

Our 4th quarter of the 21st Century Community Learning Center after school program with Kelley has 4 students enrolled. The after school class for 1-3 graders on "Exploring Your Senses" has 10 students enrolled. We have begun advertising "Wii Gaming Time". So far a total of 17 participants in 5 sessions.

The final report has been filed for last summer's Winnie Belle Learned Grant (which paid for performers, supplies and extra staff time). I have completed purchasing for the Winne Belle Learned Wii Grant, but will wait until we have more Wii programming before I submit my final report. I have begun to purchase health related books through the Ashgate Grant and Health Department Grant. I have also purchased a new book truck to display this collection.

I attended a grant workshop hosted by Vermont Arts Council and learned about grants that may be able to help us with after school and summer programs. The deadline for next summer's grant would be June 1 this year, so that one may be tricky to get done in time. We can use an American Masterpieces grant to fund a performer this summer. This is the same grant we used last year for Peter Burns' appearance at the Summer Camp.

Dean Howarth has given us much information he has collected from Richford Gazettes to use for the Quiz Bowl. We need to be sure that we make note of that at the Quiz Bowl and maybe in the program as well. What he has printed for us is just a part of the larger project he has been working on - typing articles and notes from the Gazette and sorting them into files for each building in town - what went on in each and changes throughout.

Last month we talked about the town check. It is written at the end of the month it is intended for, but sometimes Gary does not have it ready until the next month. So the check deposited in January for \$3,900 was for December 2009.

The Vermont Public Library Statistics, 2010 Annual Report is now available online at: <http://libraries.vermont.gov/libraries/stats/plstats>. You can read the complete report in pdf format and can also see the statistics in excel spreadsheet format. The spreadsheet is more comprehensive and includes all of the raw data from which the Report was drawn. I have requested a print copy as well

The Northeast Regional Library (NERL) in St. Johnsbury will close for good on July 3, 2010. The collection will be consolidated at the Berlin site and will be open to school and public libraries no later than January 2011 under the new name of Midstate Library Service Center (MLSC).

In late May, the Department of Libraries will send out to libraries two free passes, one for state parks and (new this year!) one for state historic sites. Each pass admits up to eight people traveling in the same vehicle.

The Follies fundraising totals:

Income: \$309.75

Expenses: \$53.88

Net: \$255.87

Meeting dates for next months: May 19 and June 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Smolinsky