

**Programming:**

The library presented 19 programs in January including story time sessions, book discussion programs, a Friday afternoon film series, an independent film and visits to nursery schools. Two hundred twenty-one people attended the various programs. Due to problems with the recent storms three additional scheduled programs were cancelled.

**Statistics:**

January book circulation figures decreased by 12.8% with 4,464 books checked out this month. Non-book figures increased by 1.2% with 3,530 items circulating. Overall January circulation figures decreased by 7.2% over January 2010 figures with 7,994 items circulating. The number of questions asked by library patrons increased by 6.3% compared to January 2010 figures with 457 questions asked. Usage of the library's Internet workstations decreased by 17.6% with 743 users this month (figure does not include wireless usage). In-house usage increased by 16% over the 2010 figure with 470 items used by patrons in-house. There were 6,068 visitors to the library in January.

January statistics continue to reflect some of the new trends in library usage that we have been observing over the past year. There has been an increase in the number of people visiting the library and in how long they are staying. We have found that library users are checking out fewer items, but are asking more challenging questions. They are also interested in attending more programs and are more often using the library's wireless service. These changes have encouraged the library staff to develop new statistical models to help us track how library use is evolving. Some of the new statistics we will be collecting in 2011 include: genealogical research questions, computer assistance, readers advisory, incoming and outgoing phone calls, and wireless usage.