

# GRANITE STATE LIBRARIES



NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

October / November / December 2014

Vol. 50 No. 4

**FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN...**The last three months have been difficult for all of us regarding the holdings maintenance system in NHU-PAC. The State Library has been working during that time with the NH Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to resolve the problem with the holdings maintenance server and have not been able to get it back online. We have determined that repairing the old holdings maintenance system is not possible, and we need to continue to move forward with the alternate solutions that have been found to let New Hampshire libraries maintain their NHU-PAC holdings.

I think it is instructive to give some background on our Sirsi Dynix system to explain where we are at with the restoration of the holdings maintenance system. The current Sirsi Dynix System was installed in 2002 and the system was selected after developing an RFP with the help of a broad-based committee of New Hampshire librarians who represented large, small, urban and rural New Hampshire libraries. A critical specification for the system was interlibrary loan. We need a system that will allow all libraries to borrow and lend materials easily. The ability of our over 450 libraries to maintain accurate information about their holdings in NHU-PAC is critical to a healthy interlibrary loan system. When we developed the specs for the system we required a holding maintenance module that was platform-independent, web accessible and web enabled. There were no vendors at the time that had a system that had a holdings maintenance module that was fully web enabled. Sirsi Dynix won the contract to supply the system to New Hampshire because they were willing and able to custom design and build what was needed to meet the project specifications. They did this by creating a set of ASP pages that NHAIS member libraries

could access over the web to add and delete information from the main NHU-PAC server with individual passwords. We purchased the system and the custom scripting and it has worked well for us for many years.

The scripts used for holding maintenance are now recognized as posing a threat to the state network and because of this the DoIT cannot support it any longer and will not allow it to be on the State Network. A lot has changed in information technology in the last 12 years and cyber security is a major concern for New Hampshire state government and specifically DoIT.

The NHAIS Services staff have been working on finding new ways libraries can do the work they previously did using the holdings maintenance scripts. We believe that the solutions that have been found, which were originally expected to be temporary workarounds, will in the long term actually be more efficient and user friendly. Using Z39.50, an industry standard which most library automation systems include, to find and export records from the NHU-PAC and then adding holdings to NHU-PAC with periodic extractions of records from a library's local system is a move toward a simpler cataloging process for NHAIS libraries. A free Z39.50 client has also been identified for use by libraries which don't have such a local automation system. Finding an easy way to delete holdings without the holdings maintenance scripts has been more challenging, but a workable solution has been found and we hope to improve on it in the future.

All of the functionality previously offered by the holdings maintenance module has now been tested and found to work satisfactorily. We recognize the difficulty that this situation has caused and as we have been working on solutions we have tried to communicate our progress using the NHAIS Notes blog. We will continue to use the blog to keep libraries up-to-date.

Questions about implementation, etc. should be directed to the NHAIS Help Desk. Questions, concerns, and suggestions on the general state of affairs regarding this situation should be directed to me at michael.york@dcr.nh.gov.

-Michael York, State Librarian

-----

## **HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY NHU-PAC HOLDINGS?**

by Mary Russell, Supervisor  
NHAIS Services

(603) 271-2866 • <http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/nhais/index.html>

The old holdings maintenance server is no more, but New Hampshire libraries can still add and delete holdings in NHU-PAC and request new MARC records be added for new materials. The current processes rely on the local system in each library to search and download records via Z39.50 and then harvest a batch of files periodically (monthly will work fine for most libraries) and send it to NHAIS for loading. All the details, including a how-to video for creating the files we need to delete holdings, are on the NHAIS Notes blog at <http://nhais.blogspot.com>. There is a special "Holding Maintenance" page there (linked in the right-hand panel) which collects all the resources in one place, and multiple postings on various aspects of the new processes. You can also get to the Holdings Maintenance page from the "holdings maintenance" tab on <http://nhu-pac.gov>.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE AT THE NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL**

by Mary Russell, Supervisor  
NHAIS Services

(603) 271-2866 • <http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/nhais/index.html>

Over Labor Day weekend the Library of Congress held the 14<sup>th</sup> annual National Book Festival at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. Funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services supported the participation of state library agencies in the Festival. New Hampshire State Library staff represented New Hampshire in the National Book Festival's Pavillion of the States. There were no official attendance counts made available from the Library of Congress this year, but the impression was that more people attended the Festival, which was at the DC Convention Center for the first time, than had attended previous Festivals. Podcasts and videos of Festival events will be posted at [www.loc.gov/bookfest/](http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/) over the coming weeks.

