

KELLEY LIBRARY

The Kelley Library takes pride in offering high quality library service and materials to the community of Salem. We take care to continue to provide a fine collection of books, magazines and media, internet access through the library computers or Wi-Fi access, and quality reference and children's services. We are now expanding our horizons offering more programs, new collections, and streamlined processes like printing and check-out. We invite you to come and see for yourself what's new at the library.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- Each year, a major revamping is accomplished in some part of the library collection, and in 2009 the major focus was on the audio-visual (AV) collection. Staff did a thorough evaluation of the various forms of AV offered at the library, determining what collections were in high demand. Arrangement and display of all AV was enhanced to make browsing and selection easier. Due to the huge demand in both the Children's and Adult Departments for audiobooks, these collections were added to substantially. In addition, a new form of audiobook – Playaways – were introduced to the Children's collection. These were so successful, creating an interest among users of all ages, that Playaways for Teens and Adults will be added.
- The library's website (www.salem.lib.nh.us) continues to evolve with the addition of the Eventkeeper calendar. This interactive calendar allows interested users to find programs of interest by age group or date. Several staff blogs were added, of particular note the Reader's Advisory blog which offers brief reviews and recommendations by the Kelley staff.
- Programming expanded for all ages of patrons. The children's department added a variety of programs for elementary aged children as well as tweens and teens. Of particular interest is the Chapter Book Chatter program that focuses on a different Chapter Book series each month. The adult programming continued the KLAS series, and added a variety of other programs ranging from a non-fiction book club, to computer classes on specific applications, to informational programs on many subjects.
- We continued to upgrade the physical plant, with a focus on the interior of the building. The Reed Children's Room was freshly painted in a number of colors, adding a sense of fun and cheerfulness to the space. In addition, the preschool play area was enhanced with a donated play table and a reading table just the right size for preschoolers. This area has enticed our youngest users allowing them a place to read and play while their parents can take their time browsing for additional books. The Lancaster Room was cleared and painted making an attractive meeting area. New display space was developed near the main entry of the library and a quiet reading area was arranged off the reference department. This space was made comfortable by the donation of furniture by a number of Salem residents
- Outreach to home-bound residents in Salem was expanded in 2009. Home delivery of books and other library materials has been available for many years, and continues under the capable hand of Anne Pepin. Joan Fardella, library trustee, now volunteers to provide additional delivery to any home bound resident. This vital service is a lifeline to the elderly and the physically disabled. The goal of the Kelley Library is to provide library service to all members of the Salem community, including those who are unable to get to the library due to age, illness or physical limitations. Home-bound delivery makes this possible.

Did you know?

The Kelley Library subscribes to 285 magazines and 12 newspapers?