

TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES A. TUTTLE LIBRARY

For the Trustees and the Library staff, 2007 was a year of decisions—from decisions about the color of carpeting to decisions about moving 20,000 books. As the construction continued during the year the library continued to function amid the turmoil of cement trucks, jackhammers and other construction noise and distractions. The staff is to be commended for their efforts in maintaining library services in as normal a manner as possible. The library addition was completed and opened for business on September 24, 2007 and it really takes a visit to appreciate how beautiful it is.

From \$30 to \$3,000+, we have received donations that have allowed us to construct a building that is both beautiful and functional and compliments the original 100 year old library. The Palladian window that matches the ones in the original Library building was purchased in memory of Henry B. and Clara E. Pratt, with donations from four generations of Pratt family members. Clara E. Pratt was Librarian from the late 1950s to the mid 1960s. The beautiful circulation desk handcrafted by David DuBois was made possible by a donation from former trustee Ron Haggett and his wife Ann. The paint for the interior was donated by Edmunds Hardware and the Benjamin Moore Corporation. Dottie Durgin sewed the window seat cushions in the Children's room with fabric donated by Nancy Benda and Margaret Warner. All of the new furniture, shelving, book carts, and accessories were purchased with donations from our supportive friends. The architectural detail—both inside and out—was designed by David DuBois and all crafted with thanks to John Kendall's knowledge, experience and appreciation of historic restoration and his crew of artisan workers.

When the original building is refurbished and ready in the Spring of 2008 we will be purchasing furniture for the reading and reference rooms and the young adult area with funds donated by many supportive patrons and residents. Terry Cutter of Cutter Flooring & Furnishings has donated four end tables and two coffee tables for the reading room. He has spent hours giving us his expert advice on furniture and window treatments which will be installed in both buildings.

Our thanks to all—current residents, summer residents, former residents and our many friends—for their generous donations to the building fund: Arthur and Ann Allison, Michele Apkarian, Elizabeth Avery, Nancy Benda (trustee), Dr Frank and Jean Berry, Christopher Brinkley, Colin Brinkley, Yvette Brinkley, Terry Cutter, the Demarest family, Sharon Dowling (former trustee), Dottie Durgin, Edmunds Hardware, Phyllis Fries, Gregg Lake Association, Ron Haggett (former trustee) and Ann Haggett, Peter Jaquith, Janis King (trustee), Connie Kirwin (trustee), Michael Lemons, Donald and Amy Maughan, the family of Dick Mayer in his honor, Marion Noble, Ben Pratt, the Richard Pratt family, Geraldine Rabideau, Steve Ullman, Jeremy and Steph Warner, Margaret Warner (trustee), Penny Welch, and Daniel and Quida Young. A special thanks to the citizens of Antrim for their vote for the construction bond.

Despite the focus on the new building the staff produced a successful Summer Reading Program with 70 children (and many of their parents) participating. Storytime programs were presented by international residents Catriona Beck (from Scotland), the Commander family (from England), and Connie Vandervoort who performed "Dragon tales From Around the World". Preschool Story time, the Second Annual Creative Arts Challenge and gardening workshops rounded out the year of programs. The annual Holiday Gift Basket raffle was won by Michelle Rabideau.

And, despite the focus on the new building, many residents and friends donated to the library's operations fund. Our thanks to: Robert Brzozowski in memory of Madelaine Brzozowski; Dorothy Boule, Perry and Paula Davis, Janet MacLachlan, C.E. Myrick, and Caludette Phelps who contributed to the Ellie Lane memorial fund; Susan Lichten, the family and friends of Isabel Nichols, Ben Pratt, United Way of Nashua, Penny Welch in memory of Dana Welch, and Quida Young. Your support validates the library's importance in the community.

The Tuttle Library has always been a focal point of beauty and today the addition further enhances the welcome to residents, future residents, friends, and travelers.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance Kirwin, Secretary
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