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Letter: A Year at the Howe Library

To the Editor:

At the start of a new year, we always enjoy looking back and reviewing our work at the Howe. I thought your readers might appreciate these Howe Library numbers for 2013: A total of 250,932 items (museum passes, magazines, downloadable books, music, books on CD, art prints, telescope, DVDs and, of course, books) were borrowed by 9,832 library-card holders – an average of 25.5 items per person. During the 347 days we were open, Howe librarians answered 9,957 reference questions, more than 8,600 people attended 560 library programs, and 111 volunteers donated 1,504 volunteer hours.

Community groups used our three meeting rooms for 801 gatherings, and patrons searched our various databases (both at home and at the Howe) 51,440 times.

We also added two new electronic resources in 2013 — IndieFlix (for streaming of award-winning independent films) and Consumer Reports, both of which have proven to be very popular.

I would like to thank our many Upper Valley supporters for making Howe Library such a vibrant community gathering place. We greatly appreciate your support.

Mary White

Director, Howe Library

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