At the New Hampshire table we spoke with thousands of children and their parents and distributed 1,000 Center for the Book pencils, 1,000 flyers about our featured New Hampshire children's book, *Cat Among the Clouds* by Eric Pinder; and (thanks for the Department of Resources and Economic Development) 600 state maps and 600 New Hampshire Student Resource Guides.

---

**THE NEW ENGLAND FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS NEXT DEADLINE**...for their New England States Touring (NEST) grant is December 1, 2014. NEST grants provide New England artists with the opportunity to build audiences through touring to a variety of communities and extend the arts to populations whose opportunities for arts experiences are limited by geography, economics, and disability. New Hampshire libraries are eligible to apply for eligible artists outside of New Hampshire. You can search for eligible New England artists on CreativeGround (<http://www.creativeground.org/>) and see an explanation of the program at New England Foundation for the Arts ([http://nefa.org/grants\\_programs/programs/nest\\_new\\_england\\_states\\_touring](http://nefa.org/grants_programs/programs/nest_new_england_states_touring)).

**NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARIANS' DAY**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**  
**September 11, 2014**

New Hampshire Librarians' Day was hosted this year by Congresswoman Annie Kuster who met us on the East Steps of the Capitol Building for a meet and greet and photographs,

The group consisted of public and school librarians and their spouses/colleagues from the Merrimack Public Library Trustees; Concord School District; Gilford Public Library; Rye Public Library, Rye Jr High School; Stratham Memorial School; Hollis/Brookline High School; and Thornton Public Library.

Our day was long, beginning at the Manchester / Boston Regional Airport with a 6:00 a.m. flight to BWI. Once we arrived in Washington we walked to the Library of Congress for a guided tour ([www.loc.gov/visit/tours/guided-tours/thomas-jefferson-building/](http://www.loc.gov/visit/tours/guided-tours/thomas-jefferson-building/)). Meeting us there was our volunteer docent who highlighted the Library of Congress including the Jefferson Library, the murals, the Gutenberg Bible and the Giant Bible of Mainz both in the Great Hall. After some free time to look around, we headed over to the Madison Building, also part of the Library of Congress, for lunch. After lunch we headed over to the Visitors Center ([www.visitthecapitol.gov/](http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/)) and watched a 15 minute movie on the making of Washington, DC and the Capitol Building (*E pluribus unum* "Out of many, one.") After the movie we toured the Capitol Building and Rotunda. The guided tour ended around 3 p.m. and from there participants headed off in different directions to see other sights. All participants were asked to write a review, with or without pictures, good or bad, about their trip. Below are some of the reviews.

-----

"We had a fabulous day in Washington, DC. The trip down was very smooth and well organized. We were very appreciative of the personalized tours we received at the Library of Congress and the Capitol Building. This made it possible to hear about things that we otherwise would not have if we had made this trip on our own. The lunch was delightful, affordable and a pleasant surprise that once again we would not have known about on our own! The rest of the day on our own gave us the opportunity to walk the Mall and visit the Air and Space Museum. We were able to easily find our way back to Union Station. The one piece of advice that I would give others is to make sure you allow plenty of time to get back to the airport that evening. When we arrived at Union Station, the MARC train that we planned to take had broken down. Luckily, they were able to put us on an Amtrak train back to the airport. We would definitely do this trip again!"

-Alison Casco, Librarian  
Abbot-Downing School  
Concord

"My initial reason for being part of the Library of Congress trip was simply to visit. Although I have visited Washington a few times, I had never been to the Library of Congress. But when I shared with students that I would be going on this field trip, they wanted to come along. So I attempted the next best thing - a virtual trip! First I let my school know about my trip and itinerary via Twitter, email and a small display in my library. Then I signed in on Waze, opened my First Trip app, and created a Twitter hashtag - *#tweetinwithHeaton*. I asked teachers and students to email or tweet questions all day and I'd do my best to answer. Meanwhile, I was tweeting and posting pictures of the trip. At one point I asked, "Which special exhibit do I visit next?" and followed the request to visit Jefferson's Library. Once there, I received the question, "Did Jefferson have any cookbooks?" Well if he did, they are no longer in the collection. Both the computer system and a docent said no. I sent a picture of the Library of Congress' beautiful murals, and someone asked why there are so many women painted on the ceilings. Another student answered, "Because women are inspiring!" This led to email replies on the topic of what inspires great writers and thinkers. With the help of 21<sup>st</sup> century tech, these learning moments were only a hashtag away for all of us."

