

Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report for 2022

Library Activities and Statistics

2022 was our first full year of in-building service since the Covid Pandemic began. Curbside pickup and home delivery are still an option in use for anyone who wants or needs to take advantage of these services.

Our online resources (Downloadable books and magazines, Kanopy movie service, Transparent Language Online, and two genealogy databases) are still available, as well as a weekly emailed Community Newsletter. Please ask us for access information if interested. Copy and scanning services, tax forms, Wi-Fi, and computers are available.

Children's Librarian Sue Matott has continued weekly story hours, monthly after school crafts, and seasonal school visits. In May 2022 the annual children's play returned with "Baba Yaga," superbly written by Warner's Billjean Martiello, who assisted the production with help from Chris Martiello and Kendra West-Senor. The Summer Program was Oceans of Possibility; 27 children read 1,353 books and chapters, plus another 74 hours logged.

Summer guest presentations included a Beaches program from UNH (thank you to NH Telephone Museum for use of its parking lot), Chris Martiello's Theremin and Whales presentation, and a "Pirate Show" by Brethren of the Northeast Seas "BONES" on MainStreet Warner Stage. NH Telephone Museum kindly hosted an after-school craft.

Offerings for adults included NH Humanities funded programs on quilt history, banjo music, and cellar holes. We also held programs on cybersecurity, well water, and saving energy, plus 2 sewing projects. Most were provided both online and in person, made possible by the purchase of a ceiling-mounted projector and two OWL conferencing devices (one to lend) with the 2021 Library Technology Grant received from NH Charitable funds. The grant also funded three desktop computers and two small laptops for public use, a laptop for programs, and a replacement TV. In May, an ARPA Grant made available by IMLS and the NH State Library was used to purchase two sound muffling single-person privacy booths that are popular for online business meetings, telehealth, Zoom chats, and as study space.

Museum and Park Passes were used 89 times, the most popular being the NH State Parks Pass. We thank both Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and NH Telephone Museum for donating free passes for Warner library users.

Library Assistant Linda Lacasse moved on in February 2022 and Ella Cademartori joined us in her stead, but we have learned Ella will be leaving for (happy) family reasons in March 2023! Marcia Moyer, Deb Reznicek, Lynn Madigan and Rachel Parsons joined us to help as Substitutes when Roger Robbins, Sue Matott or I are busy.

2022 Pillsbury Free Library Statistics

Circulation (checkouts)	2021	2022
Adult books (incl. eBooks*)	4779	5982
Children's / YA books	6545	8953
Magazines (incl. Online)	848	710
Audio/video (incl. Online*)	3719	6475
Total	15891	22120

*Some digital books are children's titles but we cannot count them separately.

Collection size	Owned 12/2021	Added 2022	Removed 2022	Owned 12/2022
Books and bk/CD set	28846	784	693	28937
eBooks on readers**	14	0	0	14
Audiobooks on CD**	520	5	3	522
Music	102	2	3	101
Video/DVDs*	2628	90	48	2670
Magazine/news subscriptions.**	34	0	1	33
Microfilm	106	1	0	107
Other (Kits, puzzles, games)	47	2	5	44
Total	32297	884	753	32428

** Plus digital movies, e-books, audio books, and magazines available with card.

Library Offerings	Usage /Attendance	Details
Library Cards	603 used in library	New: 154 , Removed: 180 , Total cards: 2680
Library Visits	8053 visits	Adult areas plus children's section - some duplication.
Digital Borrowing	145 patrons active	3041 audio books, 1819 e-books, and 521 e-magazines
Computers	274 times used	Plus wireless use both inside and outside the building
Equipment Borrowed	40 times used	Projector, media players, Chromebooks
Interlibrary Loans	1370 items shipped	865 items borrowed, 505 lent to other libraries
Children's Programs	126 programs	2017 total attendance
Adult Programs	20 programs	703 total attendance
Frank Maria Meeting Rm	155 times used	By local groups and the library for programs and meetings
Privacy Booths	31 times used	From June to December (the booths arrived May 31)
Weekly e-Newsletter	979 subscribers	Plus 40 print version (Up from 830 as of Dec. 23, 2021)

New items and news are posted on **Instagram @pillsburylib** and **Facebook.com/PillsburyFreeLibrary**. Lists of new books are also available in print and in the online catalog. Contact us to find out how to request items, or for suggestions on what to borrow! Useful links, tips, and community news are published in our weekly Warner e-newsletter. Subscribe and/or read back issues at www.warner.lib.nh.us/library-news.

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Most of all, thank you to library users for your patience with all the changes in hours, and to those who have supported us with kind comments and financial donations. We look forward to seeing even more of you in the future!

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Ladd, Library Director