



## Windham Public Library Report January 2017

### **Mission, Success, Measurement**

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by providing reader's advisory and reference assistance for our patrons. By nature library staff members are mystery solvers. Heard about a book on the Today Show but don't know the title? Likely, if you describe the book plot or even the cover art to a staff person we can figure it out. Read all the titles by a particular author and want books that are similar? We can assist you to find the style of writing and character development in books that you enjoy. Need some help researching a topic for your personal knowledge or a report? Talk to the staff. We can find the resources you need, in print or digitally to write your paper. The internet is a place where you can find lots of information. Librarians are trained to determine whether online resources are providing accurate information. With the proliferation of "fake news", librarians and library staff are providing an ever important service helping the community find resources for accurate information, trusted sites and training the community to identify whether or not the information they are seeking is from an appropriate source.

### **What's going on?**

The library is beginning the new year by bringing four of its programs under one umbrella—offering them each on recurring Wednesday evenings. The Zen Coloring Group will be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evenings at 6pm; the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of monthly Author Talks will be offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evenings at 6pm; the movie program will try a new time, offering viewings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> evenings at 5pm; and the long-standing Book Group will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings at 6pm. It is hoped that the consistency of offerings on a recurring evening will appeal to community members looking for a cultural and social offering once a week.

A great round of family story times was held on all Saturdays in January. This program offering has truly become a time when complete families are able to come to the library, enjoy stories, and have a project to complete with everyone taking part. The winter series of Family Story Times wraps up in mid-February and the spring series will start up again in late March.

The January 24<sup>th</sup> Tea for You @ the library was canceled due to the weather and library closing for the day. This is only the second time in the twelve years that we've had teas that we could not host the event.

Regular visits were made to Birchwood, Creative Explorations, Little Log Cabin Montessori School and Sabrina Nickerson's fifth grade class to share books.

The Children's Chapter Book Discussion group continues to meet once a month. We have some very loyal patrons who always come and share their most recent favorites.

### **January Events:**

Library Closed: February 20-Presidents' Day

Knitters n' More-Every Tuesday at 1pm

Author Talk-Romance Writers Panel (Michelle Libby, Maggie Robinson &Wanda Ann Thomas), Wednesday,

February 8th, 6-7pm

School Vacation Week Events:

\*Puzzled-Wednesday, February 22, 11am-1pm

\*No Zamboni Required-Thursday, February 23, 12:30-2:30

\*Scooby-Doo Marathon-Friday, February 24, 10am-5pm

Movie Time for Adults-Wednesday, February 15th, 1pm-(Sully)

Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15am

Preschool Story Time- Mondays and Thursdays-10:30am

Children's Room Chapter Book Discussion Group- Wednesday, February 15th 4-5pm

Saturday Family Story Time- February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-11:15am

Zen Coloring Group- Wednesday, February 1 6-7pm

Maine Humanities Council Book Group- Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-7pm

| <u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u>  | <u>January 2016</u>  | <u>Other January 2017 Stats</u>   |
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| Attendance: <b>4,678</b><br>Windham items circulated: <b>6,939</b><br>Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>691</b><br>Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>758</b><br>New library patrons: <b>38</b><br>New items added to collection: <b>378</b><br>Special Requests: <b>8</b><br>Reference questions: <b>141</b><br>Computer sign-ins: <b>643</b><br>Meeting room usage: <b>58</b><br>MI Download checkouts: <b>398</b><br>3M checkouts: <b>128</b><br>Zinio checkouts: <b>28</b><br>ComicsPlus:<br>Items repaired: <b>32</b><br>Volunteer hours logged: <b>68.5</b> | Attendance: <b>5,253</b><br>Items circulated: <b>6,409</b><br>Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>577</b><br>Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>684</b><br>New patrons: <b>37</b><br>Items added: <b>228</b><br>Special requests: <b>6</b><br>Reference ?'s: <b>90</b><br>Computer sign-ins: <b>632</b><br>Meeting room usage: <b>58</b><br>MI Download checkouts: <b>483</b><br>3M checkouts: <b>94</b><br>Zinio checkouts: <b>33</b><br>Repaired items: <b>24</b><br>Volunteer hours: <b>95</b> | <b>Book Group: 18</b><br><b>Coloring Group: 3</b><br><b>Tuesday Afternoon Knitting:</b><br><b>Author Talk: 6</b><br><b>Library Tea: N/A</b><br><b>Movie program, adults: 6</b><br><b>Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 16</b><br><b>Teen Event participation: 15</b><br><b>Children's Chapter Book Discussion:</b><br><br><b>Story Time</b><br>Preschool Story Time- <b>7 sessions, 41 Adults, 49 Children</b><br>Books and Babies— <b>4 sessions, 40 Adults, 43 Children</b><br>Saturday Story Time- <b>4 sessions, 18 Adults, 26 Children</b><br><br><b>Pass usage</b><br>Children's Museum – <b>7 uses</b><br>Dundee Park – <b>Closed for the season</b><br>Maine State Park Pass – <b>0 uses</b><br>Maine Wildlife Park – <b>closed for season</b><br>Planetarium – <b>0 uses</b><br>Tate House- <b>0 uses</b><br><b>PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$140</b> |