



Windham Public Library Report November 2017



Mission, Success, Measurement

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by providing opportunities for lifelong learning. Through our programming we host authors, trainers, and presenters who share their expertise with our library patrons to provide information and learning about topics of interest. We have a weekly technology training session, monthly author talks, and in 2018 will begin hosting programs on topics such as financial planning and gardening.

In addition to being able to attend informational programs in person, the library has added a new online learning service called UniversalClass. The UniversalClass database 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. Visit our website or contact Barbara at 207-892-1908 for more information.

What's going on?

In addition to the day to day running of the library, staff members have been preparing for the upcoming renovation. With a start date set for December 11th, attention has been focused on packing offices and supplies, organizing, weeding the collection, and preparing for working in a temporary space. Notifications have been sent to local papers and publicized on social media as well as forwarded to community partners such as the Middle School and Baxter Academy, that the library will be closed to prepare our temporary space December 11th-13th. I facilitated a discussion between Baxter Academy and RSU#14's Bill Hansen, to move the BA bus drop from the library lot to a parking lot nearby on the school campus. With all the construction equipment and limited parking, a temporary bus drop off was necessary to ensure the safety of the students.

Four library employees participated in the town's 3rd annual Windham Community Tree Lighting by supplying two fun activities for the children at the event. Jen Alvino, Jen Dupree & Sally Bannen gave kids 2 minutes to move mini marshmallows from one container to another using pairs of chopsticks. Children then counted their totals and wrote them on a score board. Bragging rights were the reward for the highest player. There were 51 participants in that activity. Mrs. Parker also represented the library with two holiday crafts for kids to create. There were popsicle stick Christmas trees to decorate as well as pipe cleaner candy canes to make. The craft tables were busy all evening as approximately 200 kids designed crafts! It's nice to have several town departments taking part in the event.

Visits were made to Birchwood and Little Log Cabin Montessori School during November.

Youbell Jackson presented a program on her book *Cat With an Attitude*.

Tea on November 14 was enjoyed by almost 30 folks. Chocolate cake, spice cake, crackers, cheese, and grapes were on the menu.

Upcoming Events:

Library Closed-December 11th-December 13th for renovation preparation

Library Closed-December 23rd-25th and January 1st

Author Talk-Maureen O'Connor-Wednesday, December 13th 6-7pm ***Off-site @ Town Hall

Conference Room #1***

Children's Author Talk-Maggie Gousse Wood-Monday, December 4th 5:30-6:30pm***Off-site @Town Hall Conference Room #1***

Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15

Preschool Story Time-Mondays and Thursdays 10:30am

Children's Chapter Book Discussion Group-Wednesday, December 20th - 4pm

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

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

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 4,817 Windham items circulated: 6,636 Items received from Minerva libraries: 675 Windham items sent to other libraries: 730 New library patrons: 40 New items added to collection: 265 Special Requests: 12 Reference questions answered: 103 Computer sign-ins: 534 Meeting room usage: 34 Download Library: 831 Zinio: 53 ComicsPlus: 13 Items repaired: 39 Volunteer hours logged: 61.75	<u>November 2016</u> Attendance: 5,185 Items circulated: 6,808 Items received from Minerva libraries: 595 Windham items sent to other libraries: 710 New patrons: 38 Items added: 180 Special requests: 2 Reference ?'s: 158 Computer sign-ins: 690 Meeting room usage: 54 MI Downloads used: 499 3M: 159 Zinio: 35 Comics Plus: 72 Repaired items: 16 Volunteer hours: 83.5	<u>Other November 2017 Stats</u> Book Group: 14 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 57 Author Talk: 7 Library Tea: 30 Movie program, adults: canceled due to storm Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 14 Teen Event participation: 27 Tech Help: 2 <u>Story Time</u> Preschool Story Time— 8 sessions, 42 Adults, 75 Children Books and Babies— 4 sessions, 35 Adults, 39 Children <u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 1 use Dundee Park – closed for season Maine State Park Pass – no uses Maine Wildlife Park – 1 use Planetarium – 0 PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$37
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