

# Sargentville Library Association

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## Newsletter Winter 2012-13



### Winter greetings to friends of the Sargentville Library

#### From the Archives

Last year we shared with you a 1904 letter from Lida Harkness to Dora Currier, the Library Association secretary. The letter explained that a gift of \$80.00 would be presented to the Association if its members could build a library within a year...and they accomplished that.

This year we want to share a wonderful letter written in 1909 from Althine Lear in Mill Village, N.H. to Martha Currier (grandmother of Pam, David, Sharon, and Warren Simmons). In this letter Mrs. Lear thanks the Sargentville Association for providing the inspiration for construction of the Mill Village Library, and she includes details about the building as well as a picture. Recent research shows that their building, enhanced by some extensive landscaping, still stands. Mill Village is currently part of Goshen, N.H. and the library is called the Olive G. Pettis Library. Their website is [goshenlibrary.org](http://goshenlibrary.org).

#### Activities during the summer of 2012

We continued to be open Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings throughout July and August. More people volunteered to serve this year. Among them were Pam Simmons, Rada Starkey, Diana Wood, Fran Eastman, Annie Conaway, Debrae Bishop, Diana LaCasse, Susie Fleisher, Carol Graves, Cathy Marshall, and Jan Anderson. We continued our Saturday morning social hours with additional people preparing refreshments: Linda Long, Don Means, and Peggy Rhoades. Attendance at the 8 social hours ranged from a high of 27 to 4 with the average hovering around 10. Patronage of our library improved greatly with the number of patrons doubling and, as a consequence, the number of books loaned tripled. Book club attendance also increased ranging from 4 to 7 over three months. We discussed the following books: "Sense of an Ending", Julian Barnes, "Unbroken", Laura Hillenbrand, and "Pocketful of Names", Joe Coomer. Our WIFI functioned from May through September, and again proved very popular. For the first time we collaborated with the Magic Food Bus program providing adult books once a week when the bus made numerous stops in Sedgwick. Finally, as

of last spring our 107 year old library is "sporting" a new roof.

#### New developments during the summer of 2012

We were blessed with some extremely generous gifts. In addition to the purchase of a huge number of new books, we were given colorful new lawn chairs, a new flag, curtains, a desk chair and numerous office items. As a result Jan Anderson, Kay Grover, Cathy Marshall and Annie Conaway have been working throughout the fall on the cataloging and culling processes. This will continue into 2013. In addition, we are continuing to offer WIFI throughout the winter, and the library is open mornings on the first Saturday of each month.

#### Plans for 2013

We hope to build on the increased community interest and patronage shown this past summer, continuing our 2012 expanded services. However, we must enlist more volunteers to catalog books and supervise library hours. If you have not yet volunteered and want to help us expand the significance of the library within our community this winter and/or next summer, please let us know.

For your information here is the list of Library Association officials:

President	Diana Marston Wood
Vice President	Robert Starkey
Secretary	Cathy Marshall
Treasurer	Rada Starkey
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Librarian Cathy Marshall

If you have suggestions or reactions to this newsletter, feel free to contact Diana ([dmwood@pitt.edu](mailto:dmwood@pitt.edu)) or Cathy ([cathy@steelydev.com](mailto:cathy@steelydev.com)).

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Mill Village, N. H.  
Aug. 10, 1909.

Martha M. Currier,  
Sargentville, Me.

Dear Madam: -

Please find enclosed picture of our new Library building, erected last year, and dedicated last Nov., and in which I think you may feel interested because it was patterned after a post-card picture of your library at Sargentville, Me., from which my husband, Mr. Lear,

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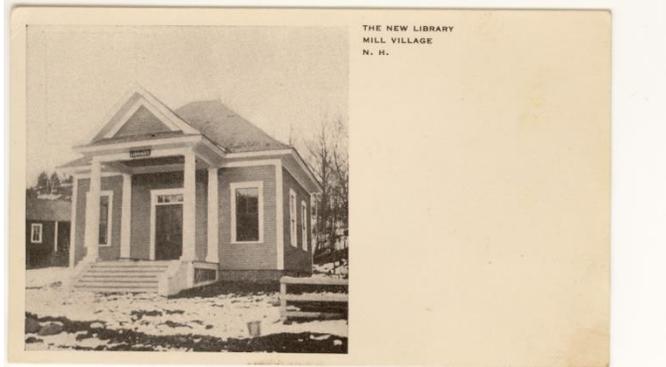
who was one of our building committee, drew the plans for the structure, making only slight changes, as you see. Mr. Halladay of Boston also forwarded to me your letter to him, in which you kindly gave details regarding size, cost, &c. Our building is 24 by 26 feet, the interior being finished in one large room, with hard wood floor, and has a fire-place with beautiful mantel-mirror above it, on either side of which the bookshelves are placed. These shelves are finished in hard wood and are very neat and attractive in appearance.

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Mill Village, N. H.

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To Librarian of Public Library -  
Sargentville -  
Maine.



The building cost over \$11,000.<sup>00</sup>, beside  
8000 feet of lumber which was given,  
and some work. The money for it  
was raised mainly by popular sub-  
scription, - all but \$300. <sup>00</sup> which  
was voted and given by the town.  
We have now 1600 volumes on the  
shelves, 800 of which were the gift of  
Mr. Holladay. I think you may like  
to know there is another library so  
much like yours. Thanking you for  
the assistance you rendered us I am  
Very Cordially Yours,  
Atchison F. Lear.