-Christine Heaton, Librarian  
Hollis / Brookline High School  
Vol. 50, No. 4

"A whirlwind tour! Would I do the trip again? Most certainly!! Following the most excellent tours of the Library of Congress, where I wanted to just lay down in the middle of the Thomas Jefferson's circular library exhibit to fully absorb the enthralled feeling I had (I did, however, refrain) and the Capitol Building, our group of three from Rye utilized the city's Capital Bikeshare program and toured freely! Despite the sweltering heat and humidity, I loved seeing the Lincoln Memorial as well at the Viet Nam, Korean, and WW II memorials by bicycle. We enjoyed a delicious dinner at Union Station and joined the throng of commuters on the MARC train back to BWI - late trains and confusion about where to board created a bit of drama, but ultimately, we made the train we needed to connect to our flight. A favorite part of the day had to be my examination of Jefferson's Library and learning about his use of Lord Bacon's table of science - the hierarchy of memory, reason, and imagination, as his classification scheme, but I LOVED the tour of the Library of Congress; having recently completed my MLIS, I had a much greater appreciation of the Library of Congress than on my last visit there. Looking forward to a future trip to DC with the New Hampshire Librarians - thanks so much. The only question yet to be determined is...will the wish I made at the Capitol building fountain come true?"

-Lisa Houde, Youth Services Librarian  
Rye Public Library



All pictures courtesy of Lisa Houde, Rye Public Library

Top Left - Washington Monument

Top Right - Library of Congress

Left - Capitol Rotunda

"NH Librarians' Day was awesome! We packed a lot into 1 day and I would definitely recommend it to anyone. I didn't realize how much I didn't know about the Library of Congress. The Capitol was also very fun to tour. We were able to get tickets after the official tour and went in to see the House of Representatives and the Senate in action. Senator Kelly Ayotte actually had the floor and was speaking about New Hampshire when we entered. After the Capitol, we were able to enjoy the Smithsonian Natural Museum of History. Walking back down Pennsylvania Avenue, we were stopped in our tracks while waiting for the President's motorcade. We rounded out the day making a quick stop at a local bar for a bite to eat before heading back to the airport. All in all, a great day that will be remembered! Thank you for providing the opportunity to do this."

-Katherine Dormody, Director  
Gilford Public Library

---

## CONCORD READS

### *The Last Policeman*

by Deb Baker  
Concord Public Library Liaison  
(603) 230-3686 • [www.concordpubliclibrary.net](http://www.concordpubliclibrary.net)

George Geers, Chair  
Concord Reads, 2014-2015

Concord Reads celebrates the written word and brings people together through discussions and other events about the same book. This community-wide reading program is presented by Concord Public Library and the Concord Public Library Foundation with the help of many community partners.

For 2014-2015, the Concord Reads committee has selected an Edgar award winning mystery, *The Last Policeman* by Ben H. Winters, to tie in with Concord's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The novel, which involves a murder as an asteroid threatens civilization on earth, takes place in our fair city. Readers will find a determined protagonist and an interesting array of characters with events taking place at actual Concord locations such as the South Main Street McDonald's, the West Street playground; the police station, Concord Hospital and Concord Public Library. The hero of the novel, Detective Hank Palace, won't give up on his job even as asteroid 2011GV zooms toward earth. The world's economy is in tatters, communication is difficult, and some people have given up on life. But Hank plugs on seeking the killer of an actuary, even though he's no longer being paid. *The Last Policeman* is the first in Winter's trilogy set in a pre-apocalypse world. The book examines human nature and invites readers to ask themselves, "How would I live my life, if the world were going to end?"

At the kickoff event and throughout the month of October, participants could test their sleuthing skills on the trail of the last policeman, locating pieces of the book cover at locations around town that appear in the book. Each person with a completed puzzle receives a Concord Reads *The Last Policeman* mini flashlight and a chance to win breakfast with the author.

Book discussions at some of the same locations in the scavenger hunt will take place throughout the winter leading up to Ben Winter's appearance in March, 2015. Concord Reads and its community partners will also present a varied set of programs on themes and issues raised in *The Last Policeman* - such as ethical and moral decisions, emergency preparedness, astronomy, and forensics.

