



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.

Our library has been bursting with activity. Patron visits have increased 13% and circulation has increased 10%. Patrons are using the public access computers and their own laptops for work, research, and connecting with family and friends. After school hours are busy with students working on their homework.

We are pleased to welcome two wonderful assistant librarians, Lisë Barus and Lois Lapointe.

Lisë lives in Whitingham and has been a volunteer at the library for over three years. She works as a Para at Twin Valley High School. Lisë brings with her previous library experience, enthusiasm, and a passion to help kids succeed in school. She offers homework help for all ages. Lisë assisted with our summer reading program and supported middle and high school students with their summer reading reports. Lisë has begun working towards her VT Librarian Certification and plans to strengthen our young adult collection and programming.

Lois was raised in Whitingham. She complements our team with over 20 years experience in customer service. She is an avid reader and her recommendations are well received by patrons. Lois's flair for creating book displays encourages patrons to try new authors and genres.

We continue our partnership with WINGS, Whitingham Elementary, Twin Valley Middle and Halifax Schools. Together we provide quality materials and programs to encourage life-long learning. We provided 20 copies of the 2010 Vermont Reads book, The Day of the Pelican, by Katherine Paterson, to the 7th grade class and several more to the 5th grade teachers to share with their students in preparation for their field trip to hear Katherine Paterson speak at the Latchis Theater.

Congratulations! Kristine applied for and received a grant which makes the library part of the Vermont FiberConnect project which gives the library an unprecedented opportunity to provide high-speed internet access with high-capacity bandwidth for our patrons.

Currently the library has over 1,275 card holders including 200+ Halifax residents. We have 3 PC's and 1 laptop for patron use. The shelves hold over 12,750 books and magazines, 260 audio books on tape/ CD and 765 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. As always, a special thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers who provide over 20 hours of service each week and to our generous patrons who donate funds, books and movies supplementing the library's collection. Our Wi-Fi is available 24/7 call the library for the access code. 802-368-7506

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