



Windham Public Library Report July 2018



Monday afternoon special events were well attended throughout the month. Rocks Rock! With Steve Bridge from St. Joseph's College filled the house and the overflow crowd who could not attend spent time in the Children's Room. Toilet Paper Olympics, part of the Bedtime Math program, was a big hit with children and adults. The Ice Cream/Popsicle Party worked well with Windham Public Library patrons coming to enjoy a treat followed by Windham Parks and Recreation Discovery and Ranger camps coming at a separate time. About 130 folks enjoyed a beautiful afternoon on the back lawn with a sweet treat and lots of socializing. Unfortunately, due to damp weather, the annual Pet Show had to be cancelled.

Weekly programs have been well attended. Tuesday afternoons Diana Currier has led a very successful "Lab Coat Adventures" program. Young scientists have built simple machines, tin foil boats, marble roller coasters, explored colors with water and bubble wrap and mason jars, and forensic science (fingerprinting and codes). For the second year Diana is also leading "Calm as a Critter", a literacy focused yoga program, on Thursday mornings. Our Chapter Book Discussion Group on Thursday afternoons offers readers a chance to come and talk about the latest book they have been reading. Each of the attendees has set a goal for their summer reading, including Mrs. Parker who leads the group each week.

Several one-time programs have been offered. Patrons from the library joined the Parks and Recreation camps for a walk at Lippman Park on July 9 featuring a story walk with the book *Jazz Baby*. Our second craft project was "Cardboard Creations" on Monday, July 16. Chris Dorman, STEM Liaison from the Maine State Library, presented a special technology program in conjunction with Gizmo Gardens. 8 participants made a container for growing and an automatic watering system with switches and timers.

Joan Flagg-Williams from St. Joseph's College and Jeannie Rhein (retired teacher) brought the six-session summer "Creative Writing Workshop" to Windham Public Library for the third year. We appreciate their interest and time offering a chance for young writers to express themselves.

Readers in grades 4-8 have been coming in to get prizes for what they have accomplished so far with their BINGO sheets. Several have completed all 9 squares and claimed their final prize – a coupon for a free movie at Smitty's. Students in grades K-3 continue to work on their reading minutes and research papers. All have until August 27, the day before school starts to turn in information and claim their recognitions.

The movie viewings at the library, Wednesday afternoons, has become increasingly popular since we began a weekly program. Throughout the last couple years, we have tried different times, days, and types of films to show. The program seems to have found a sweet spot and its popularity continues to grow. We acquired new meeting room chairs during the renovation and some comfortable cushions to use for longer programs. Sally Bannen is responsible for the organizing the program and has done a great job sticking with it, soliciting feedback, and trying new things to increase attendance.

We began two new adult programs this month, led by Ray Marcotte, Reference and Technology Assistant. Both programs allow patrons an opportunity to learn and ask questions about our services like Minerva ordering and CloudLibrary for ebook downloading. Several people took advantage of these new programs and we will continue to offer them on a monthly basis.

Finally, we welcomed Libby Bischof, an Associate Professor of History at the University of Southern Maine. Libby is a popular facilitator at our book groups when we participate in the Maine Humanities Group readings. Libby presented a richly illustrated lecture on the role of postcards in Maine's history and culture. Attendees were particularly interested to see postcards with historical photos of Windham.

August Events:

Children's Chapter Book Discussion Group- Thursdays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd at 4pm
Catalog Class: Become a Savvy Searcher- Wednesday, August 1st 11am
Genealogy Workshop-Wednesday, August 8th at 6pm
Scavenger Hunt- Monday, August 6th at 1pm
Lab Coat Adventures – Tuesdays, August 7th, 14th, 21st at 3:30pm
Calm as a Critter – Thursdays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd at 10:30am
Games Day-Monday, August 13th at 1pm
Get Your Head IN the Clouds:Navigating the CloudLibrary-Wednesday, August 15th 11am
Craft Day – Thursday, August 16th 1:30pm
Library Movie showings-Wednesdays 1pm
Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15
Preschool Story Time-Mondays 10:30am
Knitting Group- Knitters 'N More-Every Tuesday 1pm
Tech Help- Mondays at 5:30pm and Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am
Bubble Gum Blowing Contest- Monday, August 20th at 1:30pm
Bedtime Math Star Party-Monday, August 20th at 4pm
Send off for Mrs. Parker- Monday, August 27th 3-6pm
Book Group- Wednesday, August 29th at 6pm

<p><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 5,262 Windham items circulated: 8,996 Items received from Minerva libraries: 804 Windham items sent to other libraries: 722 New library patrons: 64 New items added to collection: 113 Special Requests: 6 Reference questions answered: 188 Computer sign-ins: 514 Meeting room usage: 60 Study Rooms: 48 Download Library: 973 RB Digital Magazines: 16 ComicsPlus: 14 Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 18 Universal Class Videos Watched: 19 Items repaired: 103 Volunteer hours logged: 62.5</p>	<p><u>July 2017</u> Attendance: 6,050 Items circulated: 9,605 Items received from Minerva libraries: 789 Windham items sent to other libraries: 749 New patrons: 73 Items added: 504 Special requests: 3 Reference ?'s: 150 Computer sign-ins: 628 Meeting room usage: 52 Download Library: 860 RB Digital Magazines: 18 Comics Plus: 28 Repaired items: 48 Volunteer hours: 40.75</p>	<p><u>Other July 2018 Stats</u> Book Group: N/A Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 65 Author Talk: N/A Genealogy: 8 Library Tea: N/A Postcard program: 9 Movie program, adults: 28 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 12 Teen Event participation: 4 Tech Help: 6 Chapter Book Discussion Group: 16 Gizmo Gardens: 8 Lab Coat Adventures: 72 Ice Cream/Popsicle Party: 130 Rocks Rock!: 70 Calm as a Critter: 19 Bedtime Math Toilet Paper Olympics: 40 Craft:Cardboard Creations: 16 StoryWalk Lippman Park: 7</p> <p><u>Story Time</u> Preschool Story Time— 5 sessions, 46 Adults, 66 Children Books and Babies— 5 sessions, 56 Adults, 55 Children</p> <p><u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 3 uses Dundee Park – 6 use Maine State Park Pass – 16 use Maine Wildlife Park – 10 uses Planetarium – 3 PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$652</p>
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