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A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR DURHAM Grand Opening Celebration Held September 8

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The Durham Public Library has a unique history, having undergone several iterations before opening its new 21st century facility last month. The library was previously located in a shopping mall where it served the community since 1997. It took a 20-year community effort to make the new library a reality, but the result was worth the wait.

The library is a hybrid created when the Durham Social Library and Durham Library Association moved their collections together into the same building (although still catalogued separately) to become the Durham Public Library. In 1905 the town decided to consolidate with New Hampshire College (the present day University of New Hampshire) and moved its collection on campus in 1907. The public library remained there until 1997, even though the library was deemed inadequate for the community by the 1940s.

Disappointed by a limited collection and lack of public access, a group of local citizens banded together in the early 1990s and worked to separate the public library from the university, a feat

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2013 ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS

Lillian Edelman Trustee of the Year: Patti Osgood, Tucker Free Library, Henniker

Library of the Year: Hooksett Public Library, Hooksett

Library Director of the Year: Rosanna Eubank Dude, Wilmot Public Library, Wilmot

Sue Palmatier Award for Outstanding Support by a “Friends of the Library” Group: Friends of the George & Ella Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson

Dorothy M. Little Award: Peter E. Moore, Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln

Congratulations to all for well deserved recognition by their peers. In depth reports of the presentations along with accompanying photos will appear in the next edition of New Hampshire Library Trustee newsletter.



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The Other Board

As the board of library trustees, with the backing of RSA 202, we sometimes forget about *The Other Board* in town and the enormous responsibilities they have accepted. Most members are dedicated citizen volunteers as are we, and too frequently are unprepared individually to run the town. On-the-job training or that offered at state level works in most routine circumstances, but today's economic challenges have caught many by surprise.

Should they raise taxes to meet ever-increasing expenses and requests for additional services (not especially popular) or keep cutting the various budget lines? Unfortunately you can only go to the tax well so often before you discover a dry hole. In spite of the poor economic climate we find ourselves in, the cost of doing town business continues to rise out of control, i.e. health care, retirement, and schools to name a few of the heavy hitters. What to do? Well there is always that fat cat, the town library...WRONG! Many libraries have been level funding since 2008 while the costs of salaries, benefits and media have been rising. Little by little, services have been eroding. Fortunately RSA 202 does protect the libraries from arbitrary budget slashing, but the dilemma that the town faces will not go away anytime soon.

The solution resides with an informed public and cooperation between the various town departments and the Select Board. And, yes, that includes the library.

Develop a relationship with your selectmen year round, not just at budget time. If you attend Select Board meetings you will be viewed as a participant rather than an enigma or a cost center/reduction opportunity. Realize that what affects the town also affects the library. Help the Select Board appreciate the enormous value in a vibrant town library. A summary of services rendered vs cost to

the town is frequently an eye-opener. This should be presented and discussed at a Select Board meeting during the year, not appear suddenly at budget time. Keep them apprised of happenings, and ask them to announce important events during meeting time.

Also, set aside a meeting to invite the Select Board to see, first hand, the value of the town library. Plan this gathering to be a welcoming and broadly informative event, not just an invitation to attend a trustee meeting. The focus here should be team building and an opportunity to demonstrate the value of the library to the town. If a Select Board member has never been to the library, what better opportunity to show your stuff? Maybe even provide a welcome packet to include a library card in their name for those who don't have one. The library is for everyone, after all.

So get out there and socialize. Who knows, you may discover a friend on *The Other Board*.

The New Hampshire Curmudgeon

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have a great idea for an article for the NHLTA newsletter or news about your library?

We encourage you to submit articles and/or photos to us for consideration. Topics could include library events, programs that you have initiated, announcements or a recent success.

Please e-mail your submissions to NHLTA President, Adele Knight a.knight@nhlta.org or staff members Karen Sheehan Lord ks.lord@nhlta.org or Connie Kirwin c.kirwin@nhlta.org.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

My Adventure to the Last Frontier...

