



Windham Public Library Report September 2016



Mission, Success, Measurement

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by providing access to the collection and programming for all ages. September marks the beginning of the school year and we are attempting some new activities for the students that visit the library in the afternoon. We have a handful of new games for the Wii, a reformatted movie program and new Make It! activities to go along with our monthly scavenger hunt. Last year's movie program didn't seem to interest the students. Library staff members chose a movie once a month to show on a particular day and advertised it. Typically no more than a handful of students attended. This year we are attempting to allow the students to choose which movie to watch and when. Library staff choose a handful of movies each month that fall under our movie license and set those aside for the kids to choose from. They can sign the movie out the same way they sign out the recreation equipment and Wii gaming equipment. They can watch the movie in the teen area and return it once they're done. We hope this change will be more popular with the students.

What's going on?

In September, library personnel joined school open house activities by promoting services which the Windham Public Library has available to students, parents and teachers of the RSU 14 community. Bookmarks, handouts, and answers to questions were offered, as were new library accounts for anyone wishing to register for a Windham Public Library card. Two new additions to the library were also on hand to greet attendees at the Middle and High Schools—two toy robots called Dash and Dot, who will be used to teach kids the fun that can be had with coding.

At the end of the month, the Windham Public Library unveiled its newest downloadable service: Comics Plus. Library users will have access to thousands of digital graphic novels and comics via any web-connected device. The library's other download services—CloudLibrary (digital books and audios) and Zinio (digital magazines)—along with the statewide access to Maine Infonet Download Library (digital books and audios) have been popular with patrons who are looking for ways to access materials through their electronic devices.

The last four monarch butterflies successfully hatched and were sent on their way on September 2 and 5. Patrons have been turning in their record sheets and jars from those that were raised with host families.

September 13th tea featured gingerbread with whipped cream and homemade Macintosh applesauce. All three pans of the gingerbread disappeared with the 50 or so folks who stopped in. New flavors of Town House crackers, cheese, and red grapes rounded out the menu.

Visits this month included Little Log Cabin Montessori School, Sabrina Nickerson's fifth grade at Manchester School, and Mrs. Whidden's and Mrs. Hopkins' second grade classes coming to the library for a visit and tour.

We were saddened to hear from one of our patrons that 19th Century Willowbrook Village was slated to permanently close on October 10. The Friends of the Windham Public Library provided a pass for our patrons to use for a number of years. It allowed a family of four to visit for free.

October Events:

The Zany, Majestic Bard: Celebrating the Inventive Language of Shakespeare Thursday, October 20th
 6:30-7:30pm-Event held at **Windham High School Performing Arts Center**
 Fire Prevention Week Story Time- Thursday, October 13th 10:30-11:30am
 Knitters n' More-Every Tuesday at 1pm
 Library Coloring Group-Saturday, October 1st, 10-12pm
 Author Talk-Vaughn Hardacker, Wednesday, October 12th, 6-7pm
 Saturday Family Story Time-Each Saturday in October - 10:30-11:15am
 Movie Time for Adults-Wednesday, October 26th, 1pm-(Miracles From Heaven)
 Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15am
 Preschool Story Time- Mondays and Thursdays-10:30am
 Children's Room Chapter Book Discussion Group- Wednesday, October 19th 4-5pm
 Book Group-Wednesday, October 26th 6pm

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 6,343 Windham items circulated: 7,102 Items received from Minerva libraries: 718 Windham items sent to other libraries: 733 New library patrons: 54 New items added to collection: 235 Special Requests: 5 Reference questions: 176 Computer sign-ins: 666 Meeting room usage: 47 MI Download checkouts: stats not available 3M checkouts: 93 Zinio checkouts: 48 Items repaired: 28 Volunteer hours logged: 56.5	<u>September 2015</u> Attendance: 6,649 Items circulated: 7,204 Items received from Minerva libraries: 612 Windham items sent to other libraries: 696 New patrons: 77 Items added: 204 Special requests: 6 Reference ?'s: 91 Computer sign-ins: 792 Meeting room usage: 48 MI Download checkouts: 219 3M checkouts: 79 Repaired items: 47 Volunteer hours: 180	<u>Other September 2016 Stats</u> Book Group: 13 Coloring Group: N/A Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 47 Author Talk: 27 Library Tea: 50 Movie program, tweens/teens: N/A Movie program, adults: 3 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 13 Teen Event participation: 38 School Open Houses: 74 <u>Story Time</u> Preschool Story Time— 7 sessions, 41 Adults, 55 Children Books and Babies— 4 sessions, 49 Adults, 60 Children Family Story Time- sessions, Adults, Children <u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 4 uses Dundee Park – 1 use Maine State Park Pass – 3 uses (8 days) Maine Wildlife Park – 5 uses Planetarium – 1 use Willowbrook – 6 uses Tate House- 4 uses PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$699
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