



## Windham Public Library Report November 2015

### Mission, Success, Measurement

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by providing space, resources and services for all ages. This school year we have seen an increase in the number of students visiting the library during after school hours. We are attempting to form better relationships with the students, learn names and encourage good behavior. We have seen positive responses to these attempts. The behaviors of the students in the library are much improved. In addition to strengthening relationships and setting behavior expectations we are also providing ways for them to get involved in activities. Students are using the space for studying, using library desktop computers, visiting with friends, watching movies and reading. We also are providing activities such as scavenger hunts and crafts to occupy their time. We will continue to monitor behaviors and find ways to positively engage the students. Although we are seeing improvements these activities take staff time for planning and interacting with the students. This can be challenging given our current staffing resources. Different staff members share responsibility for a variety of the tasks involved in overseeing teen activities and this takes them away from other duties they are assigned.

### What's going on?

Each month we now have additional activities for the students visiting the library. They can take part in our scavenger hunt. We have a student volunteer who takes photos of various items around the library and the scavenger hunt participants have to locate the item and note it on their sheets. If they complete the sheet they receive a small treat. Students are also participating in our new Make It activities. The first Make It activity had students making a collage using construction paper. The completed collage is hanging in the window in the teen area. These two new activities have been well received by the students and they are enjoying participating.

We welcomed a spirited group of Ms. Levinsky's 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from Windham Middle School. The students created a display of items and research relating to Windham's changing economy. It looked at some of Maine's industries—farming, mills, tourism, and retail—and their relationship to the Oxford and Cumberland canals, and how these industries are/were contributing to Maine's economy. On Thursday November 5th, from 12:30-1:30pm the students visited the library and shared their work with other students, their parents and the public. The students worked with the Windham Historical Society to collect artifacts and information. We look forward to future collaborations with the students and WHS.

The Friends of Windham Public Library held their Annual Book and Bake Sale this month. A lot of time and effort from dedicated volunteers goes into making this event a success. Thanks go to the Friends for their efforts. The funds collected from the sales goes to support a variety of events and resources to benefit the library events and collection.

Visits this month were made to Birchwood Nursery School, Mrs. Maurais and Mrs. Ledoux's reading class at Manchester School, Creative Explorations, Little Log Cabin Montessori School, and Ms. Nickerson's fifth grade class at Manchester School. We chatted about books, read stories, and books were left with each audience. On November 2 Ms. Record's and Ms. O'Cain's kindergarten classes came to the library for a visit.

Saturday, November 7 was our ninth Family Literacy Fun Day at Windham Primary School. Jennifer Richard Jacobson was our featured speaker. Thanks go to Dodie King, Tom Nash, Jaynee Brooks-Robinson, Letter Press Books, Windham Parent Teachers Association, Seacoast Snowboarding, Shaw's, and Walmart for their donations of time and raffle prizes.

Book Review at Portland Public Library was November 18. The Supercharged Storytime learning opportunity was completed on November 30 with the final webinar. Both Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Currier were able to participate. Several new components have been intentionally added to story time to support early literacy.

An informational sheet for new parents was developed to share services offered by Windham Public Library for babies. These will be given to folks when they receive a birth certificate at Town Hall. Many thanks to Town Clerk Linda Morrell for help and guidance on this project.

**Upcoming Events:**

Movie Time for Teens and Tweens- Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:15pm (Wall-E)

Family Movie Time- Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 1pm (The Polar Express)

Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15

Preschool Story Time-Mondays and Thursdays 10:30am

Movie Time for Adults-Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm-Les Miserables

Knitting Group- Afternoon Group-Every Tuesday 1pm, Evening Group-November 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

Book Group-Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm-Fly Rod Crosby: the woman who marked Maine

Monthly Genealogy Workshop-Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1pm

Story Time Holiday Celebrations- Monday, December 21, 10:30am, Tuesday, December 22, 10:15am, Thursday, December 24, 10:30am

Bean Bag Bash, Wednesday, December 30, 1-2:30pm

<b><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u></b>	<b><u>November 2014</u></b>	<b><u>Other November 2015 Stats</u></b>
<p>Attendance: <b>6,025</b>          Windham items circulated: <b>6,675</b>          Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>595</b>          Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>616</b>          New library patrons: <b>51</b>          New items added to collection: <b>249</b>          Special Requests: <b>9</b>          Reference questions answered: <b>77</b>          Computer sign-ins: <b>651</b>          Meeting room usage: <b>58</b>          MI downloads used: <b>529</b>          checkouts, <b>7</b> new user registrations          3M: <b>88</b> checkouts, <b>12</b> new users          Zinio: <b>20</b> checkouts, <b>3</b> new users          Items repaired: <b>16</b>          Volunteer hours logged: <b>177.25</b></p>	<p>Attendance: <b>4,220</b>          Items circulated: 4,583+ (Minerva conversion)            New patrons: <b>37</b>          Items added: <b>36</b>          Special requests: <b>31</b>          Reference ?'s: <b>95</b>          Computer sign-ins: <b>431</b>          Meeting room usage: <b>46</b>          Downloads: <b>445, 19</b> new download patrons            Repaired items: <b>23</b>          Volunteer hours: <b>142.75</b></p>	<p>Book Group: <b>n/a</b>          Genealogy Group: <b>6</b>          Knitting Groups: <b>36</b>          Library Tea: <b>n/a</b>          Movie program, tweens/teens: <b>3</b>          Movie program, adults: <b>3</b>          Movie program, family: <b>n/a</b>          Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: <b>26</b>  <b>Story Time</b>          Preschool Story Time— <b>8</b> sessions, <b>66</b> Adults, <b>85</b> Children          Books and Babies— <b>4</b> sessions, <b>42</b> Adults, <b>51</b> Children          Saturday Family Story time— <b>2</b> sessions, <b>14</b> Adults, <b>14</b> Children    <b>Pass usage</b>          Children's Museum – <b>3 uses</b>          Dundee Park – <b>closed</b>          Maine State Park Pass – <b>no use</b> (Days)          Maine Wildlife Park – <b>2 uses (closed 11/11)</b>          Planetarium – <b>1 use</b>          Willowbrook – <b>closed for the season</b>          Tate House- <b>closed for the season</b>  <b>PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS \$232</b></p>