I have just returned home from an adventure of a lifetime—13,772 miles to, around, and from Alaska. I owe many thanks to the NHLTA Board of Directors, especially V.P. Loring Webster, who filled in for me while I was gone.

My husband Gordon and I in our RV, along with another couple in their RV, began our trek to “The Last Frontier” from the ‘Lower 48’ by travelling across the USA via I-90 until we reached Montana where we drove upwards into Alberta, Canada. I would recommend Banff and Lake Louise as stopping points for anyone. The Canadian Rockies and the Ice Fields highway were absolutely spectacular. The ALCAN Highway began in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, continued on through the Yukon Territory and was our only way to get into Alaska directly by vehicle. Some of this highway does test one’s nerves with its hills and curves and narrow sections combined with gravel roads and construction. We were glad when we finally reached Anchorage, the largest city in Alaska, that has many things to offer.

Denali National Park, with its Mount McKinley, did not disappoint. We took a 12 hour, 92 miles each way, trip into the park which was as far as we could go. We saw many bears, moose, bison, goats and sheep and 14 rainbows all in one day. Our guide was fantastic—every time someone yelled bear or bison or whatever—she would stop so we could view and take photos. She was so good that I *almost* forgot to be nervous when some of the narrow, steep and curvy gravel roads had sheer drop-offs and no guard rails. We did see Mount McKinley several times on this tour. During our visit to Talkeetna, we booked a plane ride and flew over the area and even landed on a glacier. Those small plane pilots really know their stuff.

While in Talkeetna, we had splendid views of Mount McKinley. It was still visible at 11 p.m. We were extremely lucky to see this majestic mountain. The chances of it being visible are 30% at best, and we saw it many times. A day cruise out of Seward gave us opportunity to view sea life such as whales, sea otters, puffins, and sea lions as well as an up close look at a glacier which was calving.

We did not visit any cities in the inside passage, including Juneau, the capital, but we did make our way to Seward (again, for salmon fishing), Whittier, Homer, Nanana, Valdez, Fairbanks, and other smaller towns. While in Fairbanks, we ventured into the Arctic Circle. Because we were accurately told that the roads were not especially hospitable to RVs, we opted for tour via a small bus. Our guide was knowledgeable, humorous, courteous, a great driver and led us on a 17-hour round trip which took us through rugged and solitary wilderness. She had mastered the gravel road with its curves, steep grades, and in places, drop-offs and no guard rails. She explained tundra, boreal forests, permafrosts, introduced us at a native outpost, drove us over the Yukon River (we had an opportunity to actually put our fingers into this mighty river), and across that imaginary line at latitude 66° 33’ which takes you into the Circle. Thousands of people travel to Alaska each year, but only a small percentage venture to the Arctic Circle so we felt this was very special. We were also privileged to get an extensive view of the Trans Alaska Pipeline as it stretched out for miles along the way

I managed to visit three libraries while in Alaska. They were all featuring “Dig Into Reading”. The Seward Public Library, housed in a very attractive building that it shares with a museum, looks over Resurrection Bay on the Kenai Peninsula. The Valdez Consortium Library is a modern combined college and public library. Their displays are so colorful, the children’s area a delight. The Nenana public library—although very small, the population of Nenana is about 400 citizens consisting of 60% Athabaskan natives—is truly a community center. The villagers depend on the library for information and service. The library was fortunate in that a Bush grant helped them obtain computers and the Internet. After one tour guide had mentioned that every man, woman and child in Alaska who applies receives a royalty each year from pipeline profits, I asked how they could all apply for this stipend when there are still so many remote areas with little or no service. He, too, explained that they depend on libraries for assistance. Libraries will also be a valuable resource for Alaskans in regard to the Affordable Health Care Act.

After many weeks of unique experiences and varied terrains, it was time to head back to Dublin, NH. We opted for a different route to travel homeward. We still had to traverse the ALCAN Highway (conditions slightly improved after summer construction) but came down through the Yukon Territory and British Columbia (bypassing Alberta) and into the state of Washington, stopped

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TOURING AROUND THE NHLTA WEBSITE

Connie Kirwin, NHLTA Director

Home Page & About NHLTA tab.

