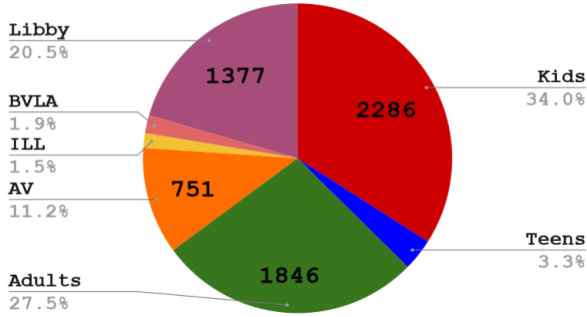
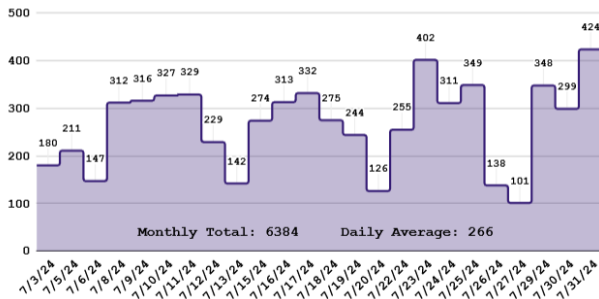


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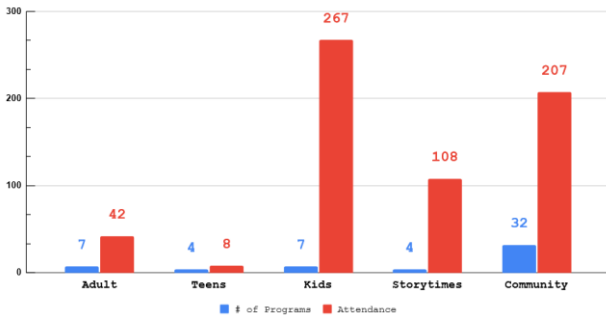
July 2024 - Circulation: 6714 items



July 2024 - Library Visits



July 2024 - Programs
54 programs w/ 632 attendees



Our Henney History Room interns are wrapping up their summer projects, which were chosen to help them learn about the three principles of archival work – save, search, and share. Navpreet and Enna rehoused a number of historical maps and documents, carefully reframing them or unbinding books to be stored flat in acid-free archival boxes to prevent any further deterioration. They also learned how to safely humidify photographs and papers to flatten and uncurl them. During this process, they discovered a number of paintings and other artwork that were stored in the Library’s archives. The two worked together to research and design an exhibit in the Ham Room featuring some of these less seen treasures we have stored here.



Juli Medeiros will be completing her Professional Field Experience internship with us this fall as part of her GSLIS program at the University of Rhode Island. She will be volunteering 135 hours over the fall semester learning about library cataloging, the collection development process, managing an ILS, incorporating future technologies into library services, as well as the basics of archival and preservation librarianship.

Our Mission to Mars summer camp, conducted in coordination with MWV School to Career Partnerships, blasted off again in August for the fourth summer in a row. This free, week-long camp engages kids in STEAM learning activities by simulating their own Mars rover mission.



This June and July, the Library partnered with 4H and the UNH Cooperative Extension to offer six weeks of free and engaging hands-on activities for kids as part of their Summer of Science Fun program.

The reboot of our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was a wonderful success that was enjoyed greatly by everyone who attended.

A huge thank you to Tessa for all of her planning and preparations in organizing the event. Two volunteers were specially recognized for their exceptional dedication and hours of service. Eileen Brochu was presented the Bronze President’s Volunteer Service Award for completing 110.5 hours of volunteer work at the Library in 2023. David Keating was presented with the Silver President’s Volunteer Service Award for completing 399.5 hours of volunteer work at the Library in 2023.

Summer Reading bingo cards are still being turned in as we speak, but our special events for this summer have drawn to a close. Tessa coordinated six feature events on Wednesday afternoons that brought in high quality presenters and performers for kids of all ages to enjoy.



Some of our largest events of the year, our featured Summer Reading programs saw a combined attendance of 368 community members.

Kate Duval has resigned from her position as Youth Services Library Assistant, effective August 14th, to accept one of the 5th grade classroom teacher vacancies at Mountainside Intermediate School this fall. Kate’s infectious positive attitude, willingness to explore and learn new ideas, propensity for problem solving, and empathetic and compassionate listening skills will be dearly missed by everyone. What is a huge loss for the Library is an even bigger gain for the SAU and students in our community. We sincerely look forward to partnering with Kate in her new role to continue building opportunities for youth in the Valley.



Respectfully submitted,

Jefferson M. Beavers, Library Director

