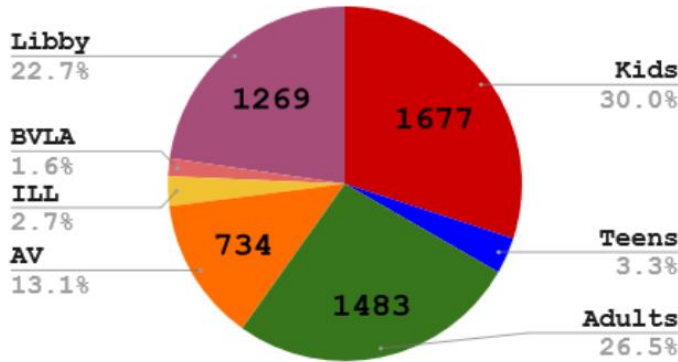
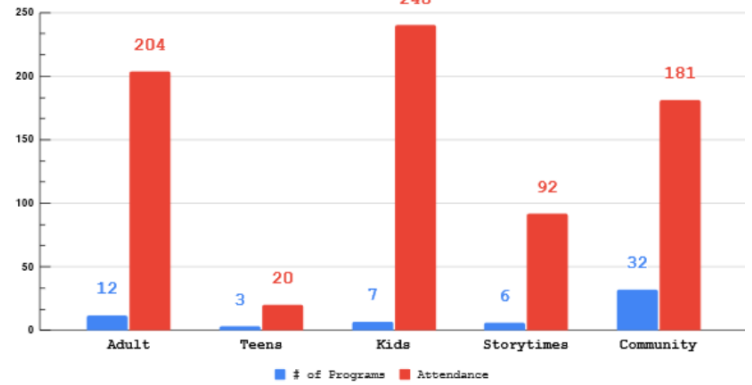


Director Report July 10th, 2024

June 2024 - Circulation: 5590 items



June 2024 - Programs
60 programs w/ 737 attendees



The Library served as a designated cooling center during the week of the mid-June heatwave. In addition to our regular library services offered every day, patrons were provided with free bottles of water and ice packs upon request.



Kate Duval and Sherri have done a fantastic job rolling out the new library logo while completing a mini-rebranding of the website, newsletter, social media, and other points of contact with the public.

As in previous years, a temporary tent was rented and erected in the Library Park to use for programs and as a shaded seating area during the summer. The tent was inaugurated at our Summer Reading Program Kick-off Event on June 26th. The Magic Show with Robert Clarke attracted and fascinated well over 100 attendees! Kate Duval created a highlight video of the event that is being used to advertise our Summer Reading Program: <https://youtu.be/vlYbSka2cUU>

Experimenting with a new programming set-up, the New England Irish Harp Orchestra filled the upstairs of the Library with beautiful music and ambiance on Saturday, June 15th. More than 40 people attended the program, and many patrons using the building commented that they enjoyed being able to listen to the music while working.



Annie researched, selected, and installed a new door counter on the main entrance of the building to help us track daily visits.

Work on the façade reconstruction project continues, with 3D scans of the existing columns being completed in June. Cleaning mock-ups have been applied to the different areas of staining on the remaining columns. On July 11th, the Building Committee will reconvene to compare three cast stone samples against the cleaned areas. They will also be evaluating any work outside of the original scope of the project that may also be needed to restore the historic front of the building.

Tessa completed the required training process through AmeriCorps to register the Library as a Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Library volunteers can now be presented with this prestigious national honor offered in recognition of volunteer commitment to the Library and their community. We hope to present the first of these awards to qualifying library volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on August 9th.

Kate Duval organized our Museum Passes binder and has been working with Sherri to better publicize the six passes offered by the Library with the support of the Friends; which include the Children's Museum and Theater of Maine, the Portland Museum of Art, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Jackson Ski Touring, Bedrock Gardens, and New Hampshire State Parks. Our most popular pass by far is Jackson Ski Touring with 54 checkouts last year, followed by Squam Lakes with 23 passes borrowed.

Andrea Masters resigned from her position as ILL Assistant, effective July 12th, to accept the fulltime role of Executive Director at the New England Ski Museum. We are all very excited for Andrea and are happy to help her with this transition. Jeff, Tessa, and Annie are developing a staffing plan to ensure ILL services continue uninterrupted following Andrea's departure.

Respectfully submitted,

Jefferson M. Beavers, Library Director

