



Windham Public Library Report July 2016



Mission, Success, Measurement

One way that the library defines success at our mission is the ways in which the staff strives for excellence. One of the library's four strategic goals is that as a staff we strive for excellence by being informed, friendly, anticipating needs and having fun. Each summer the library staff members host a hide and seek game throughout the summer. We dress a rubber chicken up using the theme of our summer reading program and hide the chicken throughout the library. It may sound silly but our youngest patrons love it and get so excited each time they visit the library to see where the chicken is that day. How does this help the library meet its mission? The fun of the chicken makes the children feel less intimidated in the library and helps library staff connect with the kids and talk about summer reading. It helps to promote our services and that the library is a fun and safe environment for all community members. The kids who have helped hunt for the chicken in previous years wait for his arrival every summer!



What's going on?

Local author Bob Beane was the featured author at our monthly Author Talk series. Bob has lived his life doing rescue work at sea on the North Atlantic and as a firefighter in the City of Portland. Today he is a Reiki Master, a Shamanic Practitioner and a helper in integrative holistic Health Care. He discussed his latest book, "Imagine" to small but engaged group of people.

The movie for this month's Movie Time for Adults was "The Choice", based on the Nicholas Sparks' book of the same name. We have a core group of dedicated movie goers that enjoyed this movie and the delicious popcorn we served. If they were taking part in the Summer Reading Program, watching the movie fulfilled one of their boxes on their Summer Reading Bingo Sheets for "Attending a Library Event" or "Watching a Movie and Writing a Review."

The Children's Room "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" summer events packed the calendar in July. Slugger the Sea Dog made an appearance at the Windham Middle School for the Discover Camp attendees as well as Windham Public Library patrons on July 7. Pictures and popsicles were enjoyed. Creative juices were flowing during the foil sculpture craft day on July 13. Artists formed a shape and had an opportunity to cast its shadow and trace it. The weather was perfect for the annual pet show held in Edith Eliot Park on July 21. Several teams had fun finding the items on the scavenger hunt list on July 27. The Chapter Book Discussion Group, a new offering for this summer, has given readers a chance to talk about their favorite books, make new friends, and hear about books they haven't personally read. They met four times during the month. Many thanks to Jeanne Rhein who had writers come and join her on the four Tuesdays of the month. They had a chance to write with prompts and share their work. David and Liset Higgs brought their sheltie dog Maggie and their two Havanese dogs Rosie and Izzy on three Monday mornings. The trio provided an opportunity for children to read to them or just come and pet them to get used to dogs. They are always a hit with the patrons and our thanks are extended to David and Liset who are great volunteers.



Slugger and Library Director, Jen Alvino

Upcoming Events:

Knitters n' More-Every Tuesday at 1pm

Tea for You @the Library-Tuesday, August 2nd 1:30-2:30pm w/National Coloring Book Day display

Library Coloring Group-Saturday, August 6th, 10-12pm

Author Talk-Josh Christie, Wednesday, August 10th, 6-7pm

Reading Therapy Dog visits-August 8th&29th, and September 12th 10am

Saturday Family Story Time-Saturdays, August 6th & 13th 10:30-11:15am

Yoga for Children- Thursday August 11th, 10-11am

Movie Time for Adults-Wednesday, August 24th, 1pm-(Race)

Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15am

Preschool Story Time- Mondays 10:30am

Letterboxing- through August 29th

Summer Reading Program – through August 29th

Children's Room Chapter Book Discussion Group, Wednesdays, August 3rd, 10th & 24th 4-5pm

Ice Cream Party- Thursday August 4th 1:30-2:00pm

Craft Day in Children's Room, Wednesday, August 10th, 10:30-11:30am

Bedtime Math End of Summer Star Party- Wednesday, August 17th, 4-5pm

On Your Mark! Get Set! READ Carnival! Thursday, August 25th 1-3pm

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u>	<u>July 2015</u>	<u>Other July 2016 Stats</u>
Attendance: 5,315	Attendance: 5,918	Book Group: N/A
Windham items circulated: 8,870	Items circulated: 9,380	Coloring Group: N/A
Items received from Minerva libraries: 611	Items received from Minerva libraries: 762	Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 46
Windham items sent to other libraries: 831	Windham items sent to other libraries: 806	Author Talk: 7
New library patrons: 71	New patrons: 87	Library Tea: N/A
New items added to collection: 263	Items added: 360	Movie program, tweens/teens: N/A
Special Requests: 9	Special requests: 1	Movie program, adults: 3
Reference questions: 245	Reference ?'s: 106	Movie program, family: 3
Computer sign-ins: 741	Computer sign-ins: 602	Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 6
Meeting room usage: 48	Meeting room usage: 37	Teen Event participation: 19
MI Download checkouts: 504	MI Download checkouts: 642	<u>Story Time</u>
3M checkouts: 137	3M checkouts: 89	Preschool Story Time— 3 sessions, 40 Adults, 55 Children
Zinio: 42 checkouts	Repaired items: 26	Books and Babies— 4 sessions, 28 Adults, 42 Children
Items repaired: 16	Volunteer hours: 112.5	Family Story Time- 2 sessions, 9 Adults, 10 Children
Volunteer hours logged: 84.5		<u>Pass usage</u>
		Children's Museum – 6 uses
		Dundee Park – 4 uses
		Maine State Park Pass – 19 uses (48 days)
		Maine Wildlife Park – 11 uses
		Planetarium – 1 use
		Willowbrook – 1 use
		Tate House- no use
		PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$993