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The newsletter of the Windham Public Library Windham, Maine



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## "What can Minerva do for me?"

Have you taken advantage of Minerva yet? **Ordered your favorite DVDs, audios, music or books— all free of charge?** Do you have questions about the new system or your new account? Stop by one of our brief informational sessions to learn about Minerva. Staff will answer your questions and give you **one-on-one assistance**. No reservations required.

**Monday, Jan 12th, 1:30-2:00 pm** – upstairs, near magazine rack

**Tuesday, Jan 13th, 10:30-11:00 am** – downstairs meeting room (after Books & Babies)

**Wednesday, Jan 14th, 6:00-6:30 pm** – upstairs, near magazine rack

**Thursday, Jan 15th, 11:00-11:30 am** – downstairs meeting room (after Story Time)

**Friday, Jan 16th, 5:00-5:30 pm** – upstairs, near magazine rack



Can't make it to one of these dates? Just call, email, or stop by with your questions any time.



**Fiction Writing Workshop @ the Library**

**January 6th, 6:00-7:30 pm**



This collegiate-style workshop is for fiction writers, and will meet monthly. Read and give feedback on a few in-progress stories and novel excerpts from its members in each session, while also discussing writing craft in general. The group is open to fiction writers of all genres and all skill levels; if you enjoy talking constructively about writing, you are free to join! **For more information please contact the facilitator, Garrin Bufo** ([garrin.bufo@gmail.com](mailto:garrin.bufo@gmail.com)) or 730-2361.

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## Director's Note:

**Welcome to 2015!** I have no doubt it will be an exciting year ahead. Here at the library we are looking forward to providing some new services and programs in the upcoming year.

This month we have several programs of interest to our adult audience. Check out the information later in the newsletter for an author visit, informational presentation on hiking the **Appalachian Trail**, and a new monthly **Genealogy program**. In addition, our usual **Children's story times**, our **Tweens and Teens movie group**, our **Book group** and **Knitting group** continue during their regularly scheduled times.

Of special note is our **Library Tea** happening on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Library Tea. I want to take this opportunity to recognize, Children's Librarian Laurel Parker and Reference and Technology Librarian Barbara Keef, for the efforts hosting this wonderful community event for the past 10 years. They bake homemade items for each tea according to themes that they work together to choose. The teas are a great opportunity for community members of all ages to join together in a welcoming atmosphere to visit with old friends and meet new ones! Thanks to Laurel and Barbara for all their hard work over the years!

**10 years!**



Also, in late January, we will begin offering a new **ebook service called the 3M Cloud Library**. This will be an exciting new collection of ebooks in addition to the MaineInfonet Download Library already being offered. This new collection will only be accessible to Windham Library cardholders and we will choose the titles to add to it. There will be much more information to come about this exciting new service.

Even though winter has just begun, we will start to think about our plans for Summer Reading 2015. This year's themes are *Every Hero has a Story* (Children's theme), *Unmask!* (Teen theme) and *Escape the Ordinary* (Adult theme). We hope many of you join our **Summer Reading program** this year and we look forward to sharing with you the events and programs we are planning.

I hope to see you in the library soon!

~Jen Alvino  
Library Director

## New Materials Lists available!

Wondering what the library has added to the collection? Check out our 7 "New" lists accessible at [www.windham.lib.me.us/new-materials-2](http://www.windham.lib.me.us/new-materials-2) You can place holds on any of these items, whether our copy is available or not.



**Adult Fiction (novels)**

**Childrens' Books**

**Teen Books**

**Adult Non-Fiction (true-life)**

**DVDs, all ages**

**Large Print Books**

**Audios, all ages (CD and Playaways)**

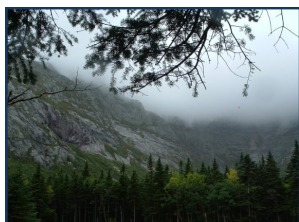
## Monthly Genealogy Workshop

January 9th, 1:00-3:00 pm

Does the thought of researching your family tree overwhelm you? Don't let it – it's easier than you think. During these classes, you'll receive guidance for locating family information at home, and in digitized records, books, indexes and other online sources.



**Please call Barbara @ the Library (892-1908) to register for these free library workshops**



## Hiking the Appalachian Trail,

with **Deva Holmes**

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 pm

Christi "Deva" Holmes will share stories and photos from her solo journey hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2011. She will describe the 2,181 mile hike as a first-time backpacker. The Appalachian Trail winds from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. Among the highlights of the route are Great Smokies and Shenandoah National Parks, the White Mountains, and Maine's own 100-mile Wilderness. Attend the presentation and learn about life on the trail, the logistics of long distance hiking, the fun people that are encountered, and the natural beauty.

