



Windham Public Library Report January 2019



As you come into the library, you may notice our new digital sign above the community bulletin board. Check it out for a rotating display of upcoming events, services, and things you may not know about the library. We're looking forward to letting our patrons know about what's happening in a new and exciting way.

January saw the debut of many new programs in the children's room. We had our first round of afterschool programs: Maker Club, Lego Club, and Crafternoon, all for grades 4-6. Maker Club will focus on science-themed programming. Lego Club will be free-building or specific challenges (such as designing a zip-line contraption.) Crafternoon will be some type of art project, such as flipbook making. Each program happens once a month from 3:30-4:30 PM. A few people attended each program, and we are hopeful the numbers will grow as the year goes on. Our Cornerstones of Science theme was simple machines, and we put out a pegboard with tubes, tape, and ping-pong balls for children to create their own maze. A knight in shining armor came to visit, and children have been awed by his presence all month long. Outreach visits, story times, and the children's chapter book club all continued. Sam visited the Windham Primary School and Manchester School libraries and talked about ways the schools and library could collaborate. We just started a Valentine's Day interactive window display, so feel free to leave a Valentine for someone (or something) you love on our window.

We hosted a small group for our Library Tea this month. We featured several different types of cookies made by Diana Currier, Children's Room Coordinator. Sliced cheese, crackers, and fruit were also enjoyed by attendees. The next tea is in March. Join us for a relaxing and fun community event for all ages.

Library Director, Jen Alvino, attended the American Library Association Midwinter Conference in Seattle, WA. Jen has held several different roles in local, regional, and our national library associations. She is currently the Vice-President/President elect of the Maine Library Association, Past President of the New England Library Association, and a member of the Chapter Relations Committee of the American Library Association. She will take over as President of Maine Library Association in June. Her involvement in professional organizations is extremely important to her as well as rewarding. Attending conferences are wonderful learning

and networking opportunities. She brings back many ideas for new services or practices because of the programming available at the conferences she attends.

The library now has branded library totes for purchase. Stop by and take a look! They are the perfect size for picking up several library items or using them while grocery shopping. We worked with a local Windham resident to create the totes and they did a great job making them for us!



<p><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 4,504 Windham items circulated: 7,552 Items received from Minerva libraries: 887 Windham items sent to other libraries: 710 New library patrons: 39 New items added to collection: 342 Special Requests: 6 Reference questions answered: 227 Computer sign-ins: 783 Meeting room usage: 29 Study Rooms: 19 Download Library: 1,025 RB Digital Magazines: 13 ComicsPlus: 3 Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 5 Universal Class Videos Watched: 2 Items repaired: 27 Volunteer hours logged: 43</p>	<p><u>January 2018</u> Attendance: 3,895 Items circulated: 5,813 Items received from Minerva libraries: 647 Windham items sent to other libraries: 625 New patrons: 27 Items added: 78 Special requests: 7 Reference ?'s: 79 Computer sign-ins: 248 Meeting room usage: N/A Download Library: 906 RB Digital Magazines: 24 Comics Plus: 59 Repaired items: 20 Volunteer hours: 30</p>	<p><u>Other: January 2019 Stats</u> Book Group: 16 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 67 Author Talk: Postponed due to weather Library Tea: 10 Movie program, adults: 34 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 7 Wii and rec equipment: 17 Tech Help: 8 Chapter Book Discussion Group: 3 CloudLibrary training: 2 Maker Club: 2 Lego Club: 3 Crafternoon: 2</p> <p><u>Story Time</u> Programs: 12 Children: 138 Adults: 105</p> <p><u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 1 use Dundee Park – 0 uses Maine State Park Pass – 0 uses Maine Wildlife Park – 0 uses Planetarium – 0 uses PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$20</p>
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