There are scrolling photos of member libraries with links to each library's website!

The current issue of the **NHLTA newsletter** in downloadable PDF format.

About NHLTA: Who is on the Board of Directors, committees, NHLTA By-Laws, and minutes of the monthly meetings.

Scroll down and **Get Connected!** How to join the NHLTA LISTSERV.

Dear NHLTA . . . click on **Ask Us** and NHLTA will respond quickly with an answer or help you find the answer.



Library News Tab

What's Happening around our libraries—send us your news.

Calendar of upcoming events of interest.

Did You Know? offers links to online articles relevant to libraries.

Advocacy contains the *NHLTA Legislative Advocacy Guide*; an excellent roadmap on how to work with the State Legislature written by NHLTA Director Susan Gaudiello.

Newsletter archive of issues published from Winter 2010-11 to the current issue.



Resources Tab

FAQs and RSAs

Trustee Manual (downloadable PDF).

Resource Materials: Policies and By Laws; examples from other libraries.

Useful Links: connect to important websites such as ALA, NHLA, NHSL, CIPA, NELA and more.

Ask Us. Send NHLTA your question and we will respond with an answer or help you find the answer. (Also on the Home Page.)

More in the next issue. Happy Surfing!



POLICIES EVERY LIBRARY SHOULD HAVE

Thank you to the Manchester City Library for sharing their Respect for Staff, Users and Library Property Policy. This policy is a sample and should be tailored to fit your library. More policies are available on their website www.manchester.lib.nh.us

RESPECT FOR STAFF, USERS AND LIBRARY PROPERTY POLICY

All persons deserve to be treated with courtesy and respect. Please treat all staff, patrons and property (city or personal) with the same courtesy with which you would wish to be treated. Staff members may ask abusive or uncivil patrons to leave and come back or hang up and call back when they are better able to conduct themselves courteously.

It is the goal of the Trustees of the Manchester City Library to allow all patrons of the library to use its facilities, for the purposes for which the library was established, to the maximum extent possible during regularly scheduled hours.

Any patron not abiding by the rules and regulation of the Manchester City Library may be asked to leave library premises. Further, any patron who violates the rules and regulations of the library may be denied the privilege of access to the library by the Library Director.

Library materials shall be used and handled with care. Writing, marking, earmarking, disfigurement, any sort of alteration, mutilation, destruction, or unauthorized access of Library materials is prohibited.

Loud conversation and noise shall be kept to a minimum. All patrons shall be provided with a peaceful, quiet environment conducive to research and study.

Patrons shall respect the rights of others. Patrons shall not annoy others through noisy or boisterous activities, by staring, or by following others about the Library.

Patrons whose bodily hygiene is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to others shall be required to leave the Library.

Personal belongings and valuables of patrons shall not be left unattended by their owners. The Library shall not be responsible for patron's belongings or valuables.

Personal electronics are permitted in the Library provided that their use poses no hazard or nuisance to others. Any images or sounds produced by such personal electronics shall be seen and heard only by the patron(s) using this equipment.

Patrons may NOT engage in any of the following:

- Destruction of library property * RSA 202-A:24
- Harassment *RSA 644:4
- False Fire Alarms *RSA 644:3

- Obstructing Passageways *Sec 130.02 City Ordinance
- Loitering/Prowling *RSA 644:6
- Disorderly Conduct *RSA 644:2
- Criminal Threatening *RSA 631:4
- Criminal Trespassing *RSA 635:2
- Detaining Library Books *RSA 202-A:25
- Gambling *RSA 647:2
- Indecent Exposure/Lewdness *RSA 645:1
- Theft *RSA 637:3
- Criminal Solicitation *RSA 629:2
- Reckless Conduct *RSA 631:3
- Assault: Physical *RSA 631:2-A
- Assault: Sexual *RSA 632-A:3

The following are NOT allowed in or on the library property:

