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Windham, Maine The newsletter of the Windham Public Library

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The library will be **CLOSED** Tues Jan 1st for **New Year's Day** 

and CLOSED Mon Jan 21st for Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.

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#### **Thank you Mechanics Savings** Bank!



Our friends from Mechanics Savings Bank made a generous donation to the library towards the purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to help keep our community members safe while visiting the library. The folks at Mechanics Savings Bank have come through for us again and we so appreciate their support! The AED is mounted on the wall on the first floor near the Circulation Desk, L-R: Bank Vice-President, Vickie McMullen and Library Director, Jen Alvino.



#### Maker Club! Thursday, January 3rd 3:30-4:30 pm

Hands-on science activities and demonstrations for students in grades 4-6. Possible activities include



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catapult building, elephant toothpaste, and balloon rockets. This new program will happen on the 1st Thursday of each month. For more info, contact the Children's Room.

#### **LEGO Club!** Monday, January 14th 3:30-4:30pm



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Come build with LEGOs! Sometimes we'll have a challenge (such as who can build the tallest free-standing structure) and other times we'll have free-build. For grades 4-6. This new program will happen on the 2nd Monday of each *month*. For more info, contact the Children's Room.

#### **Crafternoon!** Monday, January 28th 3:30-4:30pm

Make something with your hands! It will be a fun hour of crafting for grades 4-6. Possible activities include flip-book making, string art, and

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finger-knitting. This new program will happen on the 4th Monday of each month. For more info, contact the Children's Room.

### Author Talk: Michelle Cacho-Negrete Wednesday, January 9th 6-7pm



Please join us as we listen to Michelle Cacho-

Negrete read from her new book "Stealing: Life in

America." Michelle is part of a feminist speakers' group which discusses women's history and ways to move ahead. For more

information, please contact Barbara at 207-892-1908.

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As 2018 draws to a close and we head into 2019, Library Director Jen Alvino

reflects on the busy year that has gone by as well as what's to come. In April of 2018, **the library renovation was completed**. As

part of the renovation, we now have two very popular study rooms, four computers designated for teen use, and a new circulation area. The outside of the library got a landscaping facelift, too. We also added a new digital service, Universal Class, and we began our shared borrowing program with the Walker Library in Westbrook and the Gray Library.



2018 also heralded changes in the Children's room, including a second AWE computer, iPads, and of course the hiring of our **new Children's Librarian**, **Miss Sam**.





We had many successful programs in 2018, including **technology programs** started and run by our Reference and Technology Assistant, Ray, as well as a Maine humanities Council program featuring mysteries by Maine authors, and a Read ME program which included the titles "<u>Settled in the</u> <u>Wild</u>" and "<u>River Talk</u>."

In 2019, look for **new afterschool programs**. Running January through June, programs will be on the 1st Thursday of every month (Maker Club), the 2nd Monday (Lego Club), and the 4th Monday (Crafternoon). All programs will run from 3:30-4:30 in the afternoon and will be open to grades 4-6.



In 2018, the library began collaborating with the Windham Police Department, the sheriff's department, area schools, Parks and Recreation, and the Be the Influence Coalition to provide **afterschool events on half days**. We will continue to do that into 2019. This program, Alvino says, offers kids who sign up the opportunity to participate in events "designed to keep kids engaged on early release days."

2018 was a great year, and we're looking ahead for a fantastic 2019!

#### **Seeking Artists!**

Do you or someone you know have a collection of paintings, drawings, prints, or photographs that you would be interested in displaying to the community? We have an improved art display system in the library and



are looking for a few artists to take advantage of it. <u>Contact Sally at the</u> <u>Library</u> (207-892-1908) for more info.

#### Seeking Exhibits!

Do you or someone you know have a collection that you would like to share in the library's exhibit case? **All ages** are encouraged to inquire



about a slot to display their special items. Some collections in the past: music, rocks, teapots, Pyanksy, bottle caps, thimbles, Harry Potter, metal toys, Disney mugs, airplanes, golf, needlepoint, and artist books. <u>Contact Sally at the Library</u> (207-892-1908) for more info.

