

Director's Activities:

1. Working Goals:

- a. Move forward with Tucker Library Interiors for Children's Room redesign
- b. Meeting Room Projection project
- c. Time logs, re-prioritization & goal-setting.

2. Scheduled Happenings:

- a. Week of 1/11: Shelver Interviews
- b. 2/2: Town Dept Head Meeting

Assistant Director:

Upcoming Events/Programs:

- ***The 1713 Treaty of Portsmouth presented by Charles Doleac, Esq., Monday January 11, 7 pm,*** joint program with Stratham Historical Society
- ***Adult Coloring Program*** by the awesome Karen, January 19, 5:30 – 7.
- Ongoing programs – Writers Group, Knitting Class, Seekers book group

General notes on the state of the department.

- We will be sad to say goodbye to Debbie Allen, one of our shelvers, but we are very excited for her about her new job at Exeter Hospital. We will need to hire someone soon.

Children's Room News:

Upcoming Events/Programs:

- Wednesday Jan 20 4:00PM-5:00PM ***Mad Scientists-Catapults:*** Our mad scientists assemble again for this fun filled physics program. We'll learn what a catapult is and what makes it work. Then we'll assemble craft stick catapults and test them out using mini pompoms.
- Wednesday Jan 27 4:00PM-5:00PM ***Lego Club:*** Lego Club gives kids the opportunity to explore their creative side by building with Legos. We'll have challenges different challenges for the kids each month, but free building is always encouraged!

Ongoing programs: Storytime and Babytime will kickoff a new session on January 11th. Sara will do themes on friendship, dragons, and snowmen!

Sara Arnold, our new Children's Librarian is here! She's excited to start up storytime again, and is busy preparing for her preschool outreach visits. We're very excited to have her on board.

In December Sam and Mary Ellen, along with three wonderful volunteers, put on a gift making workshop for kids. We had thirty three kids participate, ranging in age from two to ten years old. We received a lot of positive comments from families on this one.

And Make a Difference Club was super busy this month! Jan, Sara, and several volunteers had thirty four kids create a hundred boxes of candy, which Miss Jan and Mary Ellen delivered to cancer patients at Exeter Hospital. The program was mentioned in the newspaper, and several patients have reached out to the library to express their appreciation.

