



Windham Public Library Report February 2019



February was a busy month in the children's room. We continued our monthly programs, with families enjoying Angry Birds catapults and 8-bit Art. The Cornerstones of Science program was about rocks and minerals this month, and we hung up various birthstones in different gem cuts for families to explore. We also hosted a Take Your Child to the Library Day/Valentine's Day party and despite the weather, had a few families enjoying the activities spread throughout the children's room. Over February vacation, we hosted active yoga and Zumba programs, a children's book discussion group, time to use our Dash & Dot robots, and fun Minute-to-Win-It games for the whole family. Story times and outreach programs continue to do well. We took down the February interactive love messages from the glass in the circulation area, to give a clear view of our up and coming ducklings. Stop in to see them!

The library hosted its first Black History Month movie series. We had 3 Friday evening movies with modest attendance: four participants for "Selma" (a recounting of the 1965 civil-rights march from Selma, Alabama), thirteen for "A Raisin in the Sun" (which coincidentally was the February selection for the library's Book Group), and five for "42" (a biopic about the first black ballplayer to integrate into baseball's Major League in 1947). If staff scheduling allows, we hope to try other evening movie series in the future.

The library book group read and had a lively discussion about the book "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry. This book discussion was a continuation of the Maine Humanities Council "Let's Talk About It" series *The Way We Were, The Way We Are: Seasons in the Contemporary American Family*. Libby Bischof facilitated the group discussion. Next month's selection is *Ordinary People* by Judith Guest.

Finally, we have added some items of note to our print collection. The 2019 World Book Encyclopedia is available in the Children's Room. We have moved the 2017 version to the Adult Non-fiction collection and donated our 2014 set to a local school library. In addition, we have the new 2019 Maine Register and a brand new Scholastic set of country books.

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u>	<u>February 2018</u>	<u>Other: February 2019 Stats</u>
<p>Attendance: 4,214 Windham items circulated: 7,030 Items received from Minerva libraries: 971 Windham items sent to other libraries: 704 New library patrons: 46 New items added to collection: 250 Special Requests: 15 Reference questions answered: 199 Computer sign-ins: 663 Meeting room usage: 45 Study Rooms: 26 Download Library: 906 RB Digital Magazines: 11 ComicsPlus: 6 Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 1 Universal Class Videos Watched: 6 Items repaired: 33 Volunteer hours logged: 38.5</p>	<p>Attendance: 3,525 Items circulated: 5,528 Items received from Minerva libraries: 632 Windham items sent to other libraries: 598 New patrons: 32 Items added: 276 Special requests: 8 Reference ?'s: 104 Computer sign-ins: 354 Meeting room usage: N/A Download Library: 913 RB Digital Magazines: 31 Comics Plus: 39 Repaired items: 18 Volunteer hours: 4.5</p>	<p>Book Group: 15 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 64 Author Talk: Postponed due to weather Library Tea: N/A Movie program, adults: 18 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 4 Wii and rec equipment: 3 Tech Help: 4 Chapter Book Discussion Group: 5 CloudLibrary training: 1 Maker Club: 3 Lego Club: n/a Crafternoon: 2 Black History Month movies: 22 Take Your Child To the Library Day/Valentine's Day party: 23 Zumba: 23 Yoga: 10 Snow Removal w/Dash: 18 Minute-to-Win-It: 9</p> <p>Story Time Programs: 14 Children: 101 Adults: 81</p> <p>Pass usage Children's Museum – 3 use Dundee Park – 0 uses Maine State Park Pass – 0 uses Maine Wildlife Park – 0 uses Planetarium – 0 uses PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$60</p>