- Animals (except Service Animals)
- Bedrolls, sleeping bags, blankets, large bags, suitcases and boxes
- Bicycles (must be locked to the bike rack at Children's Room entrance, not to the front stair handrails)
- Drinks/food
- Alcoholic beverages
- Weapons
- Bathing, shaving or washing clothes
- Rolling or chewing of tobacco products
- Smoking
- Horseplay/Running/Yelling/Swearing/Spitting
- Wet bathing suits or shoes with cleats
- Intoxication (including drugs)
- Leering, following or any other actions that may make patrons/staff uncomfortable
- Voyeurism/Peeping
- Lounging or Sleeping
- Maliciously accessing, altering, deleting, damaging or destroying any library computer system, networking computer program or data



finally accomplished in 1997 when the DPL moved to a cramped 3,000 square foot storefront in the Mill Plaza. At the time, it was expected that a new facility could be built within a few short years. It took sixteen. A series of hurdles needed to be overcome first: locating a suitable site, securing funding for construction, and building public support. It wasn't until 2005 when the town voted to fully fund the library's annual operating budget that the project gained momentum.

Gradual growth in the library's budget allowed for improved development of the collection and library services, making it more attractive to patrons despite its humble surroundings. Over the next five years, the library realized an 85% increase in both patron visits and circulation, and support for a new stand-alone facility began to grow. A \$500,000 bequest from the estate of UNH professor Margery Milne, which raised the library's construction funds to \$1.1 million, dovetailed with the sale of a 3-acre property owned by Dr. Art Dimambro which the Trustees purchased. A successful capital campaign in 2011-12 raised an additional \$1.1 million, bringing the total of privately raised funds to \$2.2 million. Then in March of 2012, the people of Durham voted by 74% to bond the additional \$2.6 million of the \$4.8 million project; construction began in July of that same year.

None of this happened by as a matter of course. The concerted effort of scores of people dedicated to the notion that a public library is an invaluable resource for a community made it happen. The process was gradual and assured the public they had a say through focus groups and public discussions. The Trustees stressed the importance of trans-




Doug Bencks, Chair of the Board of Trustees, welcomes attendees to celebration.

parency and keeping everyone, including the town's elected officials, informed as to their activities. The involvement of so many people proved essential to garnering the public support necessary.

The result of all this effort? On July 23, 2013, Durham Public Library opened its new 10,500 square foot facility at 49 Madbury Road. Located in a residential neighborhood, the building sits on a wooded lot within easy walking distance of downtown and the Oyster River Middle School. Most of the original 1930s brick Tudor-style house remains with new construction making up the majority of the structure. Sheerr McCrystal Palson were the architects and Bauen Corporation the builder. The late Nolan Lushington served as library consultant.

The new building contains everything the previous facility lacked: multiple meeting rooms, including the 150 seat Oyster River Room; offices and staff work areas; a children's wing with a large storytime/craft room and young adult room; enough shelving to grow the present collection by 33%; reading areas with oversized windows overlooking a rain garden; a local history room; a Friends Room; and a café. A replica of a gundalow, the 19th century cargo ship that brought supplies to Durham, resides in the children's area, where children can sit, read, and play.

Library Trustees and staff look forward to exploring the possibilities the new library presents in the months and years to come, and they thank everyone who helped make it possible. For more information please visit the Durham Public Library website at www.durhampubliclibrary.org. 



State Librarian Michael York reads proclamation from NH Governor Maggie Hassen.

REGIONAL TRUSTEE NETWORKING NEWS

NHLTA encourages regional networking among trustees. If you need help organizing, contact a member of the NHLTA Board. We will also publish your meeting date/time/location in the newsletter and on the website (www.nhlta.org).

Rockingham-Strafford Counties Trustees

The trustees of the libraries in the Rockingham and Strafford Counties area will be meeting at the Chesley Memorial Library, 8 Mountain Avenue, Northwood on Wednesday October 16, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Library Director Donna Bunker at chesleydirector@gmail.com if you plan to attend or have any questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with your peers and discuss topics of common interest and concern. At their last gathering the group discussed a wide range of topics, from budgeting to exterior signage to dealing with difficult community members.

