

Belgrade Public Library
Director's Report
March 2010

New Patrons 12

Circulation 675

Downloadable audio books 30

Volunteer Hours 23 (excluding *Friends*)

Interlibrary Loans 24 borrowed; 1 loaned

Online Patron Access Searches 42

Computer registrations 24 (excludes access to outside wireless connection)

March highlights

-Adult reading program *Resolve to Read* drawing was held at town meeting. The Girl Scouts drew a dozen names from the bucket. The winners are: Juliette Shirley, Nicole Labbe, David Drouin, Lynda Hadsell, Sally Skeel, Joan Pfaffle, Shelly Fitzgerald, Carol Overman, Lois Grazioso, Wayne Smith, Tracey Anderson and Dana Perne.

-Zigmund (Ziggy) Streznewski received the Spirit of America Award at town meeting for his service as a volunteer in the library and his volunteer work on the book sales for several years.

-Skype was used by a Belgrade family to talk to their son who is stationed in Germany. Skype.com allows for free online video calls and is popular with service families and grandparents. This service is now available at Belgrade Public Library.

-On March 22 I completed and submitted the annual report to the Maine State Library. Submitting this data helps us with planning, and keeps us eligible for some of the grants and programs offered through the Maine State Library.

-The *Meet the Candidates* forum on March 11th had 4 candidates and 31 citizens attend. Jay Bradshaw did a fine job at moderating this event.

-The engineer from FairPoint was in March 30th to assess the site for the upgraded MSLN Internet connection. I have reviewed this with Scott Damren, the facility manager. It will be installed in May.

April goals:

-Planning summer reading program.

-Weeding collection- the goal is to withdraw 500 books to better meet service demands.

-Review technology plan.

-Young Readers book group continues Tuesday afternoons through April.

-Story time is Thursday at 10:30a.m.