



Quarterly update from Windham Public Library – 07/01/2026 – 2nd Quarter April-June 2026

- Current hours
 - In-person browsing and Curbside pickup Mondays and Wednesdays 10am-7pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-6pm, Fridays and Saturdays 9am-4pm (Sept-May)
Saturdays closed (Jun-Aug)
- Staff news: Looking back on my previous report, I discussed how stable our staffing has been. We haven't had turnover in staff for about a year. Unfortunately, we've had two resignations and one retirement this summer. Two Part-Time Circulation Assistants will be leaving us, and our Part-Time Reference/Technology Assistant is also leaving. Lizzy Donahue, Circulation Assistant, has accepted a Full-Time position at Verrill Law Library. Susan LaChance, Circulation Assistant, is retiring. And Reegan Burke, Reference/Technology Assistant, has accepted a Full-Time position with RSU14. Reegan will stay on as a substitute. This will be extremely helpful as we only have 4 part-time positions and 3 are now open. I'm hoping to fill the positions quickly so that we can reopen Saturdays in September with fully staffed.
- A note about our count of visits: For several years we have used a people counter to track our visits for various statistical reports. There is a device affixed to our main entrance door frame that has an infrared light that counts community members walking in when the light field is interrupted. Unfortunately, the device has broken for the second time due to where it needs to be placed on the door frame. There is very little flexibility in the area where it can be located. I'm in the process of exploring other alternatives to count our attendance but cannot report the number of visits we've had at this time.
- We had a steady Spring full of exciting programming. Ray Marcotte partnered with Age Friendly to host a third series of technology training, this time in the library meeting room. We provided more Echo Dots and training on how to use them, as well as other informational sessions on AI and Online Safety. We had an interested core group of community members who attended the programs and we received great feedback.

Another series of programs about Death and Dying, titled Life's Last Journey was held Friday afternoons. Fridays have become a popular day for programming for older adults and the programs hosted about topics ranging from Reverse Mortgages to Cremation and writing your own obituary have been well received.

While continuing our ongoing programs like Movie Time, Story Times, Nurturing Playtime, and Teen Hangout, the staff planned an exciting Summer Reading program. The kickoff for Plant a Seed, Read was in June after school ended. We hosted Mr. Drew along with Parks and Recreation and kicked off our visits to the Farmer's Market.

July and August are shaping up to be filled with more programming as we work toward the new school year and Library Card Signup month in September! If you don't have a card, September is a great time to visit and register!

- Statistics:
 - **April Circulation:** 6,656 physical materials and 1,777 digital checkouts
 - **May Circulation:** 5,965 physical materials and 1,841 digital checkouts
 - **June Circulation:** 7,123 physical materials and 1,570 digital checkouts

Respectfully submitted,

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