A resource guide for *The Last Policeman* is available at our website ([www.concordpubliclibrary.net](http://www.concordpubliclibrary.net)) and details about the rest of the programs will be published there as well.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK COLUMN

by Linda Jayes, Supervisor  
NH State Library  
Technical Services Section  
(603) 271-2429 • linda.jayes@dcr.nh.gov

Aldrich, Brian and Michael Meredith. **NEW HAMPSHIRE BEER: BREWING FROM SEA TO SUMMIT.** Published by American Palette, 2014. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-62619-425-0

Anderson, Carol Lee. **A HISTORY OF THE BELKNAP MILL: THE PRIDE OF LACONIA'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE.** History Press, 2014. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-62619-241-6

Benedetto, Christopher Richard. **GRANITE GALLOWS: TRUE TALES OF THE DEATH PENALTY & MORE FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE'S HISTORY.** CreateSpace, 2014. ISBN: 978-1-499-282627  
Crime and capital punishment.

Butterfield, Charles. **IN THE SHADOW OF CEDARS: THE LIFE & TIMES OF A DISGRACED CITIZEN-SOLIDIER IN REVOLUTIONARY WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Historical Society of Cheshire County, 2013. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-0-9831553-3-1  
Biography of Major Isaac Butterfield.

Child, Deborah M. **THE SKETCHBOOKS OF JOHN SAMUEL BLUNT.** Portsmouth Athenaeum, 2007. \$30.00 ISBN: 0-9794860-4-1

Doan, Daniel, and Ruth Doan MacGougall. **50 MORE HIKES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: DAY HIKES AND BACKPACKING TRIPS FROM MOUNT MONADNOCK TO MOUNT MAGALLOWAY.** Countryman Press, 2014. \$19.95 ISBN: 9789-1-58157-156-1  
"Revised updated, and now full color 6<sup>th</sup> edition." - Publisher

Durham, Paul. **THE LUCK UGLIES.** Illustrations by Pétur Antonsson. Harper, 2014. \$16.99 ISBN: 978-0-06-227150-1  
Fiction, recommended for ages 8-12.

Elliott, David. Illustrated by Lori Nichols. **THIS ORQ. (he cave boy).** Boyds Mills Press, 2014. \$15.95 ISBN: 978-1-62091-521-9  
Juvenile fiction about a woolly mammoth. Author lives in New Hampshire.

Faith, Amelia. **IF I MAKE IT.** CreateSpace, 2014. ISBN: 9-781494-496814  
Juvenile fiction about a teenager pursuing her dream to star on Broadway.

Ferland, David. **HISTORIC CRIMES & JUSTICE IN PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.** History Press, 2014. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-62619-237-9  
Hisotry of Portsmouth crime and justice.

Grover, Kathryn. **ROCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1890-2010: "A COMPACT LITTLE INDUSTRIAL CITY".** Peter E. Randall, 2013. \$45.00 ISBN: 978-10937721-09-1  
Explores the worlds of industry, commerce, transportation, agriculture, and politics from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Heald, Bruce. **ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE: PRIMERS, PENMANSHIP & POTBELLY STOVES.** Charleston, History Press, 2014. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-62619-523-3

Topics covered include the early history of New Hampshire education and the establishment of school districts.

Hebert, Ernest. **HOWARD ELMAN'S FAREWELL.** University Press of New England, 2014.  
ISBN: 978-1-61168-541-1

Latest entry in the author's Darby Chronicles fiction series.

Johnson, William H. photographer. **NEW HAMPSHIRE IMPRESSIONS.** Farcountry Press, 2014. \$12.95  
ISBN: 978-1-56037-595-1

Color photographs with captions

Lydon, Rick. **IN THE ROUNDEST OF PLACES: ONE TEACHERS' JOURNEY.** CreateSpace, 2014.  
ISBN: 978-1-4949-7778-8

New Hampshire author's personal narrative about his experiences as a teacher.

Mayo, Matthew P. **MYTHS AND MYSTERIES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE: TRUE STORIES OF THE UNSOLVED AND UNEXPLAINED.** Morris Book Publishing LLC, 2014. \$16.95  
ISBN: 978-0-7627-7227-8

Ray, Joyce. **FEATHERS & TRUMPETS: A STORY OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN.** Illustrated by Lisa Greenleaf. Apprentice Shop Books, LLC, 2014. \$18.00 ISBN: 978-1-9850144-0-7

Juvenile fiction about Saint Hildegard

Rodrigue, Barry H. **A CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS: TOM PLANT AND THE AMERICAN DREAM.** Archipelago, Inc., 2014. \$15.00 ISBN: 978-0-9915427-0-3

Roulx, Ruth Noga. Illustrations by Gail Roulx Bourque and John Noga. **GRANDFATHER KNOWS...ABOUT THE SUN.** Life Rich Publishing, 2014. \$15.99  
ISBN: 978-1-4897-0170-1

Children's book by Litchfield, New Hampshire author Roulx.

