



Quarterly update from Windham Public Library – 04/01/2026 – 1st Quarter January-March 2026

- Current hours
 - In-person browsing and Curbside pickup Mondays and Wednesdays 10am-7pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-6pm, Fridays and Saturdays 9am-4pm (Sept-May) Saturdays closed (Jun-Aug)
- Staff news: With recent hires in Q4 of 2025, we've had stable staffing to begin 2026. Staff have been diligently completing yearly trainings, ordering items for the collection, maintaining the existing collection, and planning programs for the spring. Staff has begun thinking and planning for all our summer activities, our most active time of year, as well as the summer reading program. We look forward to new partnerships and programs to carry out this year.

The staff has been very helpful in reviewing the Middle School Repurpose Committee discussions and plans from the architects. Feedback has been invaluable so that I am able to advocate for the library needs through the process.

- The library and Age Friendly Windham are planning a spring/summer series of technology programs. Staff has collaborated again with the National Digital Equity Center and is working toward completing their partner program trainings. The series will be on Fridays beginning the end of April.

All the programs in the Life's Last Journey series were well attended and provided important information for adults as they explore end of life issues. Fridays have been an ideal time for this type of adult program. After two series of Life's Last Journey, Friday programs will focus on technology.

In the Children's Room, the Nurturing Playtime program continues to have great attendance and shares valuable information with parents about a number of important topics. Parents connect with speakers from many organizations like RSU14 to learn about Pre-K or lactation consultants to assist new moms. In addition, Wednesday afternoon programs like Wonder Wednesday, with legos, constructing with cardboard, or working with 4H are popular for the older age group as the elementary students have early release days.

For the Teens, Cassandra's new Teen Cuisine program has taken off. The kids are enjoying learning about different types of food and how to make different meals for themselves. There's always so much excitement in the room when they are cooking!

All programs planned at the library are free of charge. Librarians in each age group plan a variety of programs throughout the year to meet the needs of the community. Staff do a great job planning and implementing programs for their areas. Programs are well attended and often include partnerships with other departments or community groups.

A sure sign of spring for me is when the speed bumps come out at town hall. It hasn't happened quite yet, but I look forward to this sign of warmer days when it happens!

- Statistics:
 - **January Circulation: 6,577** physical materials and **1,846** digital checkouts, **4045** visits
 - **February Circulation: 6,638** physical materials and **1,618** digital checkouts, **3,844** visits
 - **March Circulation: 7,600** physical materials and **1,806** digital checkouts, **5,105** visits

Respectfully submitted,

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