



Windham Public Library Report March 2019



## Children's Room News

March was spec-quack-ular in the children's room! We hosted six ducklings in the children's room for the month of March. They were incredibly popular with all ages. We also were able to try out some new technology with the ducks: we got a webcam and livestreamed the ducks on our YouTube channel for the public to watch from home. Jack, Mack, Daisy, Maisy and Swayze went off to live on a local farm at the end of the month. The ducks are settling into their new home. Tack sadly did not make the full month, but he lives forever in our hearts. Storytime and outreach visits continue to go well. During the after-school programs, we built a marble maze, sorted through the Star Wars Legos and found our favorite pieces, and did quilling.

## Just for Teens

Staff set up an activity in the Teen area, which enabled kids to "write" on the walls with colored tape. The kids were able to show their creativity and take some ownership of their area of the library. We had 14 participants. We have begun to have a plate of snacks out each day in the Teen area. The students are often very hungry after school and appreciate a little extra food when they arrive.

## Reference/Technology News

March brought big changes to the Reference/Technology department. Ray Marcotte began working full-time as the *Interim Reference/Technology Librarian*. Ray has been an asset over the last year as the Reference/Technology Assistant working part-time with Barbara Kelley. Barbara is retiring in June. Ray has been working hard to schedule some exciting author talks all the way through November, as well as 3 authors for the Summer Reading program who are focusing on science, science fiction, and the paranormal. Ray put fiction weeding on hold, but will go back to it as time allows.

## From the Director

Budget preparations and meetings this month went well. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Finance Committee and discuss not only FY2020's budget but share my vision for the

future of library services. It is an exciting time for the library and there are many wonderful opportunities for future growth.

In addition, I worked on a state and national level with our professional organizations. I attended, weekly Skype admin meetings as Vice-President/President elect of Maine Library Association, a meeting for the Statewide Library Ecosystem Taskforce for the American Library Association representing the Chapter Relations Committee, Be the Influence Coalition and Leadership team meetings, and a Minerva Executive Board meeting and conference call for the Membership Committee that I now chair. In addition, I chaired a meeting of the MLA Conference Committee, and began participating in the planning for the State of Maine's Bicentennial. I will be co-chairing the committee, with Linda Brooks, that is working in the region to plan Bicentennial activities. It was quite a month with many exciting things happening!

<p><b><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u></b>  Attendance: <b>4,868</b>  Windham items circulated: <b>8,164</b>  Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>1,004</b>  Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>730</b>  New library patrons: <b>64</b>  New items added to collection: <b>338</b>  Special Requests: <b>17</b>  Reference questions answered: <b>506</b>  Computer sign-ins: <b>761</b>  Meeting room usage: <b>45</b>  Study Rooms: <b>26</b>  Download Library: <b>1,010</b>  RB Digital Magazines: <b>15</b>  Comics: <b>N/A</b>  Universal Class Lessons Viewed: <b>16</b>  Universal Class Videos Watched: <b>30</b>  Items repaired: <b>20</b>  Volunteer hours logged: <b>42.75</b></p>	<p><b><u>March 2018</u></b>  Attendance: <b>3,212</b>  Items circulated: <b>4,104</b>  Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>502</b>  Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>420</b>  New patrons: <b>15</b>  Items added: <b>54</b>  Special requests: <b>7</b>  Reference ?'s: <b>73</b>  Computer sign-ins: <b>163</b>  Meeting room usage: <b>N/A</b>  Download Library: <b>1,029</b>  RB Digital Magazines: <b>16</b>  Comics Plus: <b>29</b>  Repaired items: <b>13</b>  Volunteer hours: <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><b><u>Other: March 2019 Stats</u></b>  Book Group: <b>14</b>  Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: <b>57</b>  Author Talk: <b>N/A</b>  Library Tea: <b>8</b>  Movie program, adults: <b>25</b>  Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: <b>7</b>  Wii and rec equipment: <b>5</b>  Tech Help: <b>8</b>  Chapter Book Discussion Group: <b>2</b>  CloudLibrary training: <b>2</b>  Maker Club: <b>2</b>  Lego Club: <b>2</b>  Crafternoon: <b>0</b>  Teen Tape activity: <b>14</b></p> <p><b><u>Story Time</u></b>  Programs: <b>12</b>  Children: <b>118</b>  Adults: <b>106</b></p> <p><b><u>Pass usage</u></b>  Children's Museum – <b>0 use</b>  Dundee Park – <b>0 uses</b>  Maine State Park Pass – <b>0 uses</b>  Maine Wildlife Park – <b>0 uses</b>  Planetarium – <b>0 uses</b>  <b>PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$</b></p>
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