

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT : November 2003

Statistics: The circulation statistics for October were as follows:

Books	2528
Video	1478
DVD	434
Juvenile	1381
Young Adult	258
Audiocassettes	289
Reserves	117
Puzzles	0 10
ILL	278
Magazines	479
Computer Use	255
In-house use	7507
Total Items Circulated	

Circulation figures for this October were 3% higher than those for October 2002. Young adult circulation was virtually identical to October of last year, adult circulation was increased by 7% and children's circulation was down by 10%. There were 57 attendees at Wednesday story hour, 79 infants and parents at the Monday infant story hour, 12 at Saturday crafts, and 12 at Monday night movies.

One Book, One Island:

The events held here had limited attendance, not the least because the Red Sox were in the World Series. Nine children came and made felted owls with Christa Fischer. Only two persons attended the showing of the American Library Association video about the Patriot Act and the discussion of "Fahrenheit 451." Three people went to Music Street for Monday night movies featuring shorts based on Ray Bradbury stories.

Ann Bassett and I presented our program at a meeting in Sturbridge for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The attendees were all recipients of LSTA grants to conduct one book programs in their towns. You may remember that I applied for and received one of these grants on behalf of the Martha's Vineyard Library Association. We look forward to using the \$7,500 for an even better series of events next year. All grant funds must be spent before October, so the subcommittee planning One Book, **One** Island for next year is looking at events at the end of April or early in May.

Programs:

The Halloween party was a great success. I tried to take a picture of each child, but of course, missed some. I ran out of film after 81 pictures. I estimate that at least 160 attended, and probably more since each child came with at least one parent and some adults came without children.

The town will host their annual holiday party on December 18 and a special town meeting on December 17. We have not yet settled on a date for our holiday party. We are hosting two events in November. On Thursday, November 13, Sue Silva will conduct a class in dried flower arranging for adults. On Wednesday, November 19, Hope Murphy will talk about understanding autism.

New England Library Association:

Nelia and I attended the annual meeting of the New England Library Association in Worcester at the end of October. We attended meetings on :

- Library Design Process and Product
- Jordan-Miller Storytelling Workshop
- The Golden Rules of Customer Service
- Storytime Methods
- Wireless Update
- First Teachers and Early Literacy
- Teen Programming Across Generations
- Market Research For Librarian by Librarians
- Titles for Teens
- Conflict Resolution in Your Library
- Make Your Library a Community Center
- Repairing Children's Books
- Poetry with Robert Pinsky
- Tween-Age Programming

FY2005 Budget:

The FinCom and Town Accountant have set a deadline of November 17 for submission of town departmental budgets for the fiscal year 2005. This is about a month earlier than in previous years. Our budget subcommittee is meeting on Monday afternoon, November 10 to work on a preliminary budget to submit to the trustees at our meeting on Thursday.

Other: , , , : • -!, Hermine and I went before the Capital Improvements Committee on Tuesday, October 21 at their request. We summarized the potential improvements anticipated at title library and invited them to read the entire report on the feasibility study for an addition. ;• - , ;i / 'i

I have arranged to borrow people counters from me SEMLS offer for the next two months. Chilmark used these after their opening. This will enable us to report statistics for attendance on our annual report to the Board of Library Commissioners.

The town has installed a defribillator in the library. Three staff members attended a CPR course last week that covered ttie basics of CPR and use of the device.

Electronic Security Systems installed tfae new alarm panel last week.