



Whitingham Free Public Library

The Librarians and Trustees of the Whitingham Free Public Library would like to thank the taxpayers and contributors from the town of Whitingham and Halifax for their continued support.

Exciting news for the Whitingham Free Public Library! BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

CLiF (Children's Literacy Foundation) awarded a Rural Library Sponsorship to The Whitingham Free Public Library. As part of this grant, CLiF donated \$2,000 in new children's books to the public library. The Whitingham Library is one of 12 libraries in Vermont and New Hampshire to receive a CLiF sponsorship for fall 2009. Whitingham Public Library's sponsorship is made possible by a donation from the Dorchester Foundation. To celebrate the arrival of the new books and reach out to as many local children as possible, a special storytelling event took place at both The Whitingham Elementary and Halifax Schools.

Our librarian, Kristine and children's librarian, Tracy, work closely with Whitingham Elementary, Twin Valley Middle and Halifax Schools to provide our children with quality materials and programming. This year they worked with WINGS to provide afterschool programs and summer camp programs for Halifax and Whitingham children. Our summer reading program, Be Creative @ Your Library, was kicked-off at both Whitingham Elementary and Halifax Schools with music and science programs. We would like to thank young adult volunteer, Elizabeth Aekus, for her assistance with the summer program.

Tracy services children of all ages with wonderful programs such as preschool story hour, arts & crafts, movie nights, and special events throughout the year.

Our computers with DSL service are full of activity and our wireless internet access is buzzing. Using their laptops patrons make themselves comfortable around the library, in their vehicles, or on a picnic blanket.

Currently the library has over 1400 card holders including 205+ Halifax residents. The shelves hold over 11,370 books and magazines, 245 audio books on tape/ CD and 525 DVD's and videos. Our collection is increased infinitely with access to inter-library loans for all materials, Vermont Online Library for electronic materials, Netflix for DVD's and Landmark Audio for books on CD.

In 2002 the voters approved a physical expansion of the Whitingham Library. At this time meeting the requirements for current building and safety codes would be prohibitively expensive for the space gained, however, we continue to explore other options. We are pleased to announce our plans to virtually expand the library through automation, and downloadable materials with funding help from the Friends of the Whitingham Library.

As always, a special thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers who provide over 26 hours of service each week and to our generous patrons who donate funds, books and movies supplementing the library's collection.

Visit us at readwithus.org.

Kristine Sweeter, Librarian

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