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The newsletter of the Windham Public Library Windham, Maine



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2017



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for Presidents' Day**



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Handy tip:



Not seeing your usual library emails? Check your spam folders and add us to your email contacts list: WindhamPL@windhammaine.us

Author Talk



**Romance Writers Panel: Michelle Libby,
Maggie Robinson & Wanda Ann Thomas
Wednesday, February 8th
6-7pm**



Get ready for Valentine's Day with this panel of romance writers. Michelle, a journalist and former newspaper editor, strives to make her characters say what she imagines they would say. Maggie, compelled to create the "perfect man," is a two-time Romantic Times Reviews' Choice nominee. Wanda creates heart-felt love stories, honorable heroes, and courageous heroines. Books will be on hand for purchase; signing will be available. Space is limited. Please register with Barbara: 207-892-1908.



The **Friends of the Windham Public Library** is a group of volunteers who help raise funds for a variety of programs at the library. We support the summer reading programs, passes to parks and museums, book purchases, community teas, the butterfly program in the Children's Room, and much, much more. We look forward to supporting wonderful programming for our community in the coming year! The Friends meet the second Thursday of the month at 2pm (January-June and September-November). We encourage new members to join us! For more information contact Susan Dries, Friends President at 207-892-9346.

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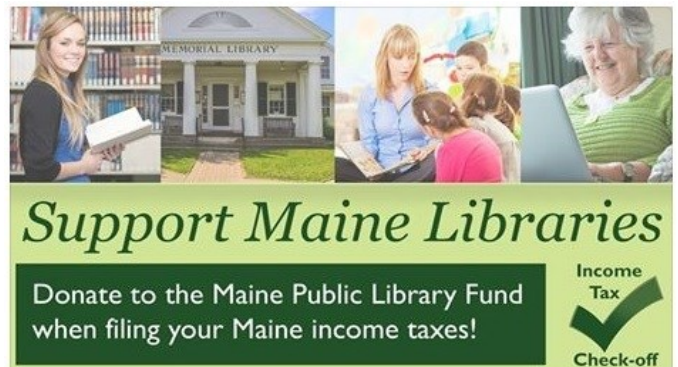
February is Library Lovers' Month! We have three fun ways to celebrate your library love: Share your love of reading with a child in your life by bringing them to the library. The Annual **Take Your Child to the Library Day** is Saturday, February 4th. Visit the Children's Room that Saturday for our Family Story Time at 10:30am. Also, this month we are hosting a **Romance Writers Panel**. The panel will feature three romance authors: Michelle Libby, Maggie Robinson, and Wanda Thomas will join us as our featured speakers. We may even have a sweet treat for those who attend. Lastly, our library is featuring a month-long **Blind Date with a Book** display. Take a chance on an unknown book and then rate your date!

It's that time of year again... tax season! We have already begun receiving calls and visits from folks looking for **tax forms**. The IRS has drastically reduced the amount of supplies they send us, but we have some forms available. For Federal tax, we have basic forms and instructions but no schedules; for State tax, we have an informational sheet with directions about how to obtain forms. We are happy to assist you with printing what you need from the government websites.

In addition, you may have noticed over the last two years a charitable contribution tax check off that supports libraries in Maine through the **Maine Public Library Fund**. You can find this on Schedule CP. Be sure to look for it this year and give if you can. The donations through this tax check-off help the Friends of the Maine State Library to support libraries throughout Maine. The money that is raised directly benefits libraries in Maine and their community members. Thank you for your continued support!

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

~Jen Alvino
Library Director



Find out more at www.state.me.us/msl/tax/

If You Like...

For adults

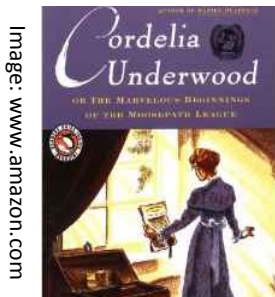


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If you like **Patrick Taylor's *An Irish Country Doctor*** and its sequels, try the **Moosepath League** books by **Van Reid**. Reid's books are set in Maine, and like Taylor's Ireland, they feature small-towns full of charming,

big-hearted, quirky characters. Light, entertaining adventures abound.

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The book that made me fall in love with reading was **Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden***. When I reached the end of the book, I read it again, and again. Eventually, I needed something else. **"Heidi" by Susan**

Saunders fit the bill. While it lacked the magical garden, it made up for it with daunting Swiss Alps and an equally plucky heroine.

School Vacation Week events @ the Library:



Puzzled

Wednesday, February 22, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Puzzled with what to do during February Break? Come to the library and be puzzled even more. There will be a fun variety of puzzles to solve, a puzzle hunt, and a puzzle craft using jigsaw puzzle pieces. Activity is aimed at school-age children. For more information, contact Diana Currier: 207-892-1908.

