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The newsletter of the Windham Public Library Windham, Maine



AUGUST
2014

The library will **CLOSED**
AUG 30th, 31st and **SEP 1st**
for the
Labor Day weekend



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New Library Hours beginning 9/8/2014
Monday and Wednesday 10am-7pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday and Sunday Closed

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Copies from the **Windham High School** and **Windham Christian Academy** Summer Reading books are still available for check out. Stop at the Help Desk upstairs if you need assistance finding an item, or check our catalog at <http://windham.kohalibrary.com>



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It is hard to believe but summer is winding down. It certainly feels like it with the cooler temperatures these last few days. I've begun to see Back-to-School commercials and sales so I know it's coming! There's still plenty of summer left to enjoy though and hopefully those temps will rise back up for a while longer. Be sure to stop in and pick up some items to complete your summer reading goal before the end of the month.

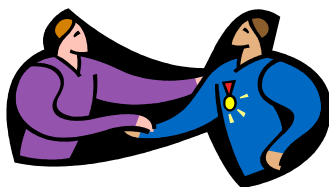
I have a couple of big news items to share this month. The first is that we will be installing new equipment and software to manage our **public access computers and printing**. The new sign-in software, called Envisionware PC Reservation, is user-friendly but will be much more efficient for staff to manage. You will **use your library card number to login** to request computer access and will **release your own print outs by paying for them using a coin and bill acceptor**. The public access computers will be unavailable from 1pm Tuesday, August 19th-12pm Wednesday, August 20th while the new software and equipment is updated. There's more information about the transition on page 3.



In addition, our **library hours are changing!** Beginning September 8, 2014 the library will be open Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The new schedule will ensure a consistent level of service and adequate staffing as the library prepares to participate in a new service called Minerva.

The statewide library consortium, Minerva, offers access to more than six million items from over fifty Maine libraries. **In order to provide this service the Windham Public Library has to be open Monday through Friday and provide staff to handle the materials coming in from, and going out to, other libraries in the consortium.** Taking advantage of advanced, innovative regional library services for our patrons means we need to make some changes. Staff members at the library have been working hard to prepare for these changes. We look forward to sharing these exciting new services. Watch our web site and Facebook page for more information later this year!

~Jen Alvino
Library Director



A big round of applause for the Children's Room staff— **Laurel, Diana and Jeanne**— for completing the re-barcoding of nearly **9000 items** in the Children's Room collection. Prior to joining Minerva, every item in the collection needs to be reviewed and re-barcoded (a 14-digit label added, entered and scanned). All staff and a few volunteers have been working hard on this goal

in addition to their regular duties. **The completion of the Children's Room collection is a big achievement. Excellent work, ladies!**



New public access computer management software

In the next few weeks when you visit the library you will notice new software to request a computer session and release print jobs. The new software, through Envisionware, is called PC Reservation. This new software will be more user-friendly to allow for greater self-service options at the public computers. A signup station will be set up to allow both the request of a computer session as well as to pay for and release print jobs. Now that users will be releasing their own print jobs we will have the added benefit of conserving paper. Only those print jobs that are paid for and released at the self-service station will be printed. This new software has many added benefits and will assist library staff members with efficiently allowing computer access.

In order to facilitate the update to our computers and installation of the new equipment and software, the **public access computers will be unavailable for use between 1pm Tuesday, August 19th and 12pm Wednesday, August 20th**. We apologize for any inconvenience but are looking forward to providing more efficient, user-friendly software to use to request access and print documents.



KNITTING GROUP

Do you knit and/or crochet? Would you like to meet up with other people who share this interest? This is the 2nd month of meetings for local knitters of all ages to gather. Bring your yarn, needles and ideas on **Thursday, August 14th and 28th at 1PM** in the Meeting Room. Call Barbara for more information at 892-1908. See you there!

Fizz! Boom! Read! events



Steve Spangler Science Surprise Day

Wednesday, August 6th, 10:30am

Explore a scientific principle with our own "Not Steve". Open to all in the meeting room.

Scavenger Hunt



Wednesday, August 6th, 1pm-4pm

Pick up a list in the Children's Room, find as many of the items as possible (be creative!), bring them back to the Children's Room to have the list checked, and all team members can choose a prize. Individuals and teams welcome.

Yoga for Children



Thursday, August 7th, 10:00am

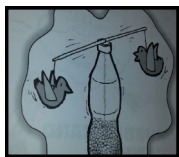
Join Rebecca LaWind in a yoga session in the meeting room focusing on children. All children and their caregivers are welcome.



Steve Spangler Science Surprise Day

Wednesday, August 13th, 10:30am

Explore a scientific principle with our own "Not Steve". Open to all in the meeting room.



Craft Day — Bottle Merry-Go-Round

Thursday, August 14th, 10:30am - 11:30 am

Open to the first 24 school-age children who come. No sign-up necessary.