**Circulation Assistant Sarah Copperberg** has breathed new life into our weekly Bookface photos. We began the creative images at the beginning of 2018, posting them on the library's Facebook page. The idea is to take the face of a book and find a creative way to line up a live model-- or an inanimate object-- against it so that the cover seems to extend 3-dimensionally. Below are a few that Sarah created. Be sure to check our Facebook page each Friday!



Check out our new interactive white board upstairs and add your response to the question posed. The questions will get you thinking and give you a chance to voice your opinion on a variety of fun, thoughtful, or silly topics!





Artwork by Kent Washburn

**Exhibit Case** Nov 1, 2018 -Jan 31, 2019

Pez! from James Karcanes

For pictures of our current Art Display or Exhibit Case: www.windham.lib.me.us/ondisplay



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# January 2019

All library programs are free! Call for more info, or go to our webpage at <u>www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar</u>

| Sunday<br>closed              | <b>Monday</b><br>10am-7pm   | <b>Tuesday</b><br>10am-6pm  | Wednesday<br>10am-7pm  | <b>Thursday</b><br>10am-6pm  | Friday<br>10am-6pm             | Saturday<br>10am-4pm   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Author Michelle Cacho-Negrete |   | 1<br>LIBRARY<br>CLOSED  | 2<br>Catalog Class:<br>Become a Savvy<br>Searcher (11am)<br>Movie Time:<br>"Winter's End"<br>(1999, 1pm)   | 3 Tech Help<br>(10:30am)<br>Outreach Delivery<br>(10:30am)<br>Story Time<br>(10:30am)<br>Maker Club!<br>(3:30pm) | 4<br>Knitters 'N<br>More (1pm) | 5  |
| 6                             | 7<br>Story Time<br>(10:30am)<br>•<br>Tech Help<br>(5:30pm)                              | 8<br>Books & Babies<br>(10:15am)<br>Knitters 'N<br>More (1pm)<br>Tea @ the<br>Library<br>(1:30pm) | <ul> <li>9 Discover Digital<br/>Maine Library<br/>(11am)</li> <li>Movie Time:<br/>"Walking Out"<br/>(2017, PG-13,<br/>1pm)</li> <li>Author Talk:<br/>Michelle Cacho-<br/>Negrete, (6pm)</li> </ul>   | 10<br>Tech Help<br>(10:30am)<br>•<br>Story Time<br>(10:30am)   | 11                             | 12   |
| 13                            | 14<br>Story Time<br>(10:30am)<br>LEGO Club!<br>(3:30pm)<br>Tech Help<br>(5:30pm)        | 15<br>Books & Babies<br>(10:15am)<br>●<br>Knitters 'N<br>More (1pm)                               | <ul> <li><sup>16</sup> Navigating<br/>the cloudLibrary<br/>(11am)</li> <li>Movie Time:<br/>"Christopher<br/>Robin"</li> <li>(2018, PG, 1pm)</li> <li>Children's Book<br/>Discussion (4pm)</li> </ul> | 17<br>Tech Help<br>(10:30am)<br>•<br>Story Time<br>(10:30am)   | 18                             | 19   |
| 20                            | 21<br>LIBRARY<br>CLOSED   | 22<br>Books & Babies<br>(10:15am)<br>•<br>Knitters 'N<br>More (1pm)                               | 23<br>Movie Time:<br>"Mamma Mia!<br>Here We Go<br>Again"<br>(2018, PG-13,<br>1pm)  | 24<br>Tech Help<br>(10:30am)<br>•<br>Story Time<br>(10:30am)   | monthly<br>kids gra            | 26<br>e new<br>programs,<br>ades 4-6:<br>Maker Club!<br>First Thursdays<br>3:30-4:30pm |
| 27                            | 28<br>Story Time<br>(10:30am)<br>Crafternoon!<br>(3:30pm)<br>•<br>Tech Help<br>(5:30pm) | 29<br>Books & Babies<br>(10:15am)<br>•<br>Knitters 'N<br>More (1pm)                               | 30<br>Movie Time:<br>"La Vita e Bella<br>[Life Is<br>Beautiful]"<br>(1997, PG-13,<br>1pm)<br>●<br>Book Group<br>(6pm)  | 31<br>Tech Help<br>(10:30am)<br>•<br>Story Time<br>(10:30am)   |                                | LEGO Club!<br>Second Mondays<br>3:30-4:30pm<br>Crafternoon!<br>Fourth Mondays          |