

## Library Report

### September 2026

September was the library card sign-up month. We had 13 new members, and 5 patrons renewed their library cards. We entered everyone who signed up or renewed into a raffle for 250th Anniversary Postal Stamps. Congratulations to *Stephanie Baker*, the winner!

The children's department has a new FALL schedule for our story time programs. Elizabeth Scadding will be working 20 hours starting the first of the month, and we moved her Wednesday morning group to Fridays. The new plan opens mid-week for her to plan and focus on general office work. Teen programs are back, with Addey planning NEW after-school activities and Fun Time Fridays for all ages. Izzy Vigneau and Tania Lewis both joined our team and have blended in nicely. Kelly Vigneau brought back the popular craft night for adults, and they painted spooky edgers, and she already planned plenty of new ideas for the fall. Attendance: (18A)

Spicy Book Club met on September 10 at 6:30 PM for snacks & *Butcher & Blackbird* by Brynne Weaver. Weaver's story is a dark romance comedy with serial killers and "the two hunters collide in an annual game of blood and suffering." (quote from the book jacket) If you are interested, this adult group meets once a month, and books are available at the circulation desk. Contact our library for more details. Attendance: (13A)

We received a donation from the Linda Chesley family. These 65 leather-bound books include *Out of Africa*, *Plato*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *The Sea Wolf*, and other timeless classics. We currently have them on display in front of the library but will be housing them in the yellow meeting room with the fireplace. Be sure to stop in and check one out to read.

### Programming Updates

*Story Time*: Tuesday at 10 AM: Sept 1 (12K,14A), Sept 8 (13K, 14A), Sept 15 (11K, 9A), Sept 29 (9K, 10A)

*Mommy & Me*: Thursdays at 10 AM: Sept 3 (9K,8A), Sept 10 (5K, 5A), Sept 17 (5K, 6A), Sept 24 (3K, 3A)

*Toddler Time*: Friday at 10 AM: Sept 4 (14K,13A), Sept 18 (15K,17A), Sept 25 (17K,18 A)

*Tween Time*: Wednesdays at 3:30 PM: Sept 2 (8), Sept 9 (5)

**Staff Updates:** We held a staff meeting Sept 30 at 3:00 pm. Staff members are encouraged to work one Saturday a month. Jenise Sileo was out of the office from September 16- 22. Congratulations to Addey Royce and Sue Boscom on their work anniversaries! Welcome our newest team member, Tania Lewis.

### Old Business:

UNH Cooperative Extension grant: We purchased gardening books, an electric tiller (13.5 amp, 18"), a broad fork, seed spreader, and a seed storage bag. We had one patron check out our gardening tools to plant her bulbs. We will now have a list of our tools on our website, making it easier for our community to browse the items at home. Remember, we ask that you go to our

circulation desk for more details, the tool lending consent form, and all you need is your library card to borrow items. The dahlias are a beautiful addition to our outdoor plant box. For next year, the library will have daffodils and lily bulbs in the planters.

## **New Business:**

**CLiF Early Literacy Grant:** Our library submitted a proposal on September 24 for a CLiF grant to create early literacy & learning Kits. Our children's programs bring in an average of 76 children, and most participate in our story time programs during the week. We have a need to keep our story time programs continuing outside our building. These kits are not simply to provide children with another toy or activity, but they will encourage caregivers and children to read, talk, sing, play, explore, and learn together. The kits will complement Silsby's children's programming, therefore bridge the gap between library and home. We will be notified on November 1, 2026.

**Two-Step Authentication Required for Overdrive, Libby & Kanopy:** Overdrive will now require all libraries to implement a two-step verification code to access their audio/video/music platforms. This means that to access Libby or Kanopy, you will need to use your library card number and a four-digit PIN. For our patrons, please use your phone number that is attached to your library account. Our library works hard to provide free access to information!

NOTE: Our library is now scheduled for an update on Oct 20, 2026. If you need help or assistance, you can call our library at (603) 826-7793 or visit our website.

**Halloween Party:** Saturday, Oct 31, 10:30- 11:30 AM. Rain or shine. We will have games, music, and Tisha Stark-Donth will do face painting. Activities include Mummify the director with TP and create a scarecrow. Families are encouraged to dress up in costumes. Thank you, Peachblow Farms, who said yes to straw bales! Thank you, Claremont Savings Bank, for sending us two volunteers. Thank you, Market Basket, for the 50\$ gift card to buy snacks. We are still working on getting a bouncy house delivered to the library from Hemshaw.

According to Overdrive, we had the following checkouts per month:

January-433, February-379, March-443, April-436, May-411, June-428, July-463, Aug-383  
Sept-411

New Patrons:(1 kid, 12 adults) New Books:158 Monthly Circulation: 665 / 6093 YTD

Overdrive (eBooks, Audiobooks, magazines): 411 /3376 YTD.

Sincerely,  
Jenise Sileo  
Library Director



Story Time-Picnic in the Library, 9/29/2026

Adult Craft Night, 9/24/2026

Toddler Time-Leaf Painting, 9/25/2026

New Garden Books, 9/30/2026