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The newsletter of the Windham Public Library Windham, Maine



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Windham Public Library Director selected Maine's Outstanding Librarian

On November 16th at the joint conference of the Maine Library Association and the Maine Association of School Libraries at the Cross Center in Bangor, **Jen Alvino** was presented with the

2014 Outstanding Librarian Award. Letters supporting the nomination were provided by Maureen Sullivan, past American Library Association President, Andi Jackson-Darling, past Maine Library Association President, Tony Plante, Windham Town Manager, and colleagues in the field on the local level. The nomination was based on her involvement in state, regional, and national library groups, and her record of professional leadership. Jen was instrumental in bringing the New England Library Association Fall Conference to Portland in October, 2013—the first time it had been hosted in Maine. Locally, she lead the Windham Public Library staff in steps to complete their migration to Minerva when the new system went live on November 24th. Jen's leadership toward this project and her ability to bring out the best in the staff she works with during the past year has benefited the Windham community and beyond.

Congratulations, Jen!



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Director's Note:

Our first Minerva deliveries began rolling in to the library last week. It is exciting to see the community already taking advantage of all that Minerva has to offer. If you haven't taken a look at the catalog, visit our website or stop in and talk with a staff person for a quick tutorial. This week we will be connected to the MaineCat catalog which includes items from Portland Public, Bangor Public, the University of Maine system libraries as well as Colby, Bates and Bowdoin. This allows for even greater access to library items throughout the state.

Staff members are continuing to familiarize themselves with the new software and work processes. They are doing a great job learning while still providing the wonderful service that you have always received. I'm so proud of all the library staff members and how they worked as a team to accomplish the goal of joining the consortium. The transition went very well!

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to those of you that visited us during our Food for Fines week. We sent out many letters and publicized this fine amnesty week widely. Many of you responded by bringing back long overdue items and giving us non-perishable items in lieu of fines on your account. This was so helpful to clear up our records before our software transition. We were able to make a sizable donation to the Windham Food Pantry. Thank you!

I hope to see you in the library soon!

~Jen Alvino

Library Director



Have you seen Minerva yet?

Login to your account and check the catalog here: <https://minerva.maine.edu/>

Questions? Contact our staff in person, by phone (892-1908) or by email (sjbannen@windhammaine.us or dkcurrier@windhammaine.us)

Here's What " _____ " likes to DIG into!

Tuesday, December 23,
1:00pm-2:00pm

Stop by the library meeting room to create your own favorite poster with crayons, markers, and lots of imagination. **The first 25 children** who stop by will be able to take part in this fun activity.



BUSTER B.

Monday, December 29,
1:00 pm

Children's performer Buster B. (a.k.a. Shawn Hennessy) will lead us through song, dance and movement. Buster B.'s songs are designed to get kids dancing, moving, and singing. Grown-ups should have fun, too!



Questions? Contact Mrs. Parker, 892-1908

What sorts of programs are you looking for @ the Library?

More Author Book Talks? Consumer Health? Financial topics? Crafting? Poetry? Writers' Group? Let us know what you would like. Contact Barbara @ 892-1908 or email bkeef@windhammaine.us



AmazonSmile Donations



Do you buy things from Amazon.com? If so, please consider becoming a part of AmazonSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/01-0384135>

The Friends of the Windham Public Library will receive 0.5% of qualifying purchases to help with the extras that the Friends provide to our library.

Many thanks to the anonymous person who let Amazon know that our library had this 501(c)(3) support group.

Monthly Genealogy Workshop

1:00-3:00 pm on specified Fridays starting in 2015:

January 9th, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th

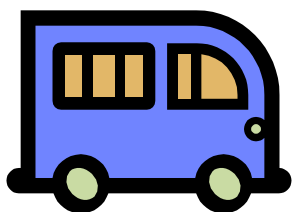
Ever think about your "roots"? Does the thought of researching your family tree overwhelm you? Don't let it – it's easier than you think. During these classes, you'll receive guidance for locating family information at home, and in digitized records, books, indexes and other online sources.

Nancy Milliken Mason is a local Genetic Genealogist. She speaks to groups and organizations on basic and genetic genealogy and how to use DNA to assist in your research. She's also available for general research and genetic research consultations.

Please call Barbara @ the Library (892-1908) to register for these free library workshops



2015 Outreach Schedule and New Delivery Location



Starting on January 6th, the Windham Public Library will add **Little Falls Landing** to its list of senior housing deliveries. Along with **Ledgewood Manor, Unity Gardens** and **New Marblehead Manor**, the library will deliver an assortment of books (both regular print and large print) and movies on the first Tuesday of each month. At this time we anticipate the deliveries being made in the morning, but depending on travel time and delivery complications the timing is tentative and subject to adjusting as needed.

