**2022 Town Report: Olivia Rodham Memorial Library**

This has been a Covid recovery year. We have resumed adult and children's programs indoors. To do this we have started using the town hall for in-person programs: it allows larger groups and safer spacing, while reducing interference from library business. We have added an air purifier with HEPA filter to the library. We continue to provide a children's program on Facebook Live, with new books or a story time with puppets; and we continue to post links to Zoom events hosted by regional libraries. Totals for all programs [below] include attendees where known.

We have started both a monthly cookbook group, where we meet for discussion and a luncheon; and a library book group, reading novels and nonfiction. In addition, we order materials for four other book groups in town.

The Nelson Library services include internet and wireless access. People are able to sit in the parking lot and use the internet 24/7, or use it in the library during open hours. We also provide downloadable e-books, audiobooks, and magazines. You can visit our website at [nelsonlibrary.org](http://www.nelsonlibrary.org/) for more, including a community events calendar and other community information.

**What the Olivia Rodham Memorial Library offers you:**

* Our library is free and open to the community.
* Nelson residents may borrow books, audio books on CD, magazines, a telescope, DVDs, kids games and puzzles, puppets, and craft kits.
* Web page: [nelsonlibrary.org](http://nelsonlibrary.org/) with a calendar of town events, and links to local groups. More online services can be accessed in the library or from home on the web page, including downloadable e-Books, audio books, and Kindle books and magazines.
* Online services include library computers, wifi printers, Zoom programs and FaceBook Live children's programs. We hosted 25 children's programs on FaceBook Live this year, and our web page logged 1,425 viewers.
* Special programs, such as the*Monadnock Music*family program; *Saving Energy on Cooling and Heating your Home* with Wes Golomb; *Music, Memory and Synesthesia* with Paul Klemperer and Garrett Cameron; *Creative Yoga for Kids* with Robyn Anderson; *Spark Joy,* a Zoom event following Marie Kondo techniques; *Whales and Seals* with the UNH Marine Docents; and *Restoring a Frank Lloyd Wright Residence* with Bill Waterston.
* Monthly and weekly programs: Coffee hour every Saturday, book group, cookbook book group with a potluck.

**Meetings. T**he library and the meeting room on the lower level were used for meetings by many community groups: the Agricultural Commission, Conservation Board, Friends of the Library, Library Trustee meetings, Monadnock Folklore Society, Cemetery Board, and Library COOP, as well as the Friends' book sale.

**Contributions to the library in time, talent, and material goods.**The library is thankful for the hours that volunteers put in this year at the library. The volunteers, were: weekly volunteer Martha Collins, also Gordon Peery for technical advice and Black Fly newsletter library promotions. Our monetary supporters in 2022 were the Library Friends group, NH Charitable Foundation, Janet Fiderio in memory of Shirley Creamer Fiderio, Marcia Sexton in memory of Carol Heath and Celia Wiechert, and Alma McDonald in memory of Ron Slayton. Many donations are made also of actual books, audio-visual materials, and magazines. The Friends of the Library had a fundraiser book sale during Old Home Week, collecting $564.80. Thank you to everyone who donated. This money goes to purchase books, DVDs and other items.

Respectfully submitted, Kristine Finnegan, Library Director

**Olivia Rodham Memorial Library: Collections & Patrons 2021 2022 % Chg**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Library Memorial Fund purchase: book & audio/visual materials | 7 | 0 | (-100%) |
| Gifts of the Friends of the Library | 138 | 101 | (-27%) |
| Donated books, DVDs and CDs | 171 | 136 | (-20%) |
| Items withdrawn from the collection | 384 | 210 | (-45%) |
| **Total Collection:** | **9,309** | **9,371** | **(-0%)** |
| **Library Circulation** |  |  |  |
| Downloadable audio books and e Books  | 1,413 | 2,106 | +49% |
| Adult non-fiction | 327 | 295 | (-10%) |
| Adult fiction | 622 | 683 | +10% |
| Juvenile and easy | 467 | 549 | +18% |
| Adult audio/visual | 558 | 653 | +17% |
| Juvenile audio/visual | 21 | 44 | +110% |
| Periodicals | 281 | 273 | (-3%) |
| Inter library loan | 763 | 1,020 | +34% |
| In House Use | 26 | 236 | +808% |
| **Total Circulation:**  | **4,478** | **5,859** | **+31%** |
| Computer use | 360 | 127 | -65% |
| Reference questions | 251 | 532 | +112% |
| Number of patron visits to the library | 1962 | 2693 | +37% |
| Number of registered patrons | 438 | 449 | +3% |
| Visits to the nelsonlibrary.org web page | 1,400 | 1,600 | +14% |

**Olivia Rodham Memorial Library: Meetings & Events in 2022**

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| **Type** | **Number** | **Attended\*** |
| In Library - Adult or General | 26 | 317 |
| In Library - Children | 4 | 45 |
| Online - Adult or General | 16 | \*\* |
| Online - Children | 29 | \*\* |
| Community Meetings – lower level | 178 | \*\* |
| **TOTAL** | **253** | **362\*** |

*\*No attendance figures available for online programs or meeting room use*