



Windham Public Library Report November 2018



November went by in a flash with two holidays during the month. Library staff members use this time of year to reflect on successes throughout the year and consider new initiatives for the next. We have two grants that we are working on that will hopefully come to fruition in 2019 and give us the opportunity to expand our programming. More information to come in the new year once we learn whether our efforts have been successful.

Our friends from Mechanics Savings Bank dropped off a donation check. The funds supported the library's purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This new piece of equipment will help keep community members safe while visiting our building. The AED is mounted on the wall on the first floor near the Circulation Desk. Thanks to Mechanics Savings Bank's Vickie McMullen for reaching out and thinking of the library. Vickie is an avid library supporter and always remembers the library when the bank is seeking community partners to support.

During the month of November, the library was a drop off location for items for the food pantry. Many patrons and staff donated non-perishable food and personal care items. On December 4th, Library Director, Jen Alvino loaded up her car with boxes and bags of items and delivered them to the Windham Food Pantry. It is wonderful to see the support and care that Windham community members have for each other.

Children's Librarian, Samantha Cote, and Library Director, Jen Alvino, participated in the Windham Community Tree Lighting. The library provided a craft for children in attendance. Ornaments shaped like stars and hearts were created out of card stock and yarn. The event is a wonderful kickoff to the holiday season and the staff at the library always enjoy participating. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department for including us and putting on such a fantastic event.

In addition to our regular adult programs, Technology Help and trainings, Knitters and More, and Book Group, we welcomed author Bruce Robert Coffin. Bruce recently published another work of fiction and spoke to attendees about his writing. It is always a pleasure to host Bruce whether he is speaking about his books or spending time at the library in our quiet study room writing.

In November the children's room was full of activity. Diana Currier brought in a flight simulator game for National Aviation [History](#) Month, which proved to be quite popular with families. Story times continue to do well, with many parents commenting on how much they like the dancing. Our [new](#) children's librarian, Miss Sam, also started doing outreach to the Little Log

Cabin Montessori School. The children's room hosted author Mary Morton Cowan for a talk about her latest book, which discusses the amazing adventure of the first transatlantic telegraph cable being laid. Attendees spanned a range of ages (from 4-87) and all were captivated by her presentation. She included a telegraph key, which was really cool. We continued to have an interactive art installation. This time we had a turkey where people could add feathers listing what they were thankful for. Of the 100 or so feathers, some of our favorites were being thankful for hugs, wands, and puppies. Additionally, the children's department celebrated "Dinovember," a holiday where plastic dinosaurs come to life and cause mischief. Pictures were posted to Facebook and Instagram every day that we were open in November, as well as in the children's room. They brought joy to all ages.

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: N/A Windham items circulated: 6,502 Items received from Minerva libraries: 819 Windham items sent to other libraries: 542 New library patrons: 36 New items added to collection: 330 Special Requests: 9 Reference questions answered: 146 Computer sign-ins: 706 Meeting room usage: 32 Study Rooms: 23 Download Library: 933 RB Digital Magazines: 10 ComicsPlus: N/A Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 26 Universal Class Videos Watched: 26 Items repaired: 31 Volunteer hours logged: 36	<u>November 2017</u> Attendance: 4,817 Items circulated: 6,636 Items received from Minerva libraries: 675 Windham items sent to other libraries: 730 New patrons: 40 Items added: 265 Special requests: 12 Reference ?'s: 103 Computer sign-ins: 534 Meeting room usage: 34 Download Library: 831 RB Digital Magazines: 53 Comics Plus: 13 Repaired items: 39 Volunteer hours: 61.75	<u>Other November 2018 Stats</u> Book Group: 12 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 38 Author Talk: 14 Library Tea: 30 Movie program, adults: 12 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 10 Wii and rec equipment: 4 Tech Help: 4 Chapter Book Discussion Group: N/A Flight Simulator: 59 Children's Author talk: 8 <u>Story Time</u> Programs: 11 Children: 73 Adults: 59 <u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 0 uses Dundee Park – 0 uses Maine State Park Pass – 0 uses Maine Wildlife Park – 1 use Planetarium – 0 uses PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$14
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