



Windham Public Library Report October 2018



This month library staff members spent time making connections in the community. Circulation Supervisor, Jen Dupree attended a luncheon and gave a talk about library services for Our Lady's Guild at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help church. Library staff members also represented the library at the Parks and Rec events, Art in the Park and Halloween Adventure. These events were a wonderful opportunity to meet with community members and share information about our services.

Through last year's budget, the library travel and training budget was increased. This allowed three staff members to attend the Maine Library Association Annual Conference. The conference was held over three days at the Sunday River Grand Summit hotel in Newry, Maine. Library staff members participated in many interesting sessions and learned about current trends in library services, heard engaging speakers, and networked with colleagues throughout the state. I was pleased that Windham Public Library was so well represented at the conference. Attendance at workshops and trainings in the state is important for continued staff growth and learning.

On October 15, our new Children's Librarian Samantha Cote started working. After a week of observation, she has started doing story times. She has brought a love of dancing and singing to our story times, and the kids really like it. Diana Currier has been very helpful in getting her acclimated and answering her numerous questions as she gets to know the library and patrons. There was a display about anatomy and physiology in the Cornerstones of Science area, and kids enjoyed seeing the skeleton on display. We also had an interactive ghost art installation where children and parents could add their own loop to our spooky ghost girl. We look forward to hosting Mary Morton Cowen in November for a book talk, as well as host a flight simulator for National Aviation Month.

Thanks go out to the Town of Windham Fire Department. In observance of Fire Prevention Week we had a visit from a firetruck and members of the Fire Department staff at Story Time on Thursday, October 11th. The kids really enjoyed seeing the equipment and speaking with the firefighters.

Finally, we hosted a Halloween Party for the teens, with snacks, activities, and a movie, and Ray Marcotte, Reference and Technology Librarian, presented a program and tea tasting covering the history of tea and the various classes of tea. Attendees learned why most people are only familiar with "English Tea," and how England stole the secrets of this ancient beverage from China in the 19th century.

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: Counter malfunctioned Windham items circulated: 7,032 Items received from Minerva libraries: 909 Windham items sent to other libraries: 656 New library patrons: 56 New items added to collection: 320 Special Requests: 9 Reference questions answered: 153 Computer sign-ins: 819 Meeting room usage: 45 Study Rooms: 32 Download Library: 939 RB Digital Magazines: 42 ComicsPlus: Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 12 Universal Class Videos Watched: 12 Items repaired: 58 Volunteer hours logged: 65	<u>October 2017</u> Attendance: 5,347 Items circulated: 6,861 Items received from Minerva libraries: 675 Windham items sent to other libraries: 739 New patrons: 38 Items added: 349 Special requests: 6 Reference ?'s: 87 Computer sign-ins: 603 Meeting room usage: 54 Download Library: 853 RB Digital Magazines: 20 Comics Plus: 53 Repaired items: 44 Volunteer hours: 70	<u>Other October 2018 Stats</u> Book Group: 12 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 32 Author Talk: N/A Library Tea: N/A Movie program, adults: 35 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 11 Teen Event participation: 9 (Halloween Party) Wii and rec equipment: 15 Tech Help: 7 Chapter Book Discussion Group: 1 Tea workshop: 8 Resume help: 1 <u>Story Time</u> Programs: 13 Children: 131 Adults: 113 <u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 1 use Dundee Park – 0 uses Maine State Park Pass – 0 use Maine Wildlife Park – 2 uses Planetarium – 0 uses PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$48
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