



## Windham Public Library Report February 2018



Each month, the library delivers books to residents at Windham senior housing facilities. In February the library took advantage of using one of the town's eco-friendly vehicles for the deliveries. It was a snowy day but the Nissan Leaf handled well in the weather. The library plans to use one of the town vehicles for each monthly outreach visit.

Joan Flagg-Williams, professor at St. Joseph's College and our Creative Writing Workshop coordinator for children at the library in the summer, arranged for one of her classes to have the public library perspective on children's books shared. On Tuesday, February 6, Laurel Parker worked with the class to share resources, explore Lupine winning books, and see how what is in picture books can influence the youngest of readers.

Young students at Birchwood and Little Log Cabin Montessori School enjoyed story time and books during their monthly visits.

February 12 was the presentation of the Youth Media Awards by the American Library Association. This event is now live-streamed so it was possible to place orders right away for books that were not already in the library's collection.

Tea was once again held at Windham Hill United Church of Christ on February 13. The theme was Mardi Gras, celebrated with "Mardi Gras Cake," fresh strawberries, cheese and crackers. This tea was a bit less formal as hot water was provided, teabags were available, and cups, plates, and utensils were all paper and plastic. Clean-up and carrying things was much easier than our previous tea at the church had been. We had a nice turn out of about 20 people.

During school vacation week we were lucky to have two special programs. Our regular book discussion group was graced with the presence of Megan Frazer Blakemore who is pursuing her doctorate at Simmons College. She interviewed 3 of the participants to learn about their reading habits and how they felt about assigned reading versus free reading. Diana Currier arranged to have a shark program on Thursday of vacation week. This, too, was held at the Windham Hill United Church of Christ. Almost 40 folks spent an hour learning more about sharks in the ocean.

The Tuesday after vacation was the start of Joyce Whidden's and Jenny Hopkins' second grade class embarking on the "Our Community" Junior Achievement program. They will have five classes which will teach them about businesses, money, and government.

**Upcoming Events:**

Library Closed-March 19<sup>th</sup>-April 8<sup>th</sup> for completion of the renovation

Library Movie showing-Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm-\*\*Windham Town Hall\*\* (Dunkirk)

Library Tea-Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm-\*\*Windham Hill UCC\*\*

Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15

Preschool Story Time-Mondays and Thursdays 10:30am

Knitting Group- Knitters 'N More-Every Tuesday 1pm \*\*Windham Hill UCC\*\*

Tech Help Thursdays-Every Thursday 10:30am-11:30am

Maine Humanities Council book discussion-Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm-\*\*Windham Town Hall\*\*

<b><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u></b> Attendance: <b>3,525</b> Windham items circulated: <b>5,528</b> Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>632</b> Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>598</b> New library patrons: <b>32</b> New items added to collection: <b>276</b> Special Requests: <b>8</b> Reference questions answered: <b>104</b> Computer sign-ins: <b>289</b> Meeting room usage: <b>N/A</b> Download Library: <b>913</b> Zinio: <b>31</b> ComicsPlus: <b>39</b> Universal Class Lessons Viewed: <b>49</b> Universal Class Videos Watched: <b>55</b> Items repaired: <b>18</b> Volunteer hours logged: <b>4.5</b>	<b><u>February 2017</u></b> Attendance: <b>3,588</b> Items circulated: <b>7,562</b> Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>595</b> Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>707</b> New patrons: <b>29</b> Items added: <b>266</b> Special requests: <b>7</b> Reference ?'s: <b>121</b> Computer sign-ins: <b>354</b> Meeting room usage: <b>40</b> MI Downloads used: <b>320</b> 3M: <b>193</b> Zinio: <b>35</b> Comics Plus: <b>30</b> Repaired items: <b>29</b> Volunteer hours: <b>45.5</b>	<b><u>Other February 2018 Stats</u></b> Book Group: <b>23</b> Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: <b>54</b> Author Talk: <b>N/A</b> Library Tea: <b>20</b> Movie program, adults: <b>4</b> Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: <b>3</b> Teen Event participation: <b>N/A</b> Tech Help: <b>3</b> Chapter Book Discussion Group: <b>10</b> Investigating Sharks program: <b>37</b>  <b><u>Story Time</u></b> Preschool Story Time— <b>7</b> sessions, <b>17</b> Adults, <b>22</b> Children Books and Babies— <b>4</b> sessions, <b>22</b> Adults, <b>23</b> Children  <b><u>Pass usage</u></b> Children's Museum – <b>1 use</b> Dundee Park – closed for season Maine State Park Pass – <b>no uses</b> Maine Wildlife Park – <b>closed for season</b> Planetarium – <b>0</b> <b>PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$20</b>
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