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The newsletter of the Windham Public Library Windham, Maine



SEPTEMBER

2014

The library will **CLOSED**
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for the
Labor Day
holiday



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Fall hours for Books & Babies :

Tuesdays, 10:**15** am

*As usual, please call to verify that
program is still being held that day*

Russell Warnberg, Book Talk

**Tuesday, September 16th
6:00 pm**

Local author Russ Warnberg will give a book talk on in the meeting room at the library. His latest book, **The Chalk Line Killer**, is book two in the *Detective Cole Sullivan* series. Copies will be available for purchase at that time.



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Genealogy resources - Friday, September 19th at 1:00 pm

Join **Emily Schroeder** from the Maine State Library for a program at the Windham Public Library for a free program on **researching your ancestors** using Heritage Quest, Ancestry.com (free access @ the public library), and resources at the State Library.

For more information, please call Barbara @ the Library, 892-1908.



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Director's Note:

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We ended our Summer Reading Program last week and began focusing on the coming school year. Summer seems like, as usual, it went too fast! We are holding on to a few more days of that hot summer weather and then the cooler air of fall will set in. September brings **Library Card Signup Month** to the library.



Legendary comic creator and honorary chair of **Library Card Signup Month**, Stan Lee, says "The smartest card in my wallet? It's a Library Card!" As Windham's students head back to school this September, Windham Public Library wants to make sure that all children have the most important school supply of all...a library card. Library card sign-up month is a nation-wide celebration held at the beginning of the new school year during which librarians across the country remind parents and caregivers of all that a public library card has to offer. Visit the Windham Public Library with your children and teens today to sign up for a library card. A library card is a key resource in achieving academic success!

Library Card Signup Month is not just for students. The staff at Windham Public Library encourages persons of all ages to become library members.

Not sure how to get a library card at Windham Public Library? Getting one is easy! Library cards are free to Windham residents, students (children and adults) attending Windham schools, Windham business owners, and Windham town employees (including teachers). Bring photo identification with proof of residency to apply for membership. Those patrons not eligible for a free card may pay a non-resident fee to use the library. The non-resident borrower fee is \$20 per individual or family annually.

Reminder: our new library hours begin September 8th: Monday and Wednesday 10am-7pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm.

I hope to see you in the library soon!

~Jen Alvino
Library Director



Childrens' Summer Reading Program wrap-up

Many thanks to all who took part in the **Fizz, Boom, READ!** Summer Reading Program. From the Mad Science program, craft sessions, Not Steve science surprises, our photo contest, the impromptu dog show (pet show was cancelled due to early morning rain), Watermelon Wonders, the scavenger hunt, Rebecca LaWind for a yoga session, the Bedtime Math End of the Summer Star Party (where we sent a note off to Smokey the Bear, who has his own zip code 20252 in Washington, D. C.) all the way to our **Fizz, Boom, READ!** Carnival where we explored many sciences— everyone learned something this summer while having fun. The Ice Cream Dugout once again provided coupons for a free bunt ice cream cone to the readers who completed the program and received their certificates.

Reading Photo Contest

Many thanks to the folks who entered photos of their children reading this summer. It was a very close contest between the young reader camping and the floating reader. The camper won by a vote and received the \$10 gift certificate to The Bookworm, 42 Main St., Gorham, Maine.



Watermelon Wonders Favorite Carving contest results

On July 30th, the Children's Room celebrated National Watermelon Day. There was a seed spitting contest, fun trivia, and a poster contest with pictures of 10 watermelon carvings. Following the event the posters



were on display in the children's Room and folks continued to put a star on their favorite carving. Tying for first place were the turtle and the hedgehog with 51 votes each, followed by the shark 36, the bunny 34, the teapot 26, Spiderman 18, Lego 17, the pig 14, the robot 12, and the fish 11. Thanks to everyone for voting.