Souhegan Valley Area Trustees

The Amherst Library Trustees are hosting a meeting of the Souhegan Valley Area Trustees on Tuesday, October 8 from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room of the Amherst Library, 14 Main St., Amherst. We'll provide the food and drink...you provide the topics of conversation on library matters! Hope to see many of you there.

Contact Robin Julian (bobnrobin79@gmail.com) with any questions and the names of attendees.

Monadnock Area Trustees

The Monadnock Area Trustees are back on schedule after a summer hiatus. They are planning to meet on Friday, September 27th at noon at the Dublin Public Library, 1114 Main Street, Dublin. You may bring a bag lunch. Light refreshments will be served.

With budget preparations as well as other timely topics on the horizon, we should have a lot to discuss. Questions, solutions to problems, ideas are all welcomed at this informal gathering. Contact Adele Knight: a.knight@nhlta.org.

Carroll County Roundtable

Bi-annual gathering of trustees from the Carroll County area libraries is scheduled for September 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Madison Public Library, 1895 Village Rd, NH Route 113, Madison. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and concerns, ask questions, and network.


Refreshments will be served. Contact Peter Stevens: pstevens969@gmail.com.

Greater Hooksett Area Trustees

The Hooksett Library Trustees are also back on schedule after a summer hiatus. They are hosting another informal gathering of area Library Trustees from 6–8:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 29. This is not a meeting or conference or a symposium—no minutes—just an entertaining and informative evening with your fellow trustees.

Join the group at the Hooksett Public Library, 31 Mount Saint Marys Way, Hooksett for an evening filled with discussion, interaction and networking. You can come later, leave early—whatever works with your schedule.

Do you have a problem and want to know how other libraries deal with it? Do you have something you are proud of and feel other libraries might want to know about? This is an informal gathering of Library Trustees from around the area to share ideas, policies, practices, troubles, solutions, favorite vendors, successes and failures in an effort to make us all better stewards of our organizations. And there will be snacks! Please feel free to bring a sandwich or something more substantial if you wish.

If you have specific items you want to share, or questions, it would be great if you could email them ahead of time to Mary Farwell at p.farwell@comcast.net. Let's strengthen our individual libraries by strengthening our state wide trustee association. 

NHLTA NEEDS YOU!

Are you bored? Do you have time on your hands? NHLTA has the solution to your woes!

Do you like to read? Do you like to write? Can you edit someone else's work? Are you proficient in MSWord or MSPublisher. Are you good at meeting deadlines? NHLTA has use for your skills!

If you answered **yes** to these questions—even **yes** to some of the questions and are curious—please contact Connie Kirwin (c.kirwin@nhlta.org).

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ALL ABOUT THE MONEY

In 1963, the New Hampshire legislature declared that the public library is a valuable supplement to the formal system of free public education and as such deserves adequate financial support from government at all levels (RSA 202-A:1).

LIBRARY BUDGET PREPARATION

Library Trustee Boards have extraordinary fiduciary responsibilities and power:

- Only trustees approve the proposed and final library budget.
- Only trustees make the decision of line allocations in the budget; only trustees make decisions regarding salaries and benefits, technology, and collection development.
- Only trustees can move money from one line to another.
- Trustees approve an Investment Policy for Trust Funds, bequests, and large donations made to the library (not to the town for the library).

The following definitions from RSA 32, the Municipal Budget Law, may be helpful in understanding budgets.

APPROPRIATE: "... to set apart from the public revenue of a municipality a certain sum for a specified purpose and to authorize expenditure of that sum for that purpose..." (RSA 32:3, I). All appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. (See also ENCUMBER)

PURPOSE: "... a goal or aim to be accomplished through the expenditure of public funds..." RSA 32:3, V. In addition, a particular line on the budget form, or an appropriation contained in a special warrant article, shall be considered a single "purpose." (RSA 32:8 and 10, I. e).

