To the Editor:

Thank you for interest in the recent Belmont Library Heritage event. The 86th anniversary was a milestone for the current building, and earlier library locations—adding up to more than a century on Main Street in the Village.

Library trustees extend public thanks to guests Peter Michaud of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources and Michael York, Director of the New Hampshire State Library. We appreciated the greetings from Ruth Mooney, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and kind congratulations from State Senator Andrew Hosmer and Representative Mike Sylvia.

The restoration pledge of the 1800’s clock greeting library patrons since 1928 was most generous. We are grateful to Denis Carignan of Carignan Watch Company, and the artistry of Mrs. Pauline Murphy for their generous and talented contribution.

Lastly, we recognize the Heritage Commission for its gift of the National Register plaque and helping to build awareness of the importance of our building. As Mr. Michaud pointed out, it was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places on Aug. 12, 1985, for architectural significance “both as one of the best small public libraries in the Lakes Region, and as one of the region’s best examples of the Colonial Revival style.” Our library is one of about only 40 in New Hampshire honored with this distinction.

The Library serves many interests, all ages and welcomes all — during the week, several nights and Saturday mornings. Besides books and new media we provide computer access and sponsor a newly formed Teen Advisory Group, Lego Club, Preschool Story Hour and other well-attended activities including a Summer Reading Program. Be sure and visit on Old Home Day and join us for local newspapers and coffee, and see what’s new.

Sincerely,

Belmont Library Trustees
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