

KELLEY LIBRARY

Director's Report, 2011

Kelley Library continues to provide and maintain the quality services and collections that have served the community well for years, while moving forward with changes, new materials and services. We invite you to come and see for yourself what's new at the library.

- This year, the collection focus was on eBooks, a format in high demand. The library has long participated in the State Downloadable program that offers downloadable audiobooks and more recently the addition of downloadable eBooks. The library additionally started a local collection of eBooks that compliments and expands the offerings of the State. These titles are available only to Kelley Library cardholders.
- Use of the library saw a big jump in 2011. The Children's Room in particular saw several months' growth in circulation of nearly 30% over 2010. The circulation library-wide grew 5%, easily passing the 300,000 mark to reach a total of 306,051. This is the second busiest year ever for the Kelley Library, and the first year of over 300,000 in 5 years. Of real interest is the strong growth in the book circulation throughout the library, particularly for children in elementary and middle school.
- Programming again continued to expand. This year the focus was book groups. The library offered two book groups for adult readers in 2011, one focusing on fiction titles and the other on non-fiction titles. Based on the popularity of these two programs, two more book groups are planned for 2012. The library also served as the site for a book group for middle school readers, organized and run by the readers themselves, with oversight by Kelley Librarians.
- Work on the interior of the library continued with additional changes to the layout on the Main floor, further expanding the open feeling of the building, while making the use of the library simpler and more intuitive. The reference desk was brought closer to front of the library in easy sight of the entrances and main circulation desk. The desk area was also reconfigured to create a more personal, one-on-one relationship between the reference librarians and library users.
- The Children's Room also saw some big changes in 2011. The bench seating was removed from under the windows to allow for a cozier seating area for parents and children, as well as additional space for shelving. The play area had comfortable chairs added for shared reading as well. New tables were added throughout the area, replacing the old, broken tables that had done service for so many years. New display racks were added to the ends of the stacks to display titles of interest for browsers.
- The roof of the Library building was replaced during the summer, a process that was some years overdue. Insulation, not part of the original roof, was added, as well as a fix to an area prone to ice jams and leakage. The new roof not only makes the Library look good, it will protect the books from the leaks of the past few years and save on utility costs due to the new insulation.

Did you know?

You can register for a library card through the Kelley Library website?