BUDGET: "... a statement of recommended appropriations and anticipated revenues submitted to the ... governing body." (RSA 32:3, III).

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE: "... any article in the warrant for an annual or special meeting which proposes an appropriation by the meeting..." (RSA 32:3, VI). The warrant article is submitted by petition or calls for the issuance of bonds or notes, may also call for an appropriation of a separate fund, including a capital reserve fund under RSA 35, or trust funds under RSA 31:19-a, or may be designated as a non-lapsing or non-transferable appropriation.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND: for financing all or part of the cost of such things as construction or reconstruction, the acquisition of specific items or land, or the maintenance and operation of a specific public facility. (See RSA 34 for cities or RSA 35 for towns)

ENCUMBER: Anticipated expenditure or an uncompleted or undelivered portion of a purchase commitment. Encumbered funds are a specific amount of money carried over to the next fiscal year to pay for a legally enforceable obligation or contract. For example, books on order or a contract for carpeting arranged in year one but the work will be done in year two.

—Glossary of Terms, NY State Society of CPAs

PRESENTING THE BUDGET

RSA 202-A:11, II empowers the board of trustees to prepare the annual budget indicating what support and maintenance of the free public library will be required out of public funds for submission to the appropriate agency of the municipality.

RSA 202-A:11 III adds that funds be paid over by the town or city treasurer pursuant to a payment schedule as agreed to by the library trustees and the selectmen or city council.

Choose the trustee who is comfortable making public presentations and can best explain what is "adequate" for the library in the coming year. There should be no surprises for the appropriate agency because you have laid the groundwork all year by advocating for the library. Enlist the support of friends and patrons at public hearings, deliberative sessions, and town meetings to demonstrate the vital role your library plays in the life of the community.

SIX BASIC RULES FOR EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION

- 1) **Be specific.** Refer to community needs and particular library services. Instead of saying "The library needs..." say, "The people request..." or "The tax-payers need..."
- 2) **Be informative.** Give specific reasons and use statistics to support a request; provide opportunities for questions.
- 3) **Be brief.** State your case concisely and listen carefully to all questions in order to answer them precisely.
- 4) **Be appreciative.** Acknowledge past support.
- 5) **Be courteous.** Ask and explain in a positive manner.
- 6) **Be prepared.** Have printed data and visuals on hand.

Excerpted from pages 17–21 of the NHLTA Manual
available on the website: www.nhlta.org

LIBRARIES AND THE ACA (Affordable Care Act)

The following quote from Topeka and Shawnee County Public Libraries, Topeka, KS sums up the role of public libraries relative to the ACA. The article, published by the Topeka Capital-Journal Online, is available at <http://cjonline.com/news/local/2013-08-10/librarians-assist-those-using-health-insurance-marketplace>.

“The library will offer technology assistance to those applying online and provide fliers and other informational materials about ACA and the [insurance] Marketplace ... But individuals must make their own decisions about what plan to sign up for, ... We will refer them to where they can find information on what the plans are so they can make the best decision for themselves.”

NHLTA will update New Hampshire library trustees via their website: www.nhlta.org. Information is also available on the following websites:

www.HealthCare.gov

www.ala.org/tools/affordable-care-act

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthinsurance.html

www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/bystate/nh.html

www.webjunction.org/explore-topics/ehealth.html 

UNIQUE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

NHLTA is always searching for unique children’s programs offered by creative library staff throughout the state. Searching the many library website events calendars we’ve found a variety of unusual programs to share with you.


Barrington Public Library

Teens Get Their Game On. Gaming Club for grades 5 and up. Gaming consoles include an Xbox, XBox360, Wii, & PS2. There will be gaming stations set up, public computers available, board games, and snacks in the meeting room.


Howe Library, Hanover

The Animals of Charlotte’s Web. Special After School Program: The Animals of Charlotte’s Web. Wildlife Encounter with live animal show for ages 4 and up. Learn about spiders and pigs and life on a small farm.