Bedtime Math End of Summer Star Party

Wednesday, August 20, 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Admission ticket—your Bedtime Math Star Chart

We'll do the daily math problem together, see how many constellations people completed, and have a snack that will be divided among the attendees. There will be other math surprises, too. Open to all with a star chart and their care givers.



FIZZ, BOOM, READ! Carnival

Thursday, August 21, 1:00pm—3:00 pm

Join us for some scientifically themed activities to wrap up the summer on the back lawn of the library. If it rains, inside in the meeting room. Open to all who have been a part of the Summer Reading Program.

Reading Photo Contest

When was the last time you took a picture of your child reading? Snap a few shots of your children this summer, sift through them, and submit your best one, two or three. Have fun and be creative. Photo must include a child reading/listening to a book. Name and phone number must be on back of photo so that they may be returned to owners. **Entries due by Friday August 15 at 5pm.**



A display of the photos will be set up August 18-22 in the entry way to the Children's Room. Voting will be by popular choice the week of August 18-22. The prize will be a \$10 gift certificate to The Bookworm, 42 Main St., Gorham, Maine.

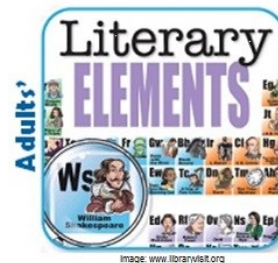


LAST DAY TO FINISH UP REQUIREMENTS FOR Fizz! Boom! Read! CERTIFICATES IS MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014!

Certificates will be made for those who have completed the three requirements turned in paperwork. They can be picked up in the Children's Room on the next visit to the library.



Teen and Adult BINGO sheets need to be handed in by **August 25th**.



FREE BOOK FOR EACH ROW COMPLETED, plus your name to be entered into a drawing. Prizes for Teen reviews too. **Drawings will be August 26th**. More information can be found on the Summer Reading Program handouts, or at

http://www.windham.lib.me.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/2014-TeensAdult-SRP_b.pdf

Ongoing programs and displays

Books and Babies

FOR: Ages 6-24 months

HELD: Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Please call to verify that program is still being held that day



Books and Babies lasts approximately 20 minutes, and includes songs, fingerplays, and a story. This program has several goals: to provide early experiences for children with the spoken word, to provide a chance for parents/caregivers to share activities with children, and to create enjoyment for all during story time. It is very helpful for the adults to model the activities by participating with their child.

Preschool Story Times

FOR: Children up to age 5

HELD: Mondays, 10:30 am
Mondays, 1:00 pm

**No Thursday story times in August.*

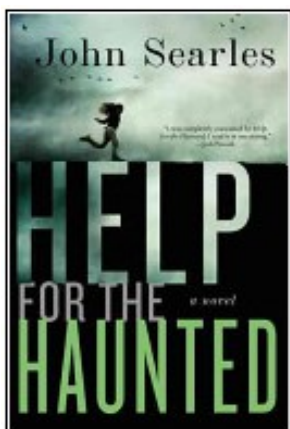


Children up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers are invited to join us. This presentation includes two stories and several songs. Children should be able to sit attentively throughout the 30 minute program.

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Story times may change this fall. Call or stop by in September for an updated schedule.

**Windham
Public
Library
Book
Group**
(for adults)



The Book Group usually meets on the last Tuesday of each month, at 6:15 pm. All are welcome to attend, whether a patron of our library or not. Contact the facilitator (Barbara) if you need a copy of the monthly selection.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 26th, 6:15 pm

Selection: Help for the Haunted by John Searles. The library has been in contact with the author and may participate in a Skype session with him. Watch our webpage for news: www.windham.lib.me.us/book-group

Tea For You @ The Library



Next Tea: : *No Tea in August. But don't miss our **September 2nd** Tea, 1:30-2:30*

The library hosts an informal tea in the meeting room. Folks are encouraged to drop in, share conversation, tea, and goodies. The tea is open to anyone who would like to stop by that afternoon, whether you have a library account with us or not. All ages– kids to adults– are welcome, and the atmosphere is quite relaxed (no need to dress up, unless you wish). We hope you (and friends) will come!



Exhibit Case

August 1st - October 31st

Foreign Dolls

Lydia March

Art Display

August 1st -
October 31st

John Sell



For more information about our displays, go to <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/exhibits>



LIBRARY HOURS

year-round

Mon

9:30 am - 8:00 pm

Tues, Wed, Thurs

9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Fri, Sat

9:30 am - 5:00 pm



Hours will be changing September 8th. See page 1

YOUR LIBRARY STAFF

Library Director: Jen Alvino

Adult Services Librarian: Sally Bannen

Reference/Technology Librarian: Barbara Keef

Children's Librarian: Laurel T. Parker

Children's Room Coordinator: Diana Currier

Library Aides: June Hawkes, Janet Stover, Jeanne Thurber



to see updates on new materials, reminders about library programs, and other info



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