

CIRCULATION

Library circulation totaled 133,415 items, composed of 121,185 lent locally and the balance (12,230) loaned out to other WLS Libraries. In addition, Pelham Library users borrowed 27,299 items from other WLS member libraries. **Materials borrowed via the WLS system continue to grow as patrons take advantage of the benefits of shared resources available from this large library network.**

COLLECTION

We added 3,118 books to the collection in 2013, and 550 other materials (mostly audio and video products). **The Library houses a total of over 42,000 items.** In addition, patrons may access Westchester Library System's (WLS) collection of over 50,000 ebooks as well as over 9,000 downloadable audio and video products. **The WLS Libraries continue to make a significant investment in e-books, which are available via download to all patrons.**

COMPUTERS

We have **7 computers with Internet connections**, on which patrons logged 10,546 Internet sessions. Another computer is dedicated to the Library catalog. **One-on-one computer classes are available upon request.**

HOURS AND ACCESS

In 2013, the Library was open 2,110 hours; **the Library is open a minimum of 40 hours per week.** Patrons can also reserve, renew, and download materials via the Library's website, pelhamlibrary.org, whether the Library is open or closed. Visits to the website increased 7% over 2012, to 33,865.

PROGRAMS

In 2013, we held a total of 296 programs, with an attendance of almost 9,000 people of all ages.

Popular programs include Children's Story Time, the Summer Reading Program, Creative Aging (playwriting), the Adult Book Club, and various author readings. **In addition, the Friends hosted Pelham's first-ever Pelham Reads!, a series of events around Mary Shelley's Frankenstein.**



REFERENCE

Our reference librarians are available whenever the library is open. We help patrons in the Library and over the phone, and logged almost 10,000 reference questions (including title searches) during the year.

REGISTERED USERS

The Library had 6,467 cardholders at year-end 2013; this represents 52% of the population of the Town of Pelham, or **approximately 1.5 cardholders per household.**

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

We have been busy maintaining our facilities! Please **admire our slate roof and interior lighting**, both new over the last two years and made possible through the NY State Library Construction

Grant program, and assisted by the Town of Pelham, and by both **Jeff Klein's** and **Amy Paulin's** offices. Separately, we have **improved our communications efforts**, with regular coverage in the Pelham Weekly as well as a monthly e-newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS & OTHER SUPPORT

We couldn't do it without you! The Library give its heartfelt thanks to:

- ❖ the **Junior League of Pelham** for coordinating the Story Time programs, purchasing four iPads with children's apps, and to the Provisional Class for coordinating the new Teen Advisory Board;
- ❖ our wonderful **Friends of the Library**, who support all the Library's Programs, computers, and myriad smaller gestures, as well as Pelham Reads, mentioned earlier;
- ❖ Westchester's **Lifetime Arts**, for a grant to continue our popular Creative Aging writing program;
- ❖ other community volunteers, particularly **Michelle Simon** (for bi-lingual Story Time) and **Ligaya Gritz** (for landscaping), and **Boy Scout Troops #11** (New Rochelle) and **#1** (Pelham) for manning the flag pole; and, of course,
- ❖ The Town of Pelham.

