



Windham Public Library Report October 2016



Mission, Success, Measurement

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by partnering with other departments and agencies in order to better meet the needs of the community. We often partner with the Parks and Recreation department when our programming aligns and it is a mutually beneficial relationship between two town departments. This month the library, via the Friends of the Windham Public Library, assisted with the Halloween Adventure that the Parks and Recreation department organized. The Friends provided some funding toward the expenses and Mrs. Parker attended the event with her grandson Tyler. Both Mrs. Parker and Tyler were helpful throughout the evening assisting the P&R staff make the event a success. The feedback was positive and it was a great event!

What's going on?

Library staff members met in October to “debrief” about summer reading. We discussed ways that the program worked and ways that we can improve next year. Our next meeting in January will begin the process of planning for next year’s program and will incorporate the things we learned this past summer. The 2017 Summer Reading theme is Build a Better World. The program and events will be built around this theme. Sign up next Summer!

While searching the library catalog you may notice ebook records that have a link in them. The links take you to the ebook platforms that are hosted by our two major ebook vendors, Biblioteca (3M) or the MaineInfonet Download Library. We have begun uploading records and creating links for our ebooks that we purchase. This is a lengthy process but one that should help promote our ebook/audiobook collection and help our users find them more easily in the catalog so that they may check them out. Our Technical Services Librarian, Sally, has been learning about all the standards for data entry so that she can accurately enter them and connect the records to the third party vendor. Thanks for all your efforts Sally!

In the September report, I missed writing about our American Red Cross Blood Drive. Windham Public Library hosted its first blood drive Thursday, September 1st. The Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator and Staff were a pleasure to work with. We collected 22 units of blood and look forward to hosting another drive in the future.

Visits were made to Birchwood Nursery School, Creative Explorations, Ms. Nickerson’s fifth grade class, and Little Log Cabin Montessori School. We also had a visit from two Kindergarten classes from Windham Primary School.

The Windham Fire Department came to share a special story time on October 13 during Fire Prevention Week. A rescue unit and a fire truck came with three firefighters who helped the young patrons explore the trucks in our parking lot.

The Windham/Raymond public and school librarians met on October 6 to share what is happening at each location.

The Knitters 'N' More group which meets every Tuesday afternoon at the library took a field trip on October 11 to Northstar Sheep Farm in Windham. During the summer they had taken a trip with Windham Parks and Recreation to Bartlett yarns in Harmony and learned about Northstar during that visit. All were surprised to hear that the majority of their wool came from Windham. Lisa Webster shared the history of the property and how they maintain a working farm today.

The month wrapped up with the Friends of the Windham Public Library supporting the Windham Halloween Adventure organized by the Windham Parks and Recreation department. The event this year was held at Windham Middle School and about 375 folks attended. As folks left they shared their pleasure in having such a great evening for the community.

November Events:

Library Closed: November 11th(Veteran's Day). The library will close at 5pm November 23rd remain closed November 24-27(Thanksgiving)

Library Tea- November 1st 1:30-2:30pm

Friends of the Windham PL Book and Bake Sale-Saturday, November 19th 10am-3:30pm, preview night November 18th (\$10 per person entrance fee)

Knitters n' More-Every Tuesday at 1pm

Library Coloring Group-Saturday, November 5th, 10-12pm

Author Talk-Joyce M. Lovely, Wednesday, November 9th, 6-7pm

Family Literacy Fun Day- Saturday, November 5th 10am-1pm *held at Windham Primary School*

Saturday Family Story Time-Saturday, November 12th 10:30-11:15am

Movie Time for Adults-Wednesday, November 23rd, 1pm-(The Jungle Book)

Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15am

Preschool Story Time- Mondays and Thursdays-10:30am

Children's Room Chapter Book Discussion Group- Wednesday, November 16th 4-5pm

Book Group-Wednesday, November 30th 6pm

<p><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 5,617 Windham items circulated: 7,205 Items received from Minerva libraries: 560 Windham items sent to other libraries: 713 New library patrons: 46 New items added to collection: 307 Special Requests: 10 Reference questions: 162 Computer sign-ins: 713 Meeting room usage: 51 MI Download checkouts: 485 3M checkouts: 145 Zinio checkouts: 51 Items repaired: 20 Volunteer hours logged: 51.25</p>	<p><u>October 2015</u> Attendance: 7,236 Items circulated: 7,241 Items received from Minerva libraries: 634 Windham items sent to other libraries: 695 New patrons: 48 Items added: 364 Special requests: 15 Reference ?'s: 96 Computer sign-ins: 753 Meeting room usage: 55 MI Download checkouts: 531 3M checkouts: 65 Repaired items: 35 Volunteer hours: 179.25</p>	<p><u>Other October 2016 Stats</u> Book Group: 12 Coloring Group: 2 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 44 Author Talk: 6 Library Tea: N/A Zany, Majestic Bard program: 31 Movie program, tweens/teens: N/A Movie program, adults: N/A Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 23 Teen Event participation: 38 Children's Chapter Book Discussion: 2 Halloween Adventure: 375</p> <p><u>Story Time</u> Preschool Story Time— 8 sessions, 51 Adults, 71 Children Books and Babies— 4 sessions, 50 Adults, 62 Children Family Story Time- sessions, Adults, Children</p> <p><u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 4 uses Dundee Park – Closed for the season Maine State Park Pass – 1 use (3 days) Maine Wildlife Park – 17 uses Planetarium – no use Willowbrook – 3 uses Tate House- no use PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$350</p>
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