

# CHECK IT OUT

The newsletter of the Windham Public Library Windham, Maine





Nov 10 & 11th for Veterans' Day



Nov 23-26 and closing at 5pm on Nov 22nd for the long Thanksgiving weekend

> Construction will be starting soon! Read more on page 2

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# Learn something new today!

On November 1st, the Windham Public Library will offer patrons access to **Universal Class**. This service has **over 500 online courses** for professional or

personal growth. All you need is your Windham



library card! Accounting, Alternative Medicine, Law, Pet Care, Real Estate, Science, and Test Preparation are only a few of the topics. Interested? Visit **www.windhamme.** 

universalclass.com/register.htm

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### Melanie Brooks Wednesday, Nov 8th 6-7pm

Melanie Brooks is the author of

"Writing Hard Stories: Celebrated Memoirists Who Shaped Art From Trauma" (Beacon Press, 2017). Melanie received her master of fine arts in creative nonfiction from the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast MFA program.

She teaches at Northeastern University in Boston (MA), Merrimack College in Andover (MA), and Nashua Community College (NH). She lives in Nashua, New Hampshire with her husband, two children and yellow Lab.

Books will be on hand for purchase; signing will be available. Please register with Barbara: 207-892-1908.



#### Youbell Jackson Monday, Nov 6th 5:30-6:30pm

Youbell Jackson will present her book, "Cat with an Attitude," which has recently been published. She will read



the book, talk about her process, and have books available for purchase and signing. Space is limited. Please register with Mrs. Parker: 207-892-1908.

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*Chat with the Director*  Our renovation is newsletter, it may b change:

**Our renovation is getting ever-closer**. In fact, by the time you read this newsletter, it may be under way! A few things to note as things begin to change:

First, the **availability of our collection will be limited**. Some of our books, DVDs, audio books, music

CDs, periodicals, and other items may be moved into storage. However, patrons will still be able to use Minerva to request items and we'll be packing and unpacking the delivery as usual.

Second, at different times throughout the renovation, **public computers, parking, study space, and programming space will be limited**. We hope to have some if not all of the computers accessible, but there may be periods when there is a wait. Studyspace might be unavailable for a time—we'll be using our current study areas for staff until the renovation is complete. As for parking, a storage trailer will be taking up some of our available space. If our parking lot is full, check across the street at Town Hall for availability. And some programs may take place off library grounds so check the library's online calendar or call (892-1908) to verify program locations.



Third, since space will be very tight in the library **we will be unable to accept** <u>any</u> **book, movie, or audio donations after November 1st**.

This is an exciting project and while there will be some short-term inconvenience, the long-term benefit will be worth it! Thank you for your continued patience and support.



Windham Community Tree Lighting & Activities Sunday, Nov 26 5-7pm \*HELD OFF SITE: Windham Public Safety Building, 375 Gray Road

Featuring caroling, refreshments, craft activities, and visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus! Music provided by Windham Primary School's Third Grade Chorus. **Activities from the Windham Public Library**. Please bring

along a non-perishable food item for the Windham Food Pantry! Sponsored by the Town of Windham. For more information, call 892-1905.



Thanks to generous donations in memory of **Audrey Woodbrey**, the Windham Public Library now has a **Nature Backpack** that you and your family can check out. Explore animals, plants, and the constellations with the backpack's books, games and other activities.



**November marks three years since we joined Minerva**. Joining Minerva has enhanced what we have to offer our patrons and has increased our joint purchasing opportunities—in other words, taxpayer money goes further!



# Here's what joining Minerva looks like, by the numbers:

In November and December of 2014 (the first two months of joining), we sent out 475 items and received 425 items from other libraries.

In 2015, we sent out 7942 items and received 7078 items.

In 2016, we sent out 8586 items and received 7446 items.

Through September of 2017, we sent 6640 items and received 6170 items (that's with three months of the year left to go!).

Just to put that in context, in 2013, before we joined Minerva, 329 special request items came in for our patrons and we weren't lending any of our items to other libraries.

These numbers show how much our collection is going out *to* other libraries, as well as how many items our patrons have accessed *from* other libraries.





Ask to be emailed our events and newsletters



Access our library events calendar at www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar

Browse our newest library materials at www.windham.lib.me.us/new-materials-2

#### LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

**Sat** 10:00am - 4:00pm



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All library programs are free! Call for more info, or go to our webpage at www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar

Sunday closed	Monday 10am-7pm	Tuesday 10am-6pm	Wednesday 10am-7pm	Thursday 10am-6pm	Friday 10am-6pm	Saturday 10am-4pm
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5	<sup>6</sup> Story Time (10:30am) Children's Author Talk: Youbell Jackson (5:30pm)	7 Books & Babies (10:15am) • Knitters 'N More (1pm)	8 Author Talk: Melanie Brooks (6pm)	<ul> <li>Story Time (10:30am)</li> <li>Tech Help Thurs (10:30am)</li> <li>Friends of WPL Meeting (2pm)</li> <li>Trustees' Board Meeting (4pm)</li> </ul>	10 Thank you, Veterans LIBRARY CLOSED	11 LIBRARY CLOSED
12	13 Story Time (10:30am)	14 Books & Babies (10:15am) Knitters 'N More (1pm) Tea For You (1:30pm)	15 Children's Chapter Book Discussion (4pm) Movie Discussion Group: The Zookeeper's Wife (6pm)	16 Story Time (10:30am) Tech Help Thursday (10:30am)	17	18
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