

KELLEY LIBRARY 2010

Kelley Library continues to provide and maintain the quality services and collections that have served the community well for years, while moving forward with changes, new materials and services. We invite you to come and see for yourself what's new at the library.

- This year, the collection focus was on books in a variety of formats. The primary expansion was the Large Print collection. To meet the significant growth in interest, the Kelley Library now purchases Large Print editions of the major fiction publications, as well as a variety of non-fiction titles. The CD Book collection was similarly expanded to meet the growing demand, and downloadable audiobooks are available through the library website. The library also offers books on Kindles, further expanding the options from standard print formats to a variety of digital formats.
- The library's website (www.kelleylibrary.org) was relaunched in early 2010 after a complete redesign. The new website now functions not only as a gateway to information and services, but also as a virtual branch. Library users can do almost all library activities through the website, from research, to reserves, from booking museum passes to asking reference questions all from the comfort of home, office or phone. The Library now has a presence on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and Youtube as well.
- Programming continues to expand. This year the focus was on creating a sense of community by creating ongoing program series. Two weekly knitting groups were launched. A Lego Club for kids of all ages meets every other week. There is a family night program each month featuring activities that the whole family can enjoy. Literacy is always a key focus of all activities at the Kelley Library. This year, the READ Dog program was introduced to great success. We have hosted two READ dogs, Dixie and Saydi, who provide a friendly, non-judgmental listener to children learning to or practicing reading. In addition, the program provides children a chance to address fears of being around dogs, but presenting a safe, calm interaction with them.
- Work on the interior of the library continued with fresh paint on the main floor. Shelving, furniture and collections were rearranged throughout the library to accommodate the growth of a variety of collections. Comfortable and welcoming browsing and seating areas were created to enhance the library experience for all users. There is a fresh look to the library that results in a welcoming and comfortable yet new environment.
- 2010 saw the addition of Michele Garneau as the Assistant Director. Michele has a wide range of experience in libraries throughout the United States and abroad. This experience and skills have proved beneficial in all aspects of library services at Kelley. Under her sure hand, the programming has bloomed and behind the scenes processes have been improved.

Did you know?

The Kelley Library offers free downloadable ebooks to all library cardholders?