Images from: www.watermelon.org



Bedtime Math - Crazy 8's Club (3rd - 5th grade)

This fall, Wednesdays
5:30—6:30 pm

Another 8 week session will begin this fall and end before the holidays. We will have some openings. If your third to fifth grader would like to be a part of this group please **talk with Mrs. Parker** in the Childrens' Room (892-1908). The club will meet on Wednesdays at the library from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The start date has not yet been determined.

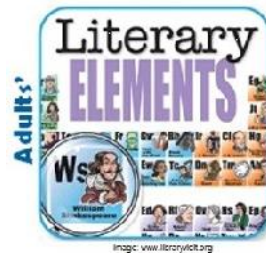
Monarch Butterflies update

Nearly 30 chrysalises are currently hanging in the Childrens' Room. Stop by to see their development into butterflies! And keep and eye on [Facebook](#) for announcement of butterfly releases in the coming weeks.



TEEN BINGO WINNER

Sophey Potter



ADULT BINGO WINNERS

Sherry Andre, 1st prize

Jennifer Fleck, 2nd

Michele Reagan, 3rd

Windham Public Library offers another "Let's Talk About It" Book Group

The Windham Public Library has been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Let's Talk About It", a free reading and discussion group with copies of books available through the library. This program is provided by the Maine Humanities Council's Maine Center for the Book in cooperation with the Maine State Library.

The series is entitled "**Detective Fiction in the 20th Century: a Notion of Evil**" and it begins on Tuesday, **October 28th at 6:15 pm.** at the library. There will be five sessions with the last meeting on March 31, 2015.

Books to be read and discussed in this series include: *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett and *A Is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton, among others. A scholar provided by the Maine Humanities Council will facilitate the discussions.

There is a limit of 20 participants. Please call Barbara at the Windham Public Library to reserve your spot in the group, or for more information: 892-1908.



Scams, Fraud & Identity Theft

Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 pm

Amy Schram from the **Better Business Bureau** will present an informative program at the library. She will cover the most common scams currently circulating the community, the major "red flags" to watch out for and the precautionary tactics we can use to protect our personal information and identity.



Amy Schram has been a Community Outreach Specialist for the Better Business Bureau for over two years. For more information, please call Barbara @ the library, 892-1908.

Digital book readers available @ the library



Here's your chance to try an e-reader! The library has two Nooks in the Adult/Teen Collection and two Kindles in the Children's Room. Popular fiction and non-fiction titles are preloaded on the Adult/Teen units, while many 2014-2015 Maine Student Book Award titles are loaded on the Kindles. Stop by the library and check one out!

Have your own reader but looking for free downloads?



Your library card and a free app are all you need to get started. Go to <http://download.maineinonet.org>

Ongoing programs and displays

Books and Babies

FOR: Ages 6-24 months

HELD: Tuesdays, 10:15 am

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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
Thursdays, 10:30 am



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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TNT Club

(Tweens-n-Teens)



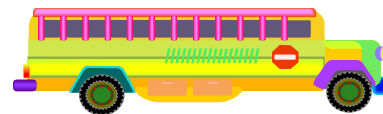
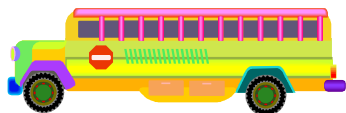
FOR: Kids only! Grades 6-12 (ages 10-18) welcome!!

WHAT: Free after-school program(s)

WHERE: In the library

NEXT MEETING: Starting back up in October. Cool stuff is planned!

MORE INFO: <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/teens> or in the **October newsletter**



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



All are welcome to attend the Book Group, whether a patron of our library or not.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 30th at 6:15 pm.

Selection: The topic for discussion will be Readers' Choice with the theme of "Going Back to School". There are many stories (old and new) which focus on going to school, students and/or teachers. Pick out a story that has to do with this theme and come prepared to share a brief summary of your book and a little information about the author. If you need help picking out a title, call Barbara at the library 892-1908.

**Tea For You
@
The Library**



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!

Next Tea: September 2nd, 1:30-2:30




Exhibit Case
August 1st - October 31st

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>

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 **NEW**

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 Carrier

Library Aides: Janet Stover, Jeanne Thurber

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