Slack, Nancy G. and Allison W. Bell. **FIELD GUIDE TO THE NEW ENGLAND ALPINE SUMMITS: MOUNTAINTOP FLORA AND FAUNA IN MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND VERMONT.** Appalachian Mountain Club Books, 2013. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-934028-88-9

Steinfeld, Joseph D. **CLAREMONT BOY: MY NEW HAMPSHIRE ROOTS AND THE GIFT OF MEMORY.** Bauhan Publishing, 2014. ISBN: 978-0-87233-0173-0

Autobiographical essays.

---

## ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

by Suzanne Zinnkosko  
Friends of the Goffstown Public Library  
(603) 497-2102 • www.goffstownlibrary.com

With many new challenges facing our Library Friends groups, we are devoting more and more time and energies to finding new sources for funding for our groups. With the digitizing of our culture and financial crisis's, reinvention and revamping are two words becoming synonymous with our fundraising efforts!

We have all worked tirelessly building the raffle baskets, assembling Christmas greens and schlepping books for our book sale. We are growing weary and although our fundraisers are consistent the amount of work to make them a success seems to be getting greater.

Well it's time to ask the "Big guys" for some help! Soliciting donations and/or funds has always been done, from the local supermarket to businesses and private individuals. However, most Library Friends groups are not aware that the big box companies are offering some help in this economic dearth! A Gift card for \$25 is nice but the potential to garner \$500 or \$2,000 in services...Tantalizing! Well the opportunity is there you just have to seek it out.

The saying "Ask and you shall receive" is quite a pertinent one here; as there is no warranty, guarantee or promises made by these companies, however, like us they rely on the spirit of volunteerism, so if you present yourselves and your organization as worthy then you may qualify.

### **KOHL'S ASSOCIATES IN ACTION** - to qualify for a \$500 grant

- A minimum of five Kohl's Associates from one Kohl's location must volunteer for a minimum of three consecutive hours in one day
- The activity must benefit a qualifying youth-serving, ages birth to 18 years, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Funds must be used to directly support youth, ages birth to 18 years, community-wide.

They never guarantee that they will come to your event that is the tricky part, so you must plan your event anyway. The employees of Kohl's volunteer on their day off, they get no remuneration for their time. They are giving their time to you selflessly and by doing so enable Kohl's to bestow \$500 on your organization.

Kohl's itself asks that there be no advertising of any kind. They only ask that you submit your story and photos from your event. The best thing a Friends group can do is go to your local Kohl's store, make yourself acquainted with the manager and the AiA representative. (All event communications are done online through Kohl's Headquarters).

**LOWE'S HEROES PROJECT** - This community-based program is run by each Lowe's location, autonomously. The program encourages employees in a location to team together, adopt a volunteer project with a local nonprofit organization or K-12 public school and make a difference.

This means going into your local store and dealing directly with the Lowe's Heroes project representative entirely. A library in Connecticut worked with their local store and completed an \$1,800 Beautification project in 2013. The Friends put together a design presented it for approval to the town and the Library director before approaching Lowe's.

I spoke with a Lowe's Heroes representative; he said that \$2,000 was the average that is spent on any given project. As an example, the Volunteers worked on a new kitchen flooring and other projects for a local veteran. The Lowe's employees, just like Kohl's employees volunteer their time, selflessly and freely.

**HOME DEPOT** - This company works primarily to benefit veterans and Veteran organizations but will work with the local community on projects small and big. From donating gift cards, goods to providing volunteers for a project, the Home Depot is the most flexible of the three mentioned here. Depending on the project they will either decide in house or contact Headquarters whether or not to accept your project. They are very amenable and willing to work with small organizations. As with Lowe's, a written plan needs presenting and once again, you need to deal directly with the Home Depot community representative.

Our libraries are in need of repair, maintenance and improvement, our gardens and grounds need upkeep and our communities need to stay connected. Hosting events with outside entities ensures that new people learn about us, our group and our Library and we in turn learn about the people who may already be or may become our patrons. As Jack Short said "Strengthening of the community by Friends is essential---the more this occurs in a community, the richer the root system."