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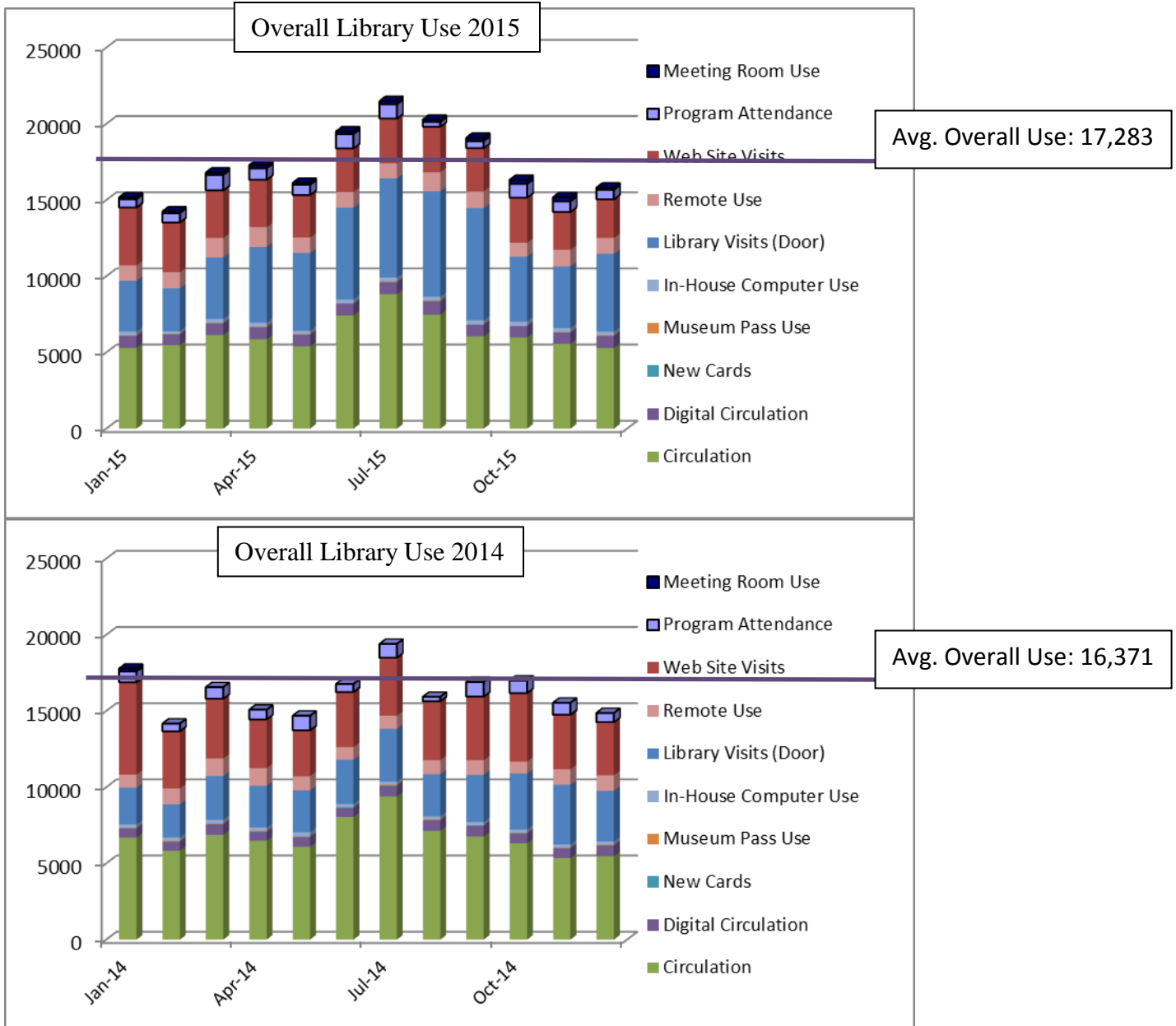
Teen Area News:

Upcoming Events/Programs:

- **Thursdays, 3:30-5:30: Babysitting Course**
5 classes, up to 20 students, 5th grade – high school. We get the curriculum & textbooks free from 4-H & the UNH Cooperative Extension. The course covers business basics, finding clients, handling emergencies, child development, games, books & entertainment, diapering, and discipline. We also invite library families to bring in their little ones for a “guinea pig” session where our new sitters get to practice on actual kids (and the parents get to meet potential new sitters & chat with each other). We normally hold this class in the fall, but had only 3 kids sign up. At typing time, I have 16 so far- a much better turnout! There seems to be less competition at this time of the year.
- **Wednesday, 1/13: Half-Day Movie Marathon**
The middle schoolers have a half-day, so we pop some corn & vote on movies & have a fun & relaxing movie day. This is nice for kids who can't go home on early days, and also helps keep them occupied & well-behaved during what can be a very long stay here at the library. We have watched a variety of movies in the past, from Jurassic Park to Mrs. Doubtfire. The kids get to vote on what they watch, so they are all engaged.
- **New, Teen-led programming**
Program attendance has gone down, but our actual attendance in the Teen Room remains high. I will be stopping most scheduled craft & activity programs, leaving it to the teens to choose what they'd like to do, and when. We will obviously have some limits, based on time, mess, and available space, but I feel allowing the teens to choose their own activities will better reflect their interests in our stats, and keep them more engaged and less mischievous. ☺I still need to create a list of activities for them to choose from, so they know what's available to them.

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Statistical Notes:



What is Up?

Computer Use	13%
Remote Use, Digital Circ	13%, 17%
Total Mtg Room Attendance, Uses	15%, 38%
Children's Area Program Attendance	12%

What is Down?

Trad. Circ. (Ckout/Renew)	-6%
Museum Pass Use	-13%
Teen Prog. Attendance	-27%

What is Even?

Program Attendance	0%	Adult 1.6%
Checkouts	-4%	
New Card Registrations	-1%	