



Windham Public Library Report December 2018



December was a magical time for the children's room. Our science theme was cooking and chemistry, and we challenged families to test their noses with our spice smelling station. Storytimes continue to do well. We now conduct outreach at Little Log Cabin Montessori School, Birchwood Day Nursery School, A Child's World Preschool and Care Center, and Creative Explorations Child Development Center. Early in the month, Miss Sam was officially welcomed with a wonderful party. The children's room hosted two programs over the December break. One explored the unique things we can make with borax, such as crystals and flubber. Additionally, we hosted a program for families called "Noon Year's Eve." Children were able to make party hats and noisemakers, and we counted down to noon instead of midnight on New Year's Eve. At noon, we dropped confetti and pom-poms on some very excited children. The parking lot and first floor was full with joyous parents and children. We literally ended 2018 with one of our most successful programs of the year and are on to 2019! Finally, with the help of circulation staff, we have created a winter wonderland between the two areas filled with the winter wishes of patrons. This will be up through the end of January, so stop by and add your wish for the new year to our display.

The library started an interactive whiteboard activity upstairs which encourages patrons to participate in the question or scenario that is displayed. The first question was "*If you could visit someplace warmer, where would you go?*" which garnered 27 responses. Our aim is to prompt patrons to think about the topics-- some fun, some serious, some downright silly-- and share their input with other community members.

Members of the Windham Police Department joined representatives from AARP for a program in the library meeting room Thursday, December 6th 1-2pm. The program was titled AARP Fraud Watch Network and came at a perfect time of year to prevent holiday scams. Every two seconds, somebody's identity is stolen. AARP is proud to be a leader in the fight to combat fraud everywhere. This program helped attendees learn how to protect themselves from holiday scams. If you can spot fraud, you can stop it!

In addition, the library staff partnered with Gretchen Anderson, Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator for the Town of Windham. The Library and Public Works worked together to present the program "The Dos and Don'ts of Recycling: How you can make a

Difference". Katrina Venhuizen, Environmental Educator from Ecomaine was the speaker and attendees learned the best way to recycle!

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u>	<u>December 2017</u>	<u>Other: December 2018 Stats</u>
<p>Attendance: 3,935 Windham items circulated: 6,538 Items received from Minerva libraries: 756 Windham items sent to other libraries: 627 New library patrons: 37 New items added to collection: 346 Special Requests: 9 Reference questions answered: 102 Computer sign-ins: 571 Meeting room usage: 40 Study Rooms: 22 Download Library: 904 RB Digital Magazines: 9 ComicsPlus: 2 Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 13 Universal Class Videos Watched: Items repaired: 11 Volunteer hours logged: 46.5</p>	<p>Attendance: 3,544 Items circulated: 5,750 Items received from Minerva libraries: 555 Windham items sent to other libraries: 664 New patrons: 26 Items added: 378 Special requests: 6 Reference ?'s: 65 Computer sign-ins: 452 Meeting room usage: N/A Download Library: 897 RB Digital Magazines: 60 Comics Plus: 29 Repaired items: 28 Volunteer hours: 37</p>	<p>Book Group: N/A Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 45 Author Talk: N/A Library Tea: N/A Movie program, adults: 19 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 7 Wii and rec equipment: 2 Tech Help: 3 Chapter Book Discussion Group: N/A Miss Sam's Welcome Party: 40 Noon Year's Eve Celebration: 84 Borax Snowflakes program: 13</p> <p>Story Time Programs: 13 Children: 78 Adults: 68</p> <p>Pass usage Children's Museum – 2 uses Dundee Park – 0 uses Maine State Park Pass – 0 uses Maine Wildlife Park – 0 uses Planetarium – 0 uses PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$40</p>