

Town of Limerick Public Library

Librarian's Report 2019

In 2019, the following items were added to the collection: 560 adult books, 335 children's books, 32 audio books and 245 DVD's. Total of all additions were 1,172. These additions to the collection were made possible through budgeted purchases and generous donations. Circulated in 2019, were 12,473 books and 4,507 non-book materials. The library has 1,223 active patrons with library cards (we had deleted 673 patrons who had not used the library in at least the last 3 years), some of those are family cards "one card used by multiple family members". We borrowed 707 books for Library patrons from libraries throughout the United States. We loaned 46 books to other Maine Libraries. Patron visits for 2019 totaled 6,927. Our patrons borrowed 799 electronic books using our Bibliotheca/Cloud Library subscription that we purchased through the Maine State Library. The public computers were used by 1,299 patrons.

Patrons were able to borrow the reduced admission passes to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray and the Portland Museum of Art.

The annual/on-going Book and DVD Sale generated \$3,378. We received cash donations and book donations from some of our patrons. Incomes from these were used to purchase books and programming materials.

There were 269 programs at the library attended by a total of 1,612 patrons. The following is a partial list of the programs: Weekly pre-school story-time, book discussions, adult card games, seasonal paper craft programs, Summer Reading Program, author and artist talks and receptions, poetry workshops, play readings, paint nights, science programs, adult and children sewing programs, chair yoga, Lego program, pumpkin painting, various musical programs, therapy dog visits and story time, summer reading craft programs, pinwheel for peace program, Halloween costume donation and give away, Native American drumming, puzzles, blind date with a book program, animal tracks, earth day program, and Affordable Care Act health insurance sign-up.

The annual Summer Reading Program was completed by 80 children in 2019.

Thank you to the 78 volunteers who donated 493 hours of service in 2019.

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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