

Town of Limerick Public Library

Librarian's Report 2018

In 2018, the following items were added to the collection: 462 adult books, 356 children's books, 62 audio books and 370 DVD's. Total of all additions were 1,250. These additions to the collection were made possible through budgeted purchases and generous donations. Circulated in 2018, were 11,148 books and 3,514 non-book materials. The library has 1,757 active patrons with library cards, some of those are family cards "one card used by multiple family members". We borrowed 660 books for Library patrons from libraries throughout the United States. We loaned 72 books to other Maine Libraries. Patron visits for 2018 totaled 6,551. Our patrons borrowed 627 electronic books using our Bibliotheca/Cloud Library subscription that we purchased through the Maine State Library. The public computers were used by 1,069 patrons.

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

The annual/on-going Book and DVD Sale generated \$2,208. We received Memorial Funds in honor of Barbara Korn and Jim Lougee totaling \$400. Income from these were used to purchase books and programming materials.

There were 176 programs at the library attended by a total of 1,357 patrons. The following is a partial list of the programs: Weekly pre-school story-time, adult 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, adult and children sewing programs, energy healing, yoga, Lego program, pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, various musical programs, fire truck visit, musical instrument lessons, therapy dog story time, mosaic program and Affordable Care Act health insurance sign-up.

The annual Summer Reading Program was completed by 77 children in 2018.

Thank you to the 42 volunteers who donated 436 hours of service in 2018.

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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