



## Quarterly update from Windham Public Library – 01/01/2025 – 4th Quarter October-December 2024

- Current hours
  - In-person browsing and Curbside pickup Mondays and Wednesdays 10am-7pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-6pm, Fridays and Saturdays 9am-4pm
- Staff news: In November we celebrated Sally Bannen's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary working for the town. Sally has been a great asset to the town. Her current position is the Technical Services Librarian. She maintains the online catalog and adds and oversees the records and processing for all items in the collection. In addition, she is well known in the community as she attends community events throughout the year and provides library materials to people's homes through her Outreach visits.
- Grant update – As reported earlier this year, the library received a \$10,000 grant from the American Library Association to work on digital equity for older adults and homebound individuals. We have spent the last few months planning sessions and booking speakers. The program is getting started with a kickoff tea in early January and then classes start in late January. As always, it's a pleasure to work with other community partners on this project Age Friendly Windham, Parks and Recreation, Windham Adult Ed, and others.
- Our calendar of events continues to be jammed packed with something for everyone. We host cribbage and chess clubs, a sign language class, movie viewings, story times, Teen hangouts, and much more.

Two of our most popular programs were a visit from Daniel Tiger on his Grrriffic Literacy Tour across Maine and the Noon Year's Eve Party. Daniel Tiger visited the Town Hall gym in November for the second time and was a collaboration with Maine Public and Parks & Recreation. Children's Author Jean Flahive accompanied him and read stories. The Noon Year's Eve Party was geared toward children who couldn't make it to midnight. Children were encouraged to dress up in party attire and were able to make noisemakers, dance, and take photos in the photo booth area. All led up to a countdown to noon when confetti dropped from the ceiling!

Library staff look forward to a full year of reading and programming in 2025.

- Statistics:
  - **October Circulation:** 6,721 physical materials and 1,533 digital checkouts, 5,029 visits
  - **November Circulation:** 5,999 physical materials and 1,511 digital checkouts, 4,134 visits
  - **December Circulation:** 5,734 physical materials and 1,555 digital checkouts, 3,677 visits

Respectfully submitted,

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