## Report from the Library Trustees and Librarian

2012 was another great year for the Library. We've added new programs such as movie nights, Lego Club, and Book Clubs for kids and adults. These events are open and free to the public. We welcome any new ideas for programs.

The Summer Reading Program continues to be a big event here as well. This year, we had close to 70 children actively participate. The program included events such as a Steve Blunt concert with author Marty Kelley, "Eyes on Owls" with Marcia and Mark Wilson, the Majestic Theatre of Manchester, and Lindsey and her Puppet Pals. We also held a "Stuffed Animal Sleepover" and had teddy bears spend the night at the Library. It was a huge hit with both children and teddy bears! Keep an eye out this summer for more fun events! Anyone is welcome even if they are not signed up for the Summer Reading Program.

Two different story times were offered in 2012, a preschool story time for ages 3-5 and an after school poetry group for ages 6-10. In 2013 story times will be offered year-round (except for school vacations and inclement weather) so drop by to check one out!

The Library has started to display artwork from local artists. Artists can sign up for a month at a time. Come on down to sign up or to admire the work of your neighbors.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Barb Baker Memorial Golf Tournament was again a successful fundraiser for the Library this year. Thank you to all the players and sponsors who help make this event possible. Special thanks to Nick and the Fremont Pizzeria for providing lunch.

I invite every Fremont resident to stop by the Library and see what we have to offer. You can also keep informed by visiting our website, which is now a department on the Town's website at <a href="www.Fremont.nh.gov">www.Fremont.nh.gov</a>. Did you know that the Library offers audio books and ebooks online that can be downloaded to iphones, Nooks, Kindles, and more? Stop by for a quick tutorial.

This April our Library catalog was made available online. Search what the Library has from your very own home! If you have your card number, you can even create an account to see what you have checked out and place holds. Remember that anything we don't have we can try to get from another library through Interlibrary Loan.

In closing, I would like to recognize the Trustees, Eric Abney, John Hennelly, and Cheryl Rowell and thank them for their time. Thanks also to the Friends of the Library who provide museum passes and our movie license, among other things. Thank you to our staff - Marlene Emery, Lynda Miller, Cathy Murdock, and Dick Rand. A special thank you to Town Administrator Heidi Carlson for all she does for us.

Respectfully submitted, Bethany Brace Library Director

## **2012 Circulation Statistics**

Adult Materials: 8,919 Young Adult: 1,076 Children: 10, 483 DVDs: 1,208 Audio: 634

Total Circulation: 22,320

Through the Interlibrary Loan System in 2012 we borrowed 523 items and loaned 440 items. Through Overdrive, patrons borrowed 454 ebooks and 1,061 audiobooks.

## Fremont Girl Scouts and Fremont Garden Club Spring gardening at the Town Hall May 2012



Photo Courtesy of Carolyn Carr Fremont Garden Club