Keene Public Library

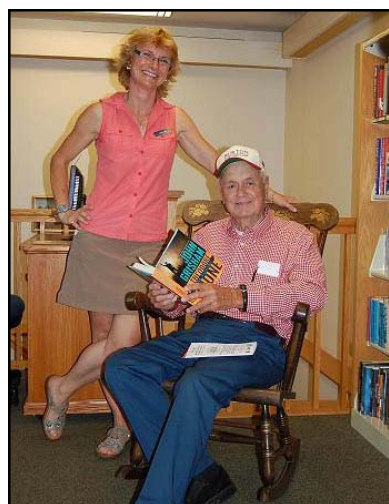
Make and Race a BrushBot. Learn about working with basic electronics, and thinking outside the box in making a minimalist ‘robot’ design. They’re fun to personalize, and good, goofy fun to race. Open to ages 11 through 19. 

MICHAEL YORK VISITS CARROLL COUNTY LIBRARIES

On August 9 Michael York, NH State Librarian, toured ten cultural sites in Carroll County accompanied by Ray Burton, Councilor from District 1. This year’s tour focused on the Conway region and included visits to the Jackson Public Library, Conway Public Library, and the North Conway Public Library. 



Jackson Public Library



North Conway Library
Director Andrea Masters
and Councilor Ray Burton



Conway Public Library


TRAVELING THROUGH HISTORY

Excerpts from the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the James A. Tuttle Library and Antrim Town Reports 1908–1989

Compiled by Connie Kirwin, Trustee 1995–2009

- 7/12/1908** James A. Tuttle Library opened to the public
- 8/19/1908** James A. Tuttle Library dedication
- 2/9/1909** \$5.50 for 1 cord firewood
- 5/11/1909** \$4.50 for 1 cord firewood
- 2/11/1913** \$250 appropriated by town for the coming year
- 2/3/1920** \$300 appropriated by town for the coming year
- 3/19/1920** Voted to retain Mrs. J.E. Perkins as librarian for the ensuing year at the same price as heretofore, 25¢ per hour
- 3/14/1921** Ten (10) loads of stove wood were purchased at \$5.00 per load. The librarian is paid 25¢ per hour and should be paid at anytime on presentation of a bill.
- 3/8/1927** \$500 appropriated by town for the coming year
- 4/3/1929** \$300 appropriated by town for the coming year
- 1930** \$300 appropriated by town for the coming year
- 6/29/1930** Increase the Librarians salary to \$7.00 a week, thus making it \$25.00 [a month].
- 3/10/1931** \$500 appropriated by town for the coming year
- 1932** \$200 appropriated by town for the coming year
- 1933** \$500 appropriated by town for the coming year
- 5/2/1933** The salary of the librarian was fixed at \$22.50 per month
- 5/14/1938** Voted to return Librarians salary to \$25.00 [a month]
- 2/21/1944** Decided to close the library Thursdays because of coal shortage
- 5/13/1944** Voted to resume opening library on Thursdays
- 4/9/1946** Voted to raise Mrs. Davis' salary to \$35.00 a month
- 3/11/1947** \$200 for new heating system
- 5/3/1951** A discussion concerning book purchases...too much emphasis is being placed on mysteries and detective stories.
- 12/11/1951** Voted to raise Librarians salary to \$45.00 a month.
- 4/12/1955** The librarian's salary was increased...to \$50.00 a month. Bids from contractors on work for toilet...in the basement
- 6/7/1960** Increase the Librarians salary to...\$72 dollars a month
- 1965** Trustees Annual report (Town Report) ...circulation of 11,810 volumes in 1965
- 1966** Trustees Annual Report (Town Report) ...circulation of 12,542 volumes in 1966
- 1969** There are 10,545 books in the collection.
- 1970** Bookmobile made visits to library.
- 1972** Bookmobile visits very popular.
- 1973** There were 600 books borrowed from the bookmobile.
- 1979** A new oil burner was installed to replace the old coal converted furnace.
- 1981** There was a cut in the state budget and the bookmobile will be discontinued.
- 1983** The Board of Trustees requested financial support from the Town due to decreasing income from Library trust funds.
- 1985** The trustees are working on the possibility of creating a new rear entrance with additional parking.
- 1986** A deeded right of way to construct a driveway from Main Street was given to the library by [the] abutters.
- 1989** Handicap ramp was constructed at rear entrance.



