



Windham Public Library Report August 2016



Mission, Success, Measurement

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by partnering with other agencies. With the kickoff of the new school year there are many opportunities for the library to partner with the schools. I connected with the principals at each Windham School over the Summer. Library staff members will be in attendance at functions at each school to talk about library services and register students and parents for new cards. This is a great opportunity for the library to be visible in the community but also to connect with the schools and let them know the public library is here to support their literacy efforts.

What's going on?

Our Summer Reading programs wrapped up August 29th. In the Children's Room 194 kids signed up for the minute tracking program that included two other requirements besides tracking the number of minutes read throughout the summer. 37 kids completed their tracking and submitted the form to Mrs. Parker. 66 kids signed up for the Junior BINGO. 10 kids completed all nine squares, another 11 did part of the sheet and got prizes for what they completed. For the Adults and Teens, 20 Adults signed up for BINGO and 5 Teens. 6 Adults and 2 Teens completed requirements. Attention is now being turned to Fall and Winter programming. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for our upcoming events.

The August 2 Tea for You @ the Library was sponsored by Subway. They provided an assortment of five different flavors of their cookies. Cheese, crackers, and a four berry bowl rounded out the offerings for the 35 plus guests who stopped in to enjoy the event.

The "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" summer programs continued through the month with 3 sessions of our chapter book discussion group, 85 folks enjoying the Ice Cream Party, a craft day, a yoga session presented by Rebecca LaWind, the End of the Summer Star Party for Bedtime Math lead by Catherine Miller, and the sports themed end of summer backyard carnival presented by Diana Currier, for which Hannaford made a donation. Many young patrons completed their summer reading by turning in their completed program pieces or their Bingo sheets. All seemed pleased with their rewards thanks to Dairy Queen, the Ice Cream Dugout, Smitty's Cinemas, and Jeffrey and Sonja Florman.

The library had a presence at the Manchester School Open House on Monday, August 29. The magnet backpack attracted many of the young folks and people were surprised to hear it could be checked out like a book. Several new families to the area had their questions answered about the library. It was good to connect with many of our regular patrons who were glad to see us at the event.

The monarch butterflies arrived the first week of August. 15 families have helped raise them at home this year. As of August 31, 8 of the 12 that are at the library have emerged and we've had two releases.

Upcoming Events:

American Red Cross Blood Drive-Thursday, September 1-11am-4pm

Knitters n' More-Every Tuesday at 1pm

Tea for You @the Library-Tuesday, September 13th 1:30-2:30pm

Library Coloring Group-Saturday, Next meeting October 1st, 10-12pm

Author Talk-Kevin Hancock, Wednesday, September 14th, 6-7pm

Reading Therapy Dog visit- September 12th 10am

Saturday Family Story Time-Saturday, October 1st - 10:30-11:15am

Movie Time for Adults-Wednesday, September 28th, 1pm-(Finest Hours)

Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15am

Preschool Story Time- Mondays and Thursdays-10:30am

Children's Room Chapter Book Discussion Group- Wednesday, September 21st 4-5pm

Book Group-Wednesday September 28th 6pm

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 5,834 Windham items circulated: 8,840 Items received from Minerva libraries: 748 Windham items sent to other libraries: 762 New library patrons: 78 New items added to collection: 396 Special Requests: 6 Reference questions: 254 Computer sign-ins: 626 Meeting room usage: 50 MI Download checkouts: 528 3M checkouts: 102 Zinio checkouts: 42 Items repaired: 42 Volunteer hours logged: 99	<u>August 2015</u> Attendance: 5,959 Items circulated: 8,704 Items received from Minerva libraries: 739 Windham items sent to other libraries: 699 New patrons: 87 Items added: 567 Special requests: 6 Reference ?'s: 105 Computer sign-ins: 701 Meeting room usage: 37 MI Download checkouts: 561 3M checkouts: 98 Repaired items: 35 Volunteer hours: 209	<u>Other August 2016 Stats</u> Book Group: N/A Coloring Group: N/A Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 60 Author Talk: 2 Library Tea: N/A Movie program, tweens/teens: N/A Movie program, adults: 5 Movie program, family: N/A Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 17 Teen Event participation: 25 <u>Story Time</u> Preschool Story Time— 5 sessions, 67 Adults, 111 Children Books and Babies— 5 sessions, 55 Adults, 73 Children Family Story Time- 2 sessions, 6 Adults, 8 Children <u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 8 uses Dundee Park – 7 uses Maine State Park Pass – 15 uses (32 days) Maine Wildlife Park – 14 uses Planetarium – 0 use Willowbrook – 5 uses Tate House- 1 use PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$1,148
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