The scheduled 2015 dates are January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1.

Questions can be directed to Sally Bannen @ the Library 892-1908

Ongoing programs and displays

Books and Babies

FOR: Ages 6-24 months

HELD: Tuesdays, 10:15 am

Please call to verify that program is still being held that day



Books and Babies lasts approximately 20 minutes, and includes songs, fingerplays, and a story. This program has several goals: to provide early experiences for children with the spoken word, to provide a chance for parents/caregivers to share activities with children, and to create enjoyment for all during story time. It is very helpful for the adults to model the activities by participating with their child.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



We will be enjoying an easy craft **Thursday, December 18th, Monday, December 22nd, and Tuesday, December 23rd** right after Story Times and Books and Babies. Holiday cheer will be included with drinks and paper goods provided by the library. Friends are asked to bring along a simple snack to share. Hope you can find time to join us.



Preschool Story Times

FOR: Children up to age 5

HELD: Mondays, 10:30 am
Thursdays, 10:30 am



Children up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers are invited to join us. This presentation includes two stories and several songs. Children should be able to sit attentively throughout the 30 minute program.

Please call to verify that program is still being held that day

TNT Club

(Tweens-n-Teens)



For kids only! Grades 6-12 (ages 10-18) welcome!! Join us for our free after-school programs. More info at <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/teens>

MOVIE DAY - Wednesday December 10th 2:15 pm

Join us in the meeting room for popcorn and a movie. We'll be watching Frozen (2014, rating PG, 108 minutes). Go to the website above for more info about the movie.

TNT BOOK GROUP - Wednesday December 17th, 2:15 pm

Join us in the Teen area for **Story Shares**. Each person will have 1 minute (per book, up to 3 books) to tell us about a book she/he has read-- loved it, hated it, why or why not, etc. Audio and digital books can be shared too! After the meeting, stay to talk more and/or give us your opinion about new releases coming out.



Book Group



Next meeting: December 16th, 6:15 pm

We are hosting another discussion group facilitated by the Maine Humanities Council in cooperation with the Maine State Library. This 5-part series is entitled "**Detective Fiction in the 20th Century: a Notion of Evil**". There is a limit of 20 participants, with copies of the books available for each person. Please call Barbara at the Library to reserve your spot in the group, to get your copy of the monthly selection ("**The Maltese Falcon**" by Dashiell Hammett), or for more information: 892-1908.

Movie Time



NEW PROGRAM!



Next Movie: December 17th, 1:00 pm

Love to watch films? Bring your own snacks and join us in the library meeting room for a movie. This month we'll be watching Thomas Kincaid's Christmas Cottage (2013, rating PG-13, 125 minutes) starring Marcia Gay Harden and Peter O'Toole.

This movie group is aimed at an adult audience, but all ages are welcome to attend. Please call Barbara for more details: 892-1908.

Tea For You @ The Library



Next Tea: December 2nd, 1:30-2:30 pm

The library hosts an informal tea in the meeting room. Folks are encouraged to drop in, share conversation, tea, and goodies. The tea is open to anyone who would like to stop by that afternoon, whether you have a library account with us or not. All ages— kids to adults— are welcome, and the atmosphere is quite relaxed (no need to dress up, unless you wish). We hope you (and friends) will come!

Knitting Group

This month:
December 9th
3:00-5:00 pm



No meeting on 23rd

Whether you knit, crochet or do any other form of needlework, you are welcome to join our informal group. Bring your own project to work on. Share patterns, tips and conversation. **ALL AGES WELCOME!** This is not intended as an instructional session-- although you may learn something new from your fellow knitters. We meet the 2nd & 4th **Tuesdays** each month, **3-5 pm**.



Exhibit Case

Nov 1, 2014 -
Jan 31, 2015

Coffee mugs

Jen Alvino

Art Display

Nov 1, 2014 -
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Mary T. Weston



For more information about our displays, go to <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/exhibits>

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon & Wed

10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Tues, Thurs & Fri

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sat & Sun

closed



YOUR LIBRARY STAFF

Library Director: Jen Alvino

Adult Services Librarian: Sally Bannen

Reference/Technology Librarian: Barbara Keef

Children's Librarian: Laurel T. Parker

Children's Room Coordinator: Diana Currier

Library Aides: Janet Stover, Jeanne Thurber,
Lisa Schadler, Jennifer Dupree



to see updates on new materials, reminders about library programs, and other info



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