Author's Note: An addition to and renovation of the original James A. Tuttle Library were completed in 2008, the centennial of the library. 

NHLTA DIRECTOR PROFILE

NEW DIRECTOR ELECTED TO NHLTA BOARD

Marcia Burchstead

Ed Moran of Bedford was elected at the 2013 Annual Meeting for a two-year term as a director. He brings an impressive resume of community service and accomplishments to the NHLTA board.

The New Hampshire native graduated from high school in Nashua and went on to study at Suffolk University, obtaining his Juris Doctor degree. He has practiced as an attorney and also worked in the fields of real estate development and investments.


He was initially appointed to fill an unexpired term as a Trustee of the Bedford Public Library and has been elected to three additional terms. He currently is serving his second year as chair of the board. Moran's legislative experience in Bedford also includes stints as selectman, a member of the budget committee, school board and town councilor

Additionally he was first elected in 1998 to the New Hampshire Legislature as a state representative for the Hillsborough County District 18. His term of office ended in 2012. During his years in the legislature he was appointed Chair of the House Children and Family Law Committee and served on various other committees such as a pension review and reform group.

Asked about his interest in serving as a local trustee he responded, "I have become quite engaged with the library community presence and responsibility. Libraries are both on the cusp of and being challenged by this epochal information revolution which is transforming countries and cultures."

He also related the views of economist Joseph Schumpeter, who studied at the University of Vienna and later was a professor at Harvard. "(He) spoke of the creative destruction inherent in changing capitalist societies where new enterprises rise on the ashes of the old. I think libraries are confronted with similar choices and if properly met can be even more integral elements of their communities. The challenges, if mishandled, might lead to library obsolescence and ultimately irrelevance."

When asked what led him to consider accepting a nomination as a NHLTA director Moran said, "I feel that the NHLTA is quite an important body in that it has become a vehicle for educating library trustees, for advocating for library/community interests both in the legislature and in the communities as a whole, and for networking among communities as well as raising issues of more global nature that relate to library interests so that there could be synergies found in collaborative endeavor."

As an advocate for all libraries throughout our state his experiences and positive energy will be an invaluable asset to NHLTA. 

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in Yellowstone National Park for two days, ventured down through the Grand Tetons and made our way to Denver, CO where we picked up I-70. Although we had almost no rain during our entire trip and really enjoyed the sunny days, the blast from the mid-west heat wave was a bit tough. Several days the temperature reached over 100 degrees. We loved every bit of our adventure and feel so fortunate to have been able to do it. I do have to admit, though, I was getting a little bit homesick at the end—there is no place like home.



This message is but a brief synopsis of our adventure. We visited many more towns, museums and places than I mentioned. We literally saw hundreds and hundreds of mountains, rivers and lakes and unbelievably beautiful landscapes. I could write a book and maybe I will.

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CALENDAR 2013

Sept 25	6:00–8:00 p.m.	Carroll County Roundtable • Madison Public Library 1895 Village Road, NH Route 113, Madison
Sept 27	12:00 noon	Monadnock Area Trustees • Dublin Public Library 1114 Main Street, Dublin
Oct 2	10:00 a.m.	NHLTA Board of Directors meeting • NHMA (LGC) 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord
Oct 8	7:00–8:30 p.m.	Souhegan Valley Trustees • Amherst Town Library 14 Main Street, Amherst
Oct 16	7:00 p.m.	Rockingham-Strafford Counties Trustees • Chesley Memorial Library 8 Mountain Avenue, Northwood
Oct 29	6:00–8:00 p.m.	Greater Hooksett Area Trustees • Hooksett Public Library 31 Mount Saint Marys Way, Hooksett
Dec 4	10:00 a.m.	NHLTA Board of Directors meeting • NHMA (LGC) 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord