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overflowing, labeled and ready to go.

Around that time of summer, the libraries have started their summer reading programs; sometimes it's a week long camp, (great grandsons Bentley and Colby attended) but most often it was a summer's worth of activities and reading. The highlights included a veterinary wellness check, followed by a sniffer dog demonstration, both in the library, visits to the bank and physical therapy office and Naughty Nellie's – yum. Summer programs often concluded with field trips, such as the ones to Squam Lake Natural Science Center and the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne State Park. There was also a homemade rocket launch, but not in the library – phew. Fairy house construction has drawn children to the library grounds, especially with Priscilla's magic box of building materials.

Priscilla put up with a group of trustees determined to move things around one year, but of course nothing was done without her approval and helpful



Julie Matz became a new Trustee of the Andover Libraries, filling a vacancy left by Alita Phelps.

suggestions. Could we move the YA collection just off the work station for more privacy? Oh sure. How about reversing the furniture in the reading room for more space? Yes, and while you're at it, could you remove a magazine rack - no one is reading them anymore.

Then there was the entry hall makeover; Priscilla put up with several weeks of rearrangement there! Dust flew as we emptied the shelves and consigned contents to the town archives or elsewhere. Doug and Alita Phelps painted the backs of the now open spaces, and Priscilla suggested an ongoing book sale, which is what greets visitors today.

Yes, Priscilla participated in the great changeover from the card catalogue to an online search website, and learned the technology to facilitate the system, and the cataloguing of accomplishments goes on. She has been the face of the Andover Library for many years, and we wish her a happy and joyful retirement.

Now, by sheer happenstance, granddaughter Michaela Hoover has become
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An orphaned baby bear spent a week in an East Andover back yard enjoying the bounty of pears. The bear retreated to a tree in the Perreault's East Andover back yard before being caught and taken to a safe haven at the Kilham Bear Center in Lyme, New Hampshire. Photos: Pamela Cooper

Baby Bear Indulges in Pears in East Andover Back Yard

Now in good hands at Kilham Bear Sanctuary

Judy Perreault, East Andover

A baby bear spent about a week in our yard eating pears. It was evident that he was abandoned for some reason. He was very tiny, about the size of a racoon. We notified the Fish and Game Department, and they came and set up a trap baited with donuts and vanilla scent. The first night we caught a

raccoon. The second night we caught the bear.

He has gone to the Kilham Bear Center in Lyme, New Hampshire. According to Fish and Game there were a number of abandoned bears this year. My daughter went to check out the Bear Center. It costs \$1,500 to raise a baby until the time it can be released back into the wild. Their website contains great pictures and information: kilhambearcenter.org.



Holiday Schedule:

- Christmas Eve: Open 7 am to 2 pm
- Christmas Day: Closed
- Day After Christmas: Closed
- New Year's Eve: Open 7 am to 2 pm
- New Year's Day: Closed

Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

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