

JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORTS
2009 Annual Report

I am just a few months into my job as librarian at the Joslin Memorial Library and it is already clear to me what a unique and fabulous community this is. The library is consistently busy with patrons from Waitsfield, Warren, Fayston and Moretown demonstrating a wide variety of interests and reading tastes. We have a regular stream of out of town visitors as well, ranging from people vacationing who need something to read or to check their email or kids who forgot a favorite novel at home when they came up to ski. Use of the public computers and people using our wireless internet access is high. The summer reading program had many new and returning participants and weekly story hour draws preschoolers from several towns in the area.

Circulation of audio books continues to be very strong. Through our membership with the Green Mountain Library Consortium we are also able to offer downloadable audio books accessible through our website. The number and diversity of titles available in this format greatly expands choices for patrons. Also with the support of the Green Mountain Library Consortium we have made concrete steps toward automating our catalog. This will allow patrons to look for books, renew books and place books on hold very efficiently either at the library or from their home computer.

The generosity of residents of this area and patrons of the library helps the library provide traditional services and explore new projects. The automation process has become a reality in part due to the extraordinary generosity of Robert Burge. Mr. Burge's gift was in memory of his wife Ruth, an avid reader, and we are extremely appreciative of their commitment to the library.

We are also blessed with a conscientious Board of Trustees and a dedicated and accomplished group of volunteers who keep the library running smoothly on a daily basis. Many thanks to them and to our patrons for sharing time, resources and most importantly, ideas, interests and personalities that give the library a character all of its own.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Worland
Librarian

Web site: www.joslinmemoriallibrary.com