



Windham Public Library Report July 2017



Mission, Success, Measurement

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by being a “gateway to technology”. Through a grant from the Maine State Library, Windham Public Library is the recipient of \$2500 to increase access to technology in our Children’s Room. The check has arrived and we’ll be working to purchase iPads and other educational equipment and apps for use by our youngest patrons. Digital literacy skills are very important and the educational uses of technology equipment such as iPads are numerous. The library is excited to provide patrons with this new opportunity to explore and learn in the Children’s Room. The iPads will be available soon.

What’s going on?

If you’ve been by the library over the last several months, you’ve noticed many changes. Our landscaping work began last fall with removal of overgrown shrubs and plantings as well as the building of stone steps that used reclaimed granite that was on the property. This spring began with new plantings and shrubs as well as grass seeding. A stone bench in memory of our dedicated volunteer, Carrie Kelso, who passed away last year, was also installed. The work is now complete and it looks fantastic! Stretchway Landscaping, Windham Public Works and the Buildings and Grounds crew, library staff members, and the families and friends of John Hagar, Kermit Hodgdon Sr., and Carrie Kelso all were instrumental in giving the property its new look.

You may also have noticed a small plot of land out on the front lawn of the library. Library staff members and volunteers have planted and cared for a raised bed with a flower and vegetable garden this summer as part of our Build a Better World Summer Reading program. Progress has been slow but we’ve gotten some tomatoes and herbs from the garden so far. Our hope is that it helps to serve the community. We’ve had some library patrons harvest some tomatoes already and if the yield is large enough, we hope to donate what we grow to the food pantry. Stay tuned!

The Build a Better World Summer Reading Program in the Children’s Room was in full swing with traditional offerings as well as some new programs this summer. Diana Currier continued to lead “Calm as a Critter” sessions for young patrons to learn how to improve aspects of their life. As an offshoot to the program Diana also took on working with a group of folks from CAFÉ, older adults and their lead person to do a modified version geared toward their capabilities. Diana and Stephanie Vary worked with the readers who come weekly to discuss the books they have read. An added program piece for that group was the addition of serving tea to enhance the time together. Joan Flagg-Williams and Jeanne Rhein co-lead a six session creative writing group for children in grades 4-8. Since the group met on Tuesdays and Thursdays they named themselves the “T-Dayz Writers.” Many thanks to Joan, Jeanne, and Robert, Joan’s husband, who provided the leadership for the writers. Two Saturday story times were offered so families could attend together. Both were well received. One-time events during the month

included the annual scavenger hunt; the Children's Room first SKYPE visit with author Mary Rose Wood (*The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place*); a new story walk at Donnabeth Lippman Park in conjunction with Windham Parks and Recreation; and the annual Ice Cream Party which included library patrons and Discovery and Ranger Camps from Windham Parks and Rec with lots of help from staff members Diana Currier, Jen Alvino, Sally Bannen, and Barbara Kelley.

The July Tea for You @ Your Library on Tuesday, July 11 featured whoopie pies that attendees were able to build themselves. Chocolate or vanilla outsides were offered with five different fillings to try. More than 25 folks shared in the fun.

Upcoming Events:

Author Talk-Bruce Robert Coffin-August 9th 6-7pm
Zen Coloring Group- Wednesday, August 2nd, 6pm
Pet Show- Thursday, August 3rd 2-3pm
Solar Eclipse Viewing Presentation- Monday, August 7th 4-5pm
Solar Eclipse Demonstration- Monday, August 7th 6-7pm
Craft Day- build a solar eclipse viewer-Wednesday, August 9th 10:30-11:30am
Bedtime Math End of Summer Star Party-Thursday, August 17th 4-5pm
Solar Eclipse Viewing Event! Monday August 31st 2-3pm
Movie Discussion Group- Wednesday, August 16th 6-7pm (Imitation Game)
Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15
Preschool Story Time-Mondays 10:30am
Letterboxing- daily- visit the Children's Room for more info
Craft Day: Build a Sign Post- Wednesday, July 20th- 10:30-11:30
Calm as Critter- Thursdays August 3, 10&17 10:15-10:45am
Children's Chapter Book Discussion Group-Wednesdays, 4pm
Movie Time for Adults-Monday, August 14th, at 1pm and 5pm (Imitation Game)
Knitting Group- Knitters 'N More-Every Tuesday 1pm
Book Group-Wednesday, August 23rd, 6pm-canceled
Tech Help Thursdays-Every Thursday 10:30am-11:30am
Saturday Family Story Time- August 5th & 12th
Library Tea August 22nd 1:30
Build a Better World Carnival-August 23rd 1pm

<p><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 6,050 Windham items circulated: 9,605 Items received from Minerva libraries: 789 Windham items sent to other libraries: 749 New library patrons: 73 New items added to collection: 504 Special Requests: 3 Reference questions answered: 150 Computer sign-ins: 628 Meeting room usage: 52 Download Library: 860 checkouts Zinio: 18 checkouts ComicsPlus: 28 Items repaired: 48 Volunteer hours logged: 40.75</p>	<p><u>July 2016</u> Attendance: 5,315 Items circulated: 8,870 Items received from Minerva libraries: 611 Windham items sent to other libraries: 831 New patrons: 71 Items added: 263 Special requests: 9 Reference ?'s: 245 Computer sign-ins: 741 Meeting room usage: 48 MI Downloads used: 504 3M: 137 checkouts Zinio: 42 Repaired items: 16 Volunteer hours: 84.5</p>	<p><u>Other July 2017 Stats</u> Book Group: 16 Coloring Group: 0 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 48 Author Talk: Canceled by author Library Tea: 25 Movie program, adults: 5 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 10 Teen Event participation: 5 Tech Help: 7 Children's Author skype talk: 7</p> <p><u>Story Time</u> Preschool Story Time— 5 sessions, 84 Adults, 127 Children Books and Babies— 3 sessions, 34 Adults, 37 Children Saturday Story Time— 2 sessions, 3 Adults, 5 Children</p> <p><u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 4 uses Dundee Park – 6 uses Maine State Park Pass – 21 uses/ 52 days Maine Wildlife Park – 11 uses Planetarium – 2 uses PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$1,031</p>
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