



Windham Public Library Report
June 2014



<p><u>Monthly Statistics</u> Attendance: 6,322 Items circulated: 8,114 New library patrons: 67 New items added to collection: 280 Special Requests: 51 Reference questions answered: 86 Computer sign-ins: 722 Meeting room usage: 50 Downloads used: 481 checkouts, 19 new user registrations Items repaired: 35 Bills for un-returned materials: 15 (<i>10 adult; 5 children</i>) Volunteer hours logged: 69.75</p>	<p><u>Book Group attendance: 10</u> <u>Story Time</u> Preschool Story Time— 8 sessions, 36 Adults, 54 Children Books and Babies— 4 sessions, 50 Adults, 53 Children Children’s Museum – 5 uses Dundee Park – 5 uses Maine State Park Pass – 2 use Maine Wildlife Park – 20 uses Planetarium – 0 Willowbrook – 2 uses PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS \$598 Items re-barcoded: 1900</p>
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What’s going on?

Library staff members had a great time participating in the Windham Summerfest parade this year. The theme of our float promoted our Summer Reading programs, Fizz, Boom, Read! Spark a Reaction and Literary Elements. Staff members and the March family decorated the float with a bright green paint, posters and of course the Chicken, Dr. Beaker Fizz-Meister, was along for the ride. Riders on the float performed various science experiments as the float rolled down the parade route. Walkers handed out Summer Reading themed book marks along the parade route. It was a wonderful day for a parade and it was exciting to participate in this great community event.

The Windham Public Library Book Group met Tuesday, June 24th. Ten people were in attendance and they all shared a different Historical Fiction book that they had read. This was a lively Reader’s Choice discussion of the genre.

Visits were made to Birchwood, Creative Explorations, and Sabrina Nickerson’s fifth grade class. Summer Reading Program presentations were made to the majority of students at the Windham Primary School on June 9 and 10. The Jumpstart program for selected children entering kindergarten hosted an open house at Manchester School on June 26 where the library provided information about the summer program and the available museum/park passes families can use.

The Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War Windham/Gorham team grant drew to a close with the original play “Gambo” presented at Gorham High School on June 11. This year long project brought together local organizations to highlight how the Civil War affected the home front in both towns.

The Summer Reading Program was set in motion with a craft day on June 19 where participants sewed a dip net to use over the summer. On June 25th the Windham Recreation and Parks Discover and Ranger camps, along with patrons from the library, enjoyed a Mad Science presentation at the Windham middle School. The first Steve Spangler Science Surprise day was well attended and color mixing was a highlight.

Upcoming events:

Packets for Summer Reading Program are still available in the Children's Room.

Wednesday, July 9th, 6-7pm Lyme Disease program with Kate Colby from the Maine Center for Disease Control.

Thursday, July 10th at 1pm—Bring your yarn, needles and ideas to the new Windham Public Library knitting group

Wednesday, July 16, 10:30am – Craft day in the Children's Room, 24 school age participants welcome

Thursday, July 17, 10:30am – Steve Spangler Science Surprise

Windham Public Library Adult Book Group—Next meeting July 22nd 6:15pm-Share whatever you are currently reading.

Wednesday, July 23, 10:30am – Steve Spangler Science Surprise

Thursday, July 24, 2:00pm – Pet Show, registration begins at 1:30pm

Wednesday, July 30, 1:30pm -- Watermelon Wonders – eat some, see pictures of carvings, spit a seed

Thursday, July 31, 10:30am – Steve Spangler Science Surprise.

Thursday, July 31, 2-3pm-Cool Craft for Teens—Attendees will create a play-dough sculpture that can serve as a circuit.

Respectfully submitted,

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