

Town of Limerick Public Library

Librarian's Report 2017

In 2017, the following items were added to the collection: 502 adult books, 247 children's books, 25 audio books and 214 DVD's. These additions to the collection were made possible through budgeted purchases and generous donations. Circulated in 2017 were 10,959 books and 3,640 non-book materials. The library has 1,607 active patrons with library cards, some of those are family cards "one card used by multiple family members". We borrowed 587 books for Library patrons from libraries throughout the United States. We loaned 51 books to other Maine Libraries. Patron visits for 2017 totaled 7,540. Our patrons borrowed 591 electronic books using our Bibliotheca/Cloud Library subscription that we purchased through the Maine State Library. The public computers were used by 1,524 patrons.

Patrons were able to borrow the reduced admission passes to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray.

The annual Book Sale generated \$1,739. Garden Tour fundraiser \$2,580. Income from these fundraisers was used to purchase large print books and new shelving for the adult non-fiction room.

There were 169 programs at the library attended by a total of 1,479 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, writer's workshops, poetry workshops, play readings, adult exercise class, paint nights, science programs, and Affordable Care Act health insurance sign-up. In addition, we offered a genealogy program in collaboration with the Limerick Historical Society and we partnered with York County Cooperative Extension 4-H program to offer a robotics programs for children.

The annual Summer Reading Program was completed by 103 children in 2017.

Thank you to the 31 volunteers who donated 684 hours of service in 2017.

We were closed for four weeks from mid-September through October 10, 2017 to have the floor refinished.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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