Librarian's Report
June 2005

June has arrived and along with it our summer patrons are beginning to come into the library from Florida, Massachusetts and places in between. All are asking how the building project is going, when we will have a new library and when is the Mega sale!

Books for the sale are being sorted on a regular schedule and our bathroom floor is getting larger little by little. Dee and Barbara Thorpe sorted on Saturday morning, and seemed to be caught up at that time. There are more donations that arrived in the last couple days in the bathroom waiting to go downstairs to be sorted.

Tom has purchased and installed the new computer and speakers for the various computers they were ordered for. He installed the Spectrum update, which, as always, has a few glitches in it. A few books have disappeared out of the system all or part way and will need to be reentered. Just another one of those things that happen.

Our school year story hour ended on June 8th with a very short visit from the fire department. Ten minutes after they arrived, just after giving hats to all the children and beginning to show them the fire truck, a call came in and the firemen and truck left. All the children enjoyed the sirens and horn. I had a fireman craft for the kids to do, so everything worked out ok. Story Hour will resume on July 6th for eight weeks in the summer.

This year's Summer Reading Program "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" began on Saturday, June 18th with three musicians playing Renaissance music on harp, flute and a hand drum. There was a woman spinning wool with a drop spindle and another woman working on a Celtic design on cloth. Terri Blaisdell brought "show and tell" items used in the Medieval time, her son had three games for the children to play. Terri also had children make marbled paper with water and acrylic paints. As it was raining all took place in the library. It was crowded at times, but cozy. Over sixty children have signed up in the first four days, and many that had pre-registered have not come in for their folders yet as their books are not due. Pat Kendall is doing some decorating for our theme and Janice Martin donated a stuffed dragon.

Our lawn has finally been cut after a mix-up on who was going to be cutting the lawn this year. The recreation department had done it in the past till last year. At that point, the Cemetery Association took over and the recreation department stopped mowing. After several phone calls, emails and discussions by and with several people, the lawn is now being mowed.

Alan Sevigny is working on getting his Eagle Scout award and overhead me saying we would like more bookcases built. He will be working on the project this fall, so Jean and I are discussing where we can put a some new book cases. Since the ones originally made for the children's room ended up in the adult room, those will be two of the new book cases to be built. We also want to add another book shelf for audio tapes near the Maine collection books and a larger book case where the new book section is located in the adult

room.

I attended the annual Public Library Director's Institute in Augusta last week. The two highlight's were a class given by Susan R. Moore on Capital Campaigns and what you should and shouldn't do, when things should be done and more. I will pass along the information I received to the Capital Campaign committee. The other workshop was on what documents need to be saved in the library and for how long. This was very timely as the back room is becoming filled with files from past secretary's, old bills etc. I will purchase a shredder in July to get rid of old bills we no longer need to keep and other documents that can be gotten rid of. I plan to pick up some plastic totes so that the records can be stored in the basement. Sue Ellen has already said she wants all the Bank Records for the last seven years.

Jerusha Robinson, who has been volunteering for several months was put on the payroll list so that she could work as a substitute when needed. Pat Roberts had to be away this past week and Judy and Jessie were unable to fill in for Jean. Jerusha is looking for work and was glad to help out. This will give us another fill in person when needed for the summer.

I am waiting to hear back from Nancy about the furnace and what needs to be done.

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