

## Kelley Library, 2010 Trustees Report

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The Kelley Library is proud to serve the citizens of Salem as a multipurpose, public service institution providing access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational areas of interest.

Acting as the governing body of your public library, The Kelley Library Board of Trustees is honored to serve our community. It is a pleasure to work with my fellow trustees, Sally Gilman and Joan Fardella as well as Kelley Library Director Alison Baker, Kelley Library Assistant Director, Michele Garneau and the wonderful library staff. Their efforts are truly appreciated by the Trustees as well as the citizens of Salem, New Hampshire.

Long-time Sr. Reference Librarian Deborah “Deb” Berlin retired in June of 2009. Her 35 years of service represents the dedication and enjoyment of profession shared by all Kelley Library employees. Her legacy will live on in our Adult Series program (KLAS) which offers discussions and demonstrations on topics of interest; the program’s concept was suggested by Deb. We wish her happiness in her retirement. Deb’s departure provided a new opportunity for Paul Giblin, our Reference Librarian, who stepped up to assume her duties. Additionally, we welcome Michele Garneau to the position of Assistant Library Director and Elizabeth Oedel to our Reference Department. We wish them success in their Kelley Library profession.

The Kelley Library continues to maintain, and when applicable and appropriate, to upgrade its facility. With increased demand for meeting room space, The Lancaster Room was made available for use with the Library offering two larger space meeting rooms to meet the requests of the public. Additionally, the Children’s Room was painted and its restrooms upgraded to include ADA compliance. A patron count system was installed which will enable the Library to provide an official count of patrons for reporting and statistical purposes. A new telephone system with voicemail and messaging-on-hold was introduced. This system will allow the Library to interact more effectively with its patrons. Patrons can also elect to receive overdue notices and holds notices via email – part of the Library’s effort to “go green.”

In 2009, the Library continued to offer programs of value and enjoyment. Kelley Library Adult Series (KLAS) remained popular offering various topics of interest and enjoyment. Our Children’s Room programs continued to grow with 232 children reading 7040 books as part of our Summer Reading Program! American Association of Retired Persons/People (AARP) continued to host its Tax Program which provides free tax counseling, preparation, and filing services to all low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to individuals age 60+.

The Trustees would like to thank Salem Woman’s Club for its continued support. They remain dedicated to enabling the Library to offer large print books for the vision impaired and participate in a number of additional supportive endeavors. Their patronage is appreciated.

The people of Salem are fortunate to have access to one of the finest public libraries in the State of New Hampshire. And we Trustees are committed to ensuring its sustained success.

Respectfully submitted,



Martha Breen