Librarian's Monthly Report 11/13/2012

Programs

* Construction Story Time: Friday, 11/16 @3pm

Jeff will be reading *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* in the new Children's Room. Morrison is providing an excavator for children to take pictures on. Donna Rhodes, writing for the Record Enterprise will be there.

* Opening Ceremonies Committee: I would like to form a committee comprised of staff, trustees and friends to help plan the “grand opening” activities for the new library. Anyone who is interested, please let me know. At the last project meeting, Jeff mentioned the work on the existing part of the library taking about 2 weeks – thoughts about being closed during that time and doing a grand opening once everything is complete? Will give us plenty of time to get the new library set up.

Friends

* Holidazetickets almost sold out. Just a few left at the library. From current ticket sales, the Friends have already made what they brought in at last year's Brown Bag Auction. The event will happen Saturday, 11/17 10am-1pm.
* Cookie Buffet will take place 12/14-12/15. Please help bake cookies!
* At the November Friend's meeting they will be electing new officers. Both Anne White and Judy Willson are ready to resign the positions they have held for so long and let others take over their duties. Marthur Kalil will take over as Treasurer.

Staff

* Deborah attended the Fall CHILIS conference in October. The conference focus was “the library as a part of the community.” Also participated in a CHILIS group responsible for choosing the presenters for the Kids, Books and Art roster that we will see at the Spring CHILIS conference in March. The summer reading themes for 2013 are:
  + Adults: *Groundbreaking Reads*
  + Teens: *Beneath the Surface*
  + Children: *Dig into Reading*
* Sharon attended the Fall READS conference in October. Great program – some great money saving ideas on replacing commercial software with open source alternatives. Will explore some options that might work for our library.
* Sharon, Deborah & Cindy all stopped by the Children's Book review that took place at Pease Public Library last week. Each person who attended was able to choose 5 free Children's or YA books. We were able to pick up a lot of great new titles to add to our collection.
* DT signed up for a webinar put on by ALA on 11/14 @6pm entitled, *Early Literacy Action*
* SW signed up for a class taught by Bobbi Slossar at the NH State Library, *PHPMyAdmin: Building a Database –* 12/13, 2-5pm
* SW off on 11/21
* DT off 11/30-12/4
* Will be working on staff evaluations throughout the month, hope to go over them with staff before Christmas.

Databases

* NHDB(NH Downloadable Books): bad news -- fee for 2013 increased to $1000/yr; good news –fee structure will be changed for 2014 and, although not official yet, it looks like we will be paying $725/yr
* Heritage Quest is no longer free- now costs $250/yr
* Ancestry Library Edition is up for renewal $250/yr
  + ALE does a better search, more thorough; can only be accessed in the library
  + HQ can be accessed from home – a plus for patrons

Grants

* The portraits of Minot & Sleeper left with Linda Donovan on Monday 11/5 to begin restoration work. The amount to repair the frames was not included in the grant amount – Linda will get a quote to the Trustees for that.

Odds & Ends

* Library closed on 11/22 & 11/23 for Thanksgiving
* Library closing at 2pm on Christmas Eve and Closed Christmas Day
* Would like to close at 2pm on New Year’s Eve; we will be closed on New Year's Day
* New library brochure