



Windham Public Library Report
March 2014



<p><u>Monthly Statistics</u></p> <p>Attendance: 6,651 Items circulated: 7,792 New library patrons: 68 New items added to collection: 385 Special Requests: 43 (<i>items borrowed from other libraries</i>): Reference questions answered: 116 Computer sign-ins: 669 Meeting room usage: 67 Downloads used: 540 checkouts, 12 new user registrations Items repaired: 59 Bills for un-returned materials: 4 (<i>2 adult; 2 children</i>) Volunteer hours logged: 93.75</p>	<p><u>Story Time</u></p> <p>Preschool Story Time— 9 sessions, 42 Adults, 54 Children Books and Babies— 3 sessions, 53 Adults, 56 Children</p> <p>Children’s Museum – 4 uses Dundee Park - closed Maine State Park Pass – no use Maine Wildlife Park – no use Planetarium – 3 uses Willowbrook – closed</p> <p>PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS \$138</p> <p>Items rebarcoded: 2,939</p>
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What’s going on?

Collection maintenance continued this month with removing outdated and unused materials from our collection. Barbara and I spent lots of time reviewing items to check for the validity of the information and whether or not there was still interest in them in the adult collection and Laurel did the same for the Children’s collection. We removed items that were no longer useful to the collection and found newer items with more accurate information and greater interest that will hopefully circulate more. In addition, 2,939 items were rebarcoded this month. We are making impressive progress with this project and I am proud of the efforts of the library staff members. Library staff members have been trained to exchange current patron barcodes for new, 14-digit barcodes as well. New library cards with our new logo will begin to be distributed April 14th.

Aileen Pelletier’s second grade class at Windham Primary School completed the Our Community Junior Achievement program. Visits were made to Birchwood, Creative Explorations, and Little Log Cabin Montessori School. Sabrina Nickerson’s fifth grade class hosted Carol and David Manchester, learning about the Civil War and how it affect the Manchester family as their son Joseph K. Manchester went to war and did not return. This was part of the educational piece of the Local and Legendary grant project. A pair of hand knit socks with JKM initials were presented to Carol. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick was the focus of two book discussion groups held at the library on March 18, an afternoon one for young people and an evening one for adults. They were facilitated by Libby Bischoff and Adam Tuchinsky, both professors at USM.

The New England Round Table of Children’s Librarians sponsored a technology conference in Worcester, MA which Laurel Parker was able to attend. The Literacy for ME Raymond/Windham group met and shared information about how businesses and educators are beginning to share resources and information.



LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES

Declaration for the Right to Libraries

Laurel Parker and author, Carol Manchester

Join us April 14th at 4pm

Favorite Reference Question

Barbara Keef-Reference and Technology Librarian

Do you have any information on “limberjacks”?

We were able to track down some information using google on these wooden, dancing dolls which were often handmade but also were mass-produced in the United States in the early 1900s.

Upcoming events:

The next discussion in our Let’s Talk About program, "Making a Living, Making a Life", with the Maine Humanities Council, is April 29th at 6:15pm. The group will be discussing *Working* by Studs Terkel. Space is limited so contact Barbara to reserve your spot bkeef@windhammaine.us or 892-1908.

The next meeting of the Tweens N Teens Club is April 10th 2:30-3:30. **Topic:** Read a Scary, Supernatural or Survival story. **Activities:** Frost (and eat!) your own computer cupcake.

Tea for You @ the library—April 8th at 1:30pm

National Library Week April 13-19th. Event: Monday, April 14th at 4pm Declaration for the Right to Libraries reading and signing. Special guests: Town officials, State Librarian, Linda Lord, Author Julia Spencer-Fleming and Illustrator Kevin Hawkes. Unveiling of library logo and new library card design.

National Library Workers Day is Tuesday, April 15th. Thank your librarians!

Aquarium Craft project April 23 at 1:00pm. Make your own multi-dimensional aquarium.

Rob Duquette music program April 25 at Noon. Hear music from around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

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