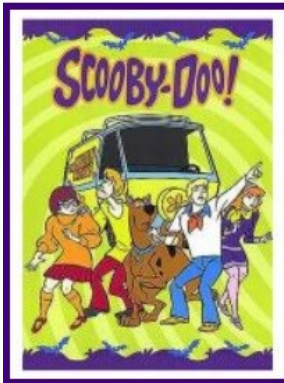


No Zamboni Required

Thursday, February 23, 12:30 - 2:30pm

Do you like hockey? Do you like making crafts? Do you like coming to the library? Then you should come to the library and make your own miniature hockey rink. When you're done with all of the cutting, gluing, and taping, you'll be ready for the face off. Everyone will take home his or her hockey rink, along with two small

wooden hockey sticks and a tiny puck. No skates or Zamboni required. Activity is aimed at school-age children. For more information, contact Diana Currier: 207-892-1908.



Scooby Doo, Where Are You? Marathon

Friday, February 24, 10am - 5pm

Zoinks! Jump in the Mystery Machine and head over to the library for a marathon of original "Scooby Doo, Where Are You?" TV episodes. Follow Scooby, Shaggy, Velma, Daphne, and Freddie as they investigate mysteries and ruin the plans of all sorts of spooky characters. A munchie will be provided, but feel free to bring your own snacks, too. This activity will be held in the Teen area, but is open to all ages.

Scooby Doo, Where Are You? episodes are rated G (1969). For more info, contact Sally: 207-892-1908.

Ongoing programs and displays

For more information about these or any other library programs, contact the library or go to www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar

Books and Babies

Tuesdays, 10:15 am

Birth-24 months and their parents or caregivers. This program lasts roughly 20 minutes, and includes songs, fingerplays, and a story.



Story Time

Mondays, 10:30 am & Thursdays, 10:30 am

Children up to age 5 and their parents or caregivers. This program includes 2 stories and several songs. Children should be able to sit attentively throughout the 30 minute program.



Saturday Family Story Time

February 4th & 11th, 10:30-11:15am

Open to all ages. Program centers around a theme, includes a read-aloud story or two, a selection of books to look over and check out, and a family friendly activity.



Children's Room Chapter Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 15th, 4-5pm

Mrs. Parker or Mrs. Currier will share the most recent book that she has read. The discussion will be open for any chapter books that readers choose to talk about.



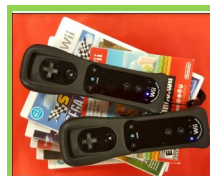
Teen Activities Available daily. Ask @ desk upstairs.



Watch select movies



Craft, build, imagine, puzzle, or create.



Wii games, board games & sports equipment



Monthly scavenger

Outreach Delivery

Thursday, February 2nd

We deliver an assortment of library materials to residents of Ledgewood Manor, Unity Gardens, New Marblehead Manor, and Little Falls Landing each month. For more info, contact Sally.



Knitters 'n More

Tuesdays, 1-3 pm

All needleworkers welcome. Bring your own project to work on. Share patterns, tips and conversation. All ages. Contact Laurel for more info.



Knitters 'N More

Zen Coloring Group

Wednesday, February 1st, 6-7pm

Color to soothing music; stress-free time of quiet reflection & creativity. Bring your books & supplies, or use what we have. Online coloring apps welcome too! All ages. For more info, contact Sally.

New!



Zen Coloring Group

Movie Time

**Wednesday, February 15th,
1-2:36 pm AND 5-6:36pm**

New releases shown. Free. Snacks provided. No reservations required. This month: "**Sully**" (2016, PG-13, 96 min.) starring Tom Hanks. Please call Sally for more details.

Two Showings!



Maine Humanities Council Book Discussion Wednesday, February 22nd, 6–7pm



Free reading and discussion group with copies of books available through the library. This program is provided by the Maine Humanities Council's Maine Center for the Book in cooperation with the Maine State Library. This particular series is entitled "Making a Difference: How Love and Duty Change Lives." Space is limited. Contact Barbara to reserve your spot and get your monthly book selection.

NOW ON DISPLAY

DOWNSTAIRS:



**Cornerstones of
Science**
Display:
Math & Technology

Book-In-A-Jar

Can you guess this
month's Book-In-A-Jar?
If so, you receive a treat!



UPSTAIRS:

Miniatures

Exhibit Case

February 1 -
April 29

Miniatures
by **Diana Currier**

Art Display

February 1 -
April 29

Artwork by
Michael Loring



For more information about our **Exhibit Case** or **Art Displays**: <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/exhibits>

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YOUR LIBRARY STAFF

Library Director: Jen Alvino

Technical Services Librarian: Sally Bannen

Reference/Technology Librarian: Barbara Kelley

Children's Librarian: Laurel T. Parker

Children's Room Coordinator: Diana Currier

Circulation Supervisor: Jennifer Dupree

Library Aides: Janet Stover, Victoria Hugo-Vidal



LIBRARY HOURS

Mon & Wed
10:00am - 7:00pm

Tues, Thurs & Fri
10:00am - 6:00pm

Sat
10:00am - 4:00pm



Ask to be
emailed our
newsletters
and events



Access our library events calendar at
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