meals, free passes to Old Fort Western in Augusta. The final state party will be at the Trolley Museum this year again. The money we receive will go for printing and advertising costs, weekly prizes, our entertainers, craft supplies, food for the final party and more.

Maggie Taylor has returned from Florida. Jean and I are looking forward to her going through the book repair pile which is huge and seeing what miracles she can perform on the books. The work will keep her busy for some time.

The Adult nonfiction is finally all cataloged! The last of the collection - adult audio and video and the paperbacks are being worked on. By September we may have our whole

collection in the on-line catalog.

A Weight Watchers group is now meeting at the library on Tuesday mornings from ten to eleven. They average eight to ten at a meeting and have a key to get into the library.

The Parenting Group has ended their meetings at the library till fall and the Girl Scout troop meeting here will hold their moving up ceremony next Tuesday and end for the summer.

Story Hour will end on June 8th and begin again the first Wednesday in July. We are getting new people every week with younger and younger children.

We are looking forward to having some adult programs at the library this summer that Brigit is working on.

Put aside Saturday, July 30th as that will be the date of our Mega Sale. Pot those extra plants, clean out those book shelves, check out those recipes for the Food Table. And.... just in case..... start picking out those items you don't use to donate to the tag sale. I have been mentioning to our patrons we need someone to head that part of the Mega sale, and are hoping someone will come through. There are many, many books to be sorted for the sale and patrons are starting to bring more in on a daily basis.

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