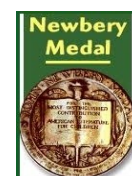
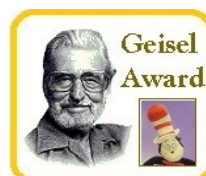
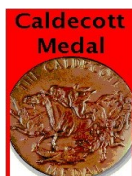
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## Recommending Childrens' Books

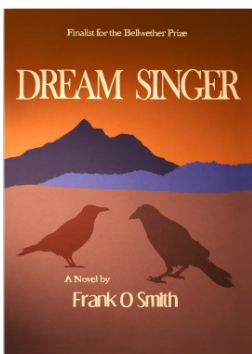
January 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:00 pm

and

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 pm



Parents, grandparents, and all other interested adults are invited to join a discussion about how to find good new books for children and how to share favorites from childhood. This will be an open discussion including information on the upcoming American Library Association Youth Media Awards that will be announced on Monday, February 2. Join Mrs. Parker in the meeting room for a lively sharing session.



## Frank O. Smith, Author Talk and Book Signing

January 21st, 6:30-7:30 pm

Frank is a writer, ghostwriter, and writing coach. He also teaches writing through MECA's continuing education program and is a regular contributor to the Maine Sunday Telegram Book section. His novel "Dream Singer" was a finalist for the Bellwether Prize and named as a "2014 Notable Book of the Year" in the category of literary fiction by "Shelf Unbound," the international indie book review magazine. In addition to discussing "Dream Singer," Frank will also talk briefly about the "Five Essential Elements of Story Craft." For more information, please Barbara @ the Library 892-1908.

Coming Friday, February 20, 2015: **Take Your Child to the Library Day**

Watch for details in the February Newsletter... Special books to read, something for everyone in the family, to quote a young patron: "It looks like a museum of books!"



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## Ongoing programs and displays

For more information about these or any other library programs, contact the library or go to [www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar](http://www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar)

### Books and Babies



Tuesdays, 10:15 am

Ages 6-24 months and their parents or caregivers. Books and Babies lasts approximately 20 minutes, and includes songs, fingerplays, and a story. *You may wish to call to verify that program is still being held that day.*

### Preschool Story Times



Mondays, 10:30 am and  
Thursdays, 10:30 am

Children up to age 5 and their parents or caregivers. This program includes two stories and several songs. Children should be able to sit attentively throughout the 30 minute program. *You may wish to call to verify that program is still being held that day.*

### TNT Club Movie



This month:  
**January 14th, 2:15 pm**

Join us in the meeting room for popcorn and a movie. We'll be watching **Muppets Most Wanted** (2014, rating PG, 112 minutes). Go to the [website above](#) for more info about the movie.



TNT Club programs are for 'tweens and teens, ages 10-18 (but all ages are welcome). More info at <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/teens>

### Book Group



This month:  
**January 27th, 6:15 pm**

We are hosting a discussion group facilitated by the Maine Humanities Council in cooperation with the Maine State Library. This 5-part series is entitled "**Detective Fiction in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: a Notion of Evil**". Please call Barbara at the Library to reserve your spot in the group, to get your copy of the monthly selection ( "**Strong Poison**" by Dorothy L. Sayers), or for more information: 892-1908. This group is aimed at an adult audience, but all ages are welcome to attend.

### Movie Time



This month:  
**January 22nd, 1:00 pm**

Bring your own snacks and join us in the library meeting room for a movie. This month we'll be watching **The Monuments Men** (2014, rating PG-13, 118 minutes) starring George Clooney, Matt Damon, John Goodman and more.

This movie group is aimed at an adult audience, but all ages are welcome to attend. Please call Barbara for more details: 892-1908.



**Tea For You @ The Library**

*You are cordially invited to the 10th Anniversary Tea celebrating years of good company, good food, and memories to treasure.*  
*Tuesday,*  
*January 27, 2015*

**Knitting Group**



Whether you knit, crochet or do any other form of needlework, you are welcome to join our informal group. Bring your own project to work on. Share patterns, tips and conversation. All ages welcome! This is not intended as an instructional session-- although you may learn something new.

This month:  
**January 13 & 27, 3:00-5:00 pm**



**Exhibit Case**  
Nov 1, 2014 -  
Jan 31, 2015  
**Coffee mugs**  
Jen Alvino

**Art Display**  
Nov 1, 2014 -  
Jan 31, 2015  
**Mary T. Weston**

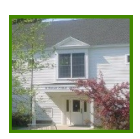


For more information about our displays, go to <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/exhibits>



**LIBRARY HOURS**  
**Mon & Wed**  
10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
**Tues, Thurs & Fri**  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**Sat & Sun**  
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**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:** Janet Stover, Jeanne Thurber, Lisa Schadler, Jennifer Dupree



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