



**Windham Public Library Report**  
**April 2014**



<p><b><u>Monthly Statistics</u></b>  Attendance: <b>6,159</b>  Items circulated: <b>7,179</b>  New library patrons: <b>48</b>  New items added to collection: <b>453</b>  Special Requests: <b>50</b>  Reference questions answered: <b>109</b>  Computer sign-ins: <b>780</b>  Meeting room usage: <b>49</b>  Downloads used: <b>516</b> checkouts, <b>18</b> new user registrations  Items repaired: <b>46</b>  Bills for un-retained materials: <b>11</b> (7 adult; 4 children)  Volunteer hours logged: <b>86.5</b></p>	<p><b><u>Story Time</u></b>  Preschool Story Time— <b>7</b> sessions, <b>32</b> Adults, <b>43</b> Children  Books and Babies— <b>5</b> sessions, <b>73</b> Adults, <b>73</b> Children   Children’s Museum – <b>8</b> uses  Dundee Park - closed  Maine State Park Pass – no use  Maine Wildlife Park – <b>7</b> uses  Planetarium – <b>4</b> uses  Willowbrook – closed  <b>PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS \$337</b>  <b>Items re-barcoded: 1,710</b>  <b>Patron barcodes replaced: 845</b></p>
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**What’s going on?**

Our new logo, pictured below was introduced at our National Library Week event April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Declaration for the Right to Libraries event drew about 60 people who signed the declaration in support of a vibrant community library and heard from author, Julia Spencer-Fleming, Illustrator Kevin Hawkes, State Librarian Linda Lord and Windham Town officials. New 14-digit library cards with our new logo have begun to be distributed and we have received great feedback about the new cards and logo.

The library has changed to a new vendor for our magazine subscriptions and we have added several new magazines to our offerings. Look for them in the upcoming months! You will also find a newspaper called BookPage in the library. This is a monthly publication of book reviews and other news from the literary world. Pick up your free copy at the library! We hope you enjoy these new additions.

We were pleased to host the Portland Public Library Bookmobile April 30<sup>th</sup>. A Key Bank, representative, Deb Matthews, arrived with the bookmobile and distributed financial literature and answered questions. Thanks to Steve and Laura from PPL, Deb from Key Bank and Deb Clark from the Maine State Library for bringing the bookmobile to Windham!

Visits were made to Birchwood, Creative Explorations, and Little Log Cabin Montessori School. The Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War event in April was a part of the Manchester School Community Day on April 16. Sabrina Nickerson’s fifth grade class presented the American Legion with the money they had collected for G.A.R. grave markers. The slide show included pictures of the class presentation by David and Carol Manchester.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reading Round-Up was celebrated on April 10. Laurel Parker and Diana Currier both attended. Keynote speaker Anita Silvey (*Everything I Need to Know I learned from a Children’s Book*) shared with the audience of 350 stories about famous people’s lives and how a particular book helped form their future. They all remembered who put the book in their hands even if they couldn’t remember the name of the book itself. As chair of the Lupine Committee, Laurel Parker led the presentation to the authors and illustrators receiving Lupine and Katahdin awards and honors.

The Maine Wildlife Park opened on Saturday, April 19. Activity on the seasonal pass purchased for the library by the Friends has already gone well. The Friends of Windham Public Library have purchased a full set of passes for patrons to use (Children’s Museum and Theatre of Maine, USM Planetarium, Maine Wildlife Park, Maine State Park Vehicle Pass, and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Willowbrook Village).

The Crazy8s weekly Bed Time Math club wrapped up three prototype sessions that will be rolled out next fall. Interest is very high in continuing with the program as new sessions are formulated.

Four activities were offered during April vacation. The annual Maine Student Book Award ice cream party was on Tuesday, April 22. New books for the 2014-2015 program were available to take home. Aquariums which required no water was the craft program attended by 16 children and their adults and Rob Duquette shared music from around the world with an audience of nearly 40. April 23 was World Book Night and four book givers used Windham Public Library as their pick-up location.



#### **Staff pick—Book Review**

Sally Bannen-Adult Services and Cataloging Librarian

"*The mysterious howling*" by Maryrose Wood. Book #1 in the junior fiction series "*The incorrigible children of Ashton Place*". I would best describe the a story as a combination of the suspenseful plot and strong-willed character of "Jane Eyre" with the unexpected twists, quirky children, and humor of a "Series of unfortunate events" novel. I listened to the story in audiobook format and the narrator was marvelous, reading in a lively manner and remaining in-character throughout the story.

#### **Upcoming events:**

The next discussion in our Let's Talk About program, "Making a Living, Making a Life", with the Maine Humanities Council, is May 27th at 6:15pm. The group will be discussing *Confessions of an Advertising Man* by Davis Ogilvy. Space is limited so contact Barbara to reserve your spot [bkeef@windhammaine.us](mailto:bkeef@windhammaine.us) or 892-1908.

The next meeting of the Tweens N Teens Club is May 8th 2:30-3:30. **Topic:** Read a story that takes place in a school. **Activities:** Make your own s'mores and smoothies.

Tea for You @ the library—May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm- The theme will be Downton Abbey

Summer Reading Program Calendar will be available May 31 (Fizz Boom, READ! For children; Spark a Reaction! For tweens and teens; Literary Elements for adults).

Respectfully submitted,

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