

Your library has been able to participate in the many community events, answer questions for the Chamber of Commerce, and offer GED testing and pretesting. We also conduct computer classes, have a multitude of children's programs and Family Place programs, and offer outreach. The Bookmobile, which operates solely on grants and donations, provides library and literacy services throughout the library community. Library staff and volunteers still deliver to individual home bound patrons and some groups.

The library, with partners Dollinda Lund, Lyndon Institute, Patricia Webster, Lyndon State College, Linda Carr, Learn, Anne Brown, Northeast Kingdom Initiative, and Virginia Downs, offers Cobleigh Communities Read, a multi-community read and discussion. Adults attend cultural programs and musical events as well as a winter reading discussion events. The library staff proctors exams for adult distant learners. We celebrate literacy and reading every August in the park. The library has many partners which help make these community programs stronger and more tailored to direct needs.

Thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the generosity of an anonymous donor, the library now has twelve public access computers instead of eight. Six new public access computers were replaced through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This foundation granted the library four computers and a server back in 2001. Through Tech Soup the library was able to add a suite of Microsoft Products for the six new computers and the Encarta Encyclopedia will be added to all computers in the near future.

Cheryl McMahan, with teen involvement, received \$1,000 for the teen services at the library through a Youthlinks Grant. We encourage teens to visit the Young Adult section on the third floor to see the recent changes to the environment. There will be an additional listening center soon to allow sharing of music.

Thanks to the Ashgate Publishing Company we received a grant for new baby and toddler toys for the children's room and funding for purchasing materials for people 50 and older in a variety of formats. This grant will also pay for various Vermont Humanities Council programs. Thanks to the Oakland Foundation we have an LCD projector for library programs and for groups to use during their meetings.

Besides receiving a \$10,000 grant from the A. D. Henderson Foundation and \$7,000 from the Turrell Fund to help run the bookmobile, we also received \$2,000 for children's books and \$500 for puppets from the Winnie May-Belle Fund. Many thanks to others who helped the bookmobile operate during 2007 such as Success by Six, which is now Building Bright Futures, The Lyndonville Rotary Club, Caledonia North Supervisory Union (CNSU), The Friends of the Cobleigh Library, Inc., Calkins, the Early Childhood Council and many others. The bookmobile uses no tax dollars or appropriations, just grants, gifts and donations. With gifts, donations and grants of \$34,600 the bookmobile was able to bring 13,543 books and 1,064 programs to 7 towns. This is a very cost effective and successful program. We look forward and hope for continued monetary support as grant funding is more difficult. The bookmobile is starting its ninth year.

Listen Up, Vermont! is a new service Cobleigh will be offering! In February, people should be able to download audio books to their computers in CD format or in a MP3 player format or they can come to the library and have a staff member help them do it. The books should download more quickly from the library if you have dial up at home.

In 2007 Abby Raymond left us to go to college and we hired Christine Slater, who has been a fine addition to library staff. Claudette Chartier, from Vermont Associates came to us in December of 2006 and has been working diligently behind the scenes all year in cataloging. Jack Williams started at the library recently and has been a tremendous help. Laura Grady helps the bookmobile through AmeriCorps. Last, but not least, Emily Zollo, our bookmobile coordinator, who has served the library communities with Books on Wheels II for eight years, has moved on to a new life with an addition of Maggie May, born November 27th, to her family. She now resides with her two girls and husband in Thetford Center.

Volunteers have a hand in everything we do. They are a talented group in our midst making the library a better place for the whole community. The Library Board of Trustees is another gifted group who volunteer their services. Thank you, everyone, for all you give and your commitment to the library community.

The dedicated staff, Tina Achilles, Wanita Gardner, Mary Kenny, Cheryl McMahan, and Susan Mold and Kari Cochran makes the Cobleigh and the bookmobile user friendly for community members and strangers alike. Their training and public service enthusiasm is contagious making the library a welcoming community space.

I would like to thank the taxpayers for supporting Cobleigh library services. The Vermont Department of Libraries estimates that for every \$1 spent by state and local governments on Vermont Public Libraries, the return to the communities on that investment is \$7.41. Please tell me what we could do to make our library services better tailored to local needs. Suggestions for materials, programs and services are always most welcome.

Sincerely,

Cindy Karasinski
Library Director

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Cobleigh Public Library
 Statistics – Annual Report 2007

Library circulation of books and materials	42,953
Bookmobile circulation of books and materials	<u>13,543</u>
Total Circulation	56,496

Library card holders	4,498
Bookmobile card holders	<u>466</u>
Total Card Holders	4,964

656 Interlibrary Loan Requests
 872 Interlibrary Loans sent to other libraries
 582 Reserves

Library Programs	225	Attendance	3,772
Library Meetings	205	Attendance	1,968
Bookmobile Programs	<u>1,064</u>	Attendance	<u>14,235</u>
Total Program & Meetings	1,494		19,975

Library Home Deliveries – Adult	
Individuals	48
Group Settings	<u>26</u>
Total	74

Adult Education
 Computer class participants – 273
 GED testing students – 48
 GED pretesting – 10
 Distant Learning student exams – 6
 Tutoring - 64

Bookmobile visitors	18,337
Library visitors	49,920
Bookmobile site stops	1,092

Computer Use – 15,984