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A recent study...

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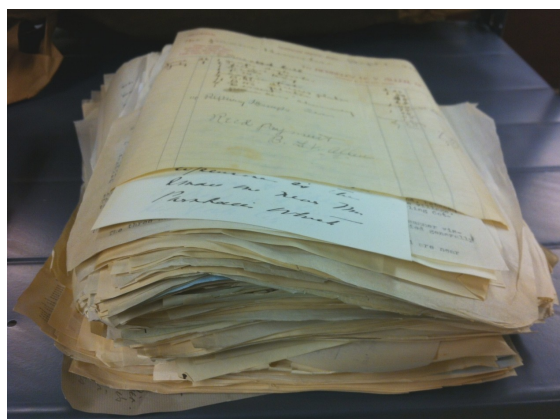
by the Pew Research Center entitled "Library Services in the Digital Age" found that in the past 12 months, 53% of Americans ages 16 and older visited a library or bookmobile. A full 91% of Americans ages 16 and older say public libraries are important to their communities.

This is no big surprise to us at the Northeast Harbor Library, People love the library and it shows! In 2012, the library recorded 61, 781 visits. We checked out 48,552 materials and our 277 events were attended by 4,400 people.

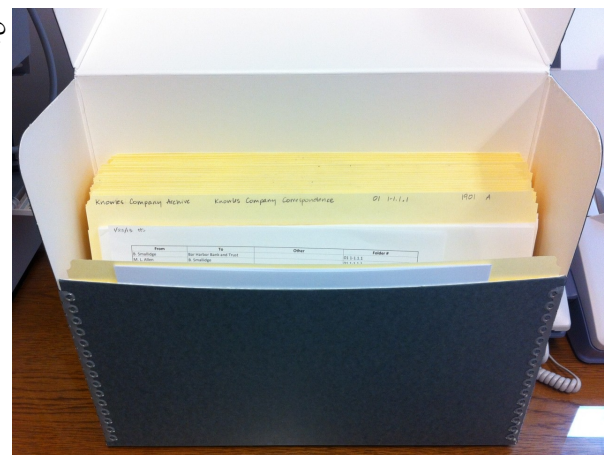
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Knowles Company Correspondence Archives Project

How does this...



Become this?



Hannah Stevens, the library's archivist, works with it, that's how! The "Knowles Company Correspondence" project began when library staff located numerous boxes full of letters between Miss Belle Smallidge Knowles and clients searching for summer rental housing or property for purchase in the library's basement. The letters date from 1901 to about 1926. Miss Smallidge's records were kept in meticulous order; chronological by year and alphabetical by last name of the client. They create a rich, readable dialogue between Miss Smallidge and her clients. We have started processing the collection and are slowly creating a binder to house photocopies for public in-library use (the paper is far too brittle for continuous handling). Stay tuned for updates!



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Northeast Harbor Library announces 2013 Coleman Award



The Scholarship Committee of the library has selected Noelle Riley as the 2013 recipient of the Beverly Coleman Award. Noelle Reilly is a sophomore at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. She has a life-long love of history, particularly the Civil War, and is pursuing this interest within her studies and in her extracurricular activities. She hopes to attend the Gettysburg Semester of Civil War Studies next fall. We congratulate Noelle on her hard work and dedication!

About the Award

In 2010, Dr. Douglas Coleman and his son Thomas provided the Northeast Harbor Library's Scholarship Program's Endowment Fund with gifts to establish the Beverly Coleman Scholarship Award in memory of Doug's late wife, who was Tom's mother. Beverly volunteered at the Library for more than twenty years and was involved with many other community organizations such as the Wild Gardens of Acadia. The library's Scholarship Committee gives this award to a student who shows a commitment to community service, conservation, horticulture or history (Beverly's interests!)

Thank you!

Summer Book Sale Volunteers Needed!

Each summer, the library hosts weekly book sales. We sell donated books, accumulated throughout the year as well as library discards and other various materials. All the proceeds go to the library. This year, we hope to open the sale twice a week and we need volunteer help to staff the sale room (aka, the basement!) on Wednesday from 4pm-6pm in July and August. It's very simple and fun! You could volunteer for just one day or more often. Interested? Please contact Brook at bminner@nehlibrary.org or 207-273-3333.

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Saturday: 9 am to 1pm
(9 am to 5 pm in July and August)

From the President of the Board...

It's been a really cold winter. We had some great snow in the last part of December and early January, when the carriage roads were full of happy cross-country skiers; a few balmy days just to trick us when people joked about the "heat wave" hitting our town as it got up to 35, or even 45 degrees. But a lot of the time it's just been cold. The kind of cold that makes sea smoke puff up off the Sound and the ground hard as a rock. The kind of true cold that makes your car creak and your thoughts move slower. We tell ourselves that the temperature's temporary – and we know that it is – but meanwhile, how do you get through the days – and nights – when you feel so brittle?



Well of course you read. And how lovely the sight of that big welcoming library on a cold winter night – all lit up with cars parked out front and just full of books and movies and people and possibility. There are books on travel and books on tape, engrossing thrillers and thoughtful novels. There are picture books that introduce our children to the magic of reading, and there are movies and magazines and countless activities planned.

We are so lucky in this town, and in these times, to have the library we have. Thank you to everyone who supports our library, so we can keep those warm lights on when it's cold and the wind is blowing.

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