

## KELLEY LIBRARY Director's Report, 2022

*The Kelley Library staff and leadership continued to make the library space welcoming and ready to serve the changing library needs of the community of Salem. Maintaining the long history of quality books, films and music and services, the library is also ensuring that library services and material are easily available online. As always, we invite you to visit online, by phone or in person to discover what's happening at **your** local library.*

- The facility saw a major upgrade this year, thanks to taxpayer support. The LED lighting project replaced aging fluorescent lighting throughout the building. The LED lighting is much more energy efficient and cost effective. LED lighting also replaced the lighting in the elevator. This will create savings for years to come.
- The internet infrastructure was updated. Modems, routers and WIFI software & devices were replaced throughout the year. The original WIFI hardware and software was installed over 10 years ago when WIFI was first offered here at the library. Personal devices will experience faster speeds and better performance with the new WIFI system. In addition, 2 new laptops are available for public use here at the library. The wireless printing service PRINCH works seamlessly with the WIFI network.
- Jigsaw puzzles are now offered, both in the library and for circulation. There are 500, 1,000 or 1,500 piece puzzles. Jigsaw puzzles can be borrowed and/or reserved. There is always a puzzle to do at the jigsaw table. Once the puzzle is completed, a new puzzle will be available.
- Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson, NH joined GMILCS which is a consortium of 13 member libraries. This is the largest consortium in New Hampshire and Salem residents have access to over 1.4 million shareable items. The member libraries include; Kelley Library, Amherst Town Library, Bedford Public Library, Danforth Library (New England College), Derry Public Library, Goffstown Public Library, Hooksett Public Library, Manchester City Library, Merrimack Public Library, Nesmith Library (Windham), Teti Library (New England College) and Wadleigh Memorial Library in Milford.
- Programming, which is an important part of library service, has fully resumed. Children's programs include; Story times, Music & Motion, Lego Builders, Science Explorers and Game Café. The summer reading program was entertaining, educational and hugely popular. We understand how busy families are, and offer a variety of activities (including Story Walks and Scavenger Hunts) for whenever families drop in. Adult programming include the Knitters Club, Bone Builders, guest speakers and performers. Three book groups are offered at the library and books are supplied for Salem Resident book groups as well. If you are interested in starting a book group, the library can help.
- Several staffing needs were addressed. New staff members include three part time circulation staff who bring their passion and commitment to library service. There is also a new part time cleaner which is a new position and is a welcomed addition to library staff. With over 70,000 visitors in 2022, the building is in constant need of upkeep.

***Did you know?*** We circulate a wide range of items – from toys, to puppets, to equipment - as well as the more familiar books, DVDs/Blu-rays, music, audiobooks, and magazines? These meet the mission of sparking imagination, creative thinking, and preservation of family records.

Respectfully submitted,  
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