



## Windham Public Library Report October 2017



### **Mission, Success, Measurement**

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by providing space for community members to meet. The library vision statement refers to Windham Public Library as a key community anchor. This designation was evident in the days following the October storms when power, cable, and internet were knocked out for several days in the community. The library gained power back the day after the storm and was designated as a warming/charging station. Many of our regular library users found us naturally and utilized our space to recharge devices and stay warm and entertained while they waited for their power to be restored. However, we welcomed many new faces in the community during this time period as well. Our meeting space was filled with people who work from home that required power, internet, and a warm space. We set up coffee, tea, and hot cocoa to make people feel at home. While the storm and its aftermath was frustrating, the library was able to provide much needed stability and services that assisted community members to get through a difficult time. There was a great spirit of coming together to get through a rough patch and as staff we were happy to be able to support community members in this way.

### **What's going on?**

Middle school aged kids enjoyed several activities during our library's celebration of Teen Read Week (October 8-14). Based on this year's theme of "Unleash your story," Circulation Assistant Lisa Schadler organized a vision board craft which allowed kids to consider their dreams and aspirations. She and Circulation Supervisor, Jen Dupree, worked to organize another event which brought two representatives from the Animal Refuge League (one a human spokesperson and one a therapy dog) to our library. After hearing about work going on at the League and with plenty of time to visit with the dog, 18 students made dog and cat toys out of recycled materials which they then donated to the League. Animal-shaped cookies rounded out the fun afternoon. Two other activities for the week were comic-hero themed puzzle sheets with lollipop rewards.

A meeting of the Windham/Raymond Literacy for ME group was held at St. Joseph's College on October 2. Folks from St. Joseph's, Windham Public Library, the Homeschooling Community, and Windham/Raymond Adult Education attended. Information about literacy events happening during the fall were shared. Windham/Raymond Adult Ed will be in charge of the Family Literacy Fun Day on November 4 at Windham Primary School. The Windham/Raymond public and school librarians held a meeting at Windham Public Library on October 24.

Tea on October 3 featured apple crisp with crackers and cheese. More than two dozen folks stopped by to enjoy food, conversation, and fellowship.

Two kindergarten classes from the Windham Primary School came to the library for a visit. Books were also taken to the Little Log Cabin Montessori School for the month. During the three days of Parent/Teacher conferences at Manchester School, the library had a table displaying many of the opportunities available to community members with a library card. On Saturday, October 28 the display

was put up at the Fall Family Festival at the Windham Primary School where many families spent an enjoyable afternoon thanks to the efforts of the school staff.

The library's volunteers were honored at the pot luck supper on October 19. The staff, trustees, Friends, and volunteers came together to celebrate how the input of all helps Windham Public Library be the success that it is.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 31 and November 1 the library meeting room was open, along with other spaces in the building, for folks who needed warming, a place to charge phones, or use computers. Many homes in Windham had been affected by the strong winds which came through Sunday, toppled trees, and took out power lines. The library was closed Monday due to the power outage in the area.

**Upcoming Events:**

Library Closed-Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>-Veteran's Day

Library Closed-5pm Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>-Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>-Thanksgiving Weekend

Author Talk-Melanie Brooks-Wednesday, November 8th 6-7pm

Children's Author Talk-Youbell Jackson-Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30pm

Library Tea-Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm

Movie Discussion Group- Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm (The Zookeeper's Wife)

Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15

Preschool Story Time-Mondays and Thursdays 10:30am

Children's Chapter Book Discussion Group-Wednesday, November 15th - 4pm

Movie Time for Adults-November 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm and 5pm (Going In Style)

Knitting Group- Knitters 'N More-Every Tuesday 1pm

Book Group-Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - 6pm \*\*\*@Town Hall\*\*\*

Tech Help Thursdays-Every Thursday 10:30am-11:30am

Windham Community Tree Lighting- Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 5pm \*\*\*@Public Safety Building\*\*\*

<p><b><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u></b>  Attendance: <b>5,347</b>  Windham items circulated: <b>6,861</b>  Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>675</b>  Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>739</b>  New library patrons: <b>38</b>  New items added to collection: <b>349</b>  Special Requests: <b>6</b>  Reference questions answered: <b>87</b>  Computer sign-ins: <b>603</b>  Meeting room usage: <b>54</b>  Download Library: <b>853</b>  Zinio: <b>20</b>  ComicsPlus: <b>53</b>  Items repaired: <b>44</b>  Volunteer hours logged: <b>70</b></p>	<p><b><u>October 2016</u></b>  Attendance: <b>5,617</b>  Items circulated: <b>7,205</b>  Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>560</b>  Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>713</b>  New patrons: <b>46</b>  Items added: <b>307</b>  Special requests: <b>10</b>  Reference ?'s: <b>162</b>  Computer sign-ins: <b>713</b>  Meeting room usage: <b>51</b>  MI Downloads used: <b>485</b>  3M: <b>145</b>  Zinio: <b>51</b>  Repaired items: <b>20</b>  Volunteer hours: <b>51.25</b></p>	<p><b><u>Other October 2017 Stats</u></b>  Book Group: <b>10</b>  Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: <b>65</b>  Author Talk: <b>10</b>  Library Tea: <b>24+</b>  Movie program, adults: <b>7</b>  Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: <b>39</b>  Teen Event participation: <b>25</b>  Tech Help: <b>3</b>  Teen Read Week events: <b>47</b></p> <p><b><u>Story Time</u></b>  Preschool Story Time— <b>7</b> sessions, <b>41</b> Adults, <b>60</b> Children  Books and Babies— <b>5</b> sessions, <b>58</b> Adults, <b>65</b> Children  Saturday Story Time- <b>1</b> session, <b>3</b> Adults, <b>2</b> Children</p> <p><b><u>Pass usage</u></b>  Children's Museum – <b>no use</b>  Dundee Park – closed for season  Maine State Park Pass – <b>4 uses/11 days</b>  Maine Wildlife Park – <b>5 uses</b>  Planetarium – <b>0</b>  <b>PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$217</b></p>
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