

New Library Services:

Two new online databases have been added to the library collection: Career Cruising and the Learning Express Library. With Career Cruising patrons can explore career options, develop resumes and hone interviewing skills. The Learning Express Library provides access to courses and practice tests. The databases can be used either at the library, or at home with a valid Wolfeboro Public Library card. Workshops, presented by library staff, on how to use the Career Cruising database are now being scheduled. Training for the Learning Express Library database will be developed in the near future and offered to the public as well.

Also, the library now has a subscription to Library Elf. This program allows library users to get email and text messages to let them know when library materials are due and when holds are available. Library patrons can sign up with Library Elf through the link on the library's website.

A new copy machine/printer was installed at the library on April 5th replacing the 20 year old copier the library had previously. This new piece of equipment makes it possible for the library to provide better photocopying and printing services to library users.

Staff Development:

Cindy Scott, Library Director, attended a Carroll County Libraries Co-op meeting in Effingham on April 11. The group discussed additional possibilities for sharing resources in the future.

An all-staff-work day was held on April 20th. Staff worked on special projects including preparation for the Summer Reading Program, the development of assignments for volunteers and weeding the non-fiction collection.

Programming:

The library presented 23 programs in April including story time sessions, book discussion programs, a Friday afternoon film series, visits to nursery schools and a well received program on landscape design. Three hundred thirty-five people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

There were 7,362 visitors to the library in April. The number of questions asked by library patrons increased 2% as compared to April 2010 figures with 504 questions asked. Non-book figures increased by 26% with 3,934 items circulating. Book circulation figures decreased by 13% with 4,720 books checked out. Overall April circulation figures increased by 2% over April 2010 figures with 8,654 items circulating. Usage of the library's Internet workstations increased by 13% with 1,057 users (figure does not include wireless usage).