

Town of Limerick Public Library

Librarian's Report 2016

In 2016, the following items were added to the collection: 516 adult books, 453 children's books, 30 audio books and 330 DVD's. These additions to the collection were made possible through budgeted purchases and generous donations. Circulated in 2016 were 11,909 books and 3,841 non-book materials. The library has 1,492 patrons with library cards, some of those are family cards "one card used by multiple family members". We deleted 1,192 inactive patrons in keeping with the Maine State Library's requirement to purge patrons who have not used the library in the past 3 years. We borrowed 543 books for Library patrons from libraries throughout the United States. We loaned 32 books to other Maine Libraries. Patron visits for 2016 totaled 8,555. Our patrons borrowed 834 electronic books using our Overdrive subscription that we purchased through the Maine State Library. The public computers were used by 1,836 patrons.

Patrons were able to borrow the free or reduced admission passes to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray and Willowbrook Museum in Newfield.

The annual Book Sale generated \$1,327.00. Memorial donations were received in the amount of \$507.00. Some of these donations were used to purchase large print books.

There were 236 programs at the library attended by a total of 1,647 patrons. The following is a partial list of the programs: Weekly pre-school story-time, adult book discussions, teen book discussions, adult card games, seasonal paper craft programs, Summer Reading Program, Author and artist talks, pumpkin carving, writer's workshops, poetry workshops, adult exercise class, puppet show, paint nights, science programs, and Affordable Care Act health insurance sign-up. In addition, we partnered with the Limerick Historical Society to offer genealogy workshops and York County Cooperative Extension 4-H program to offer rocketry and robotics programs.

The annual Summer Reading Program was completed by 99 children in 2016.

Thank you to the 29 volunteers who donated 637 hours of service in 2016.

For current news, activities, and programming visit the Library's Facebook page. The online catalog, monthly newsletter, and calendar are available at the Library page on the Town of Limerick web site at: www.limerickme.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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