The one thing that must always be kept in mind when dealing with volunteers from outside organizations is RESPECT! The volunteers may be corporate employees but they must be afforded the utmost gratitude and admiration! They are volunteers just like us, these people come to you with smiles on their faces, warmth in their hearts and yes! they will clean, beautify, read to children, cut down trees and do whatever is asked, but we must, at all times, remember why they are there. Recently I was witness to a Friends group planning ways to just get volunteers in so they could have the money and save themselves some extra clean up after an event, thus treating the volunteers like currency, unacceptable! Find your event, your project, embrace the volunteers and treat them like peers and the good that is achieved together will trickle down through all that participate.

These are just a few of the "Big Guys," but as you can see it is well worth seeking the opportunities they offer. Just as we all volunteer, giving our time, money and support to our organizations, Corporate America wants to give back too! As a Friends group we have a responsibility to our Libraries to represent them with integrity, a little humbleness and taste. Ask the right way and you never know what you may receive!.

---

**BAKER FREE LIBRARY, BOW  
CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY**

<http://www.bowbakerfreelibrary.org/baker/maillinglist.asp>

The Library will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a communitky event and dinner on Saturday, Ocotber 18, 2014! Games, activities, and historical displays in the Library will run from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and a free spaghetti dinner for all Bow residents and Baker Free Library card holders will be held at the Bow Mills United Methodist Church, 503 South Street, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Seating reservations for each dinner hour's serving time can be made at <http://tinyurl.com/RSVPBFL100>, or by calling the library at 224-7113. Reservations are strongly encouraged due to limited seating, which is expected to fill to capacity

---

**THAYER LIBRARY, ASHUELOT  
REMAINS CLOSED**

by Meghan Foley, Sentinel Staff  
[SentinelSource.com](http://SentinelSource.com)

[www.sentinelsource.com/news/local/thayer-library-remains-closed/article\\_f1cc9a94-56a5-5d48-a032-6b688b7a2bbf.html](http://www.sentinelsource.com/news/local/thayer-library-remains-closed/article_f1cc9a94-56a5-5d48-a032-6b688b7a2bbf.html)

One of Winchester's two public libraries remains closed three months after two floods damaged mechanical systems in the building's basement and likely caused paint and oil contamination.

Selectmen Chairwoman Roberta A. Fraser said that town officails want to reopen Thayer Public Library soon, but repair work is on hold until the probable oil and paint spills in the basement, which has a dirt floor, are addressed.

The library is on Ashuelot Main Street (Route 119) in Winchester's village of Ashuelot. It's on the first floor of a historic two-story house, wh ich was donated to the town by Julia Thayer in 1906 for the purpose of being used as a library.

The house is at the base of a hill that torrents of water rushed down during heavy rains on the late night and early morning of July 15. Heavy rains also caused flooding in the area July 26.

---

**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Cultural Resources**

State of New Hampshire  
**DIVISION OF LIBRARIES**  
Michael York, State Librarian

-----  
Janet Eklund, Editor  
Darlene Reinhard, Administrative Assistant

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

- Administrative Offices ..... 271-2392
- Circulation ..... 271-2616
- Electronic & Government
- Information Resources ..... 271-2143
- Family Resources Connection ..... 1-800-298-4321
- Fax (Administration & Fiscal) ..... 271-6826
- Fax (Reference Office) ..... 271-2205
- Fiscal Offices ..... 271-2400
- Library Development Services ..... 271-2865
- NHAIS Services ..... 271-2141
- North Country Office ..... 1-800-462-1726
- Reference Desk ..... 271-2144
- Talking Books ..... 1-800-491-4200

**HOURS**

Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

-----  
-- Editorial Policy --

*Granite State Libraries* is published up to six times a year under the authority of RSA 201-A:9, by the N.H. State Library. The purpose of *Granite State Libraries* is to provide news in brief for public, school, academic and special libraries in New Hampshire. Opinions expressed in signed articles are not necessarily those of the editor or the State Library. Contributions and editorial correspondence should be sent to: Darlene Reinhard, N.H. State Library, GSL, 20 Park Street, Concord, N.H. 03301-6314, or e-mail [darlene.reinhard@dcr.nh.gov](mailto:darlene.reinhard@dcr.nh.gov).

Subscriptions are free and when subscribers change their addresses they should notify Darlene Reinhard at the State Library.

This publication and previous issues of *Granite State Libraries* can be found on the N.H. State Library's website at [www.nh.gov/nhsl/services/librarians/gsl/index.html](http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/services/librarians/gsl/index.html).

-----  
This publication is  
made possible in part  
by funds provided under the  
Library Services & Technology Act