



## Windham Public Library Report April 2019



### Children's Room News

April was a busy time in the children's room, thanks to our great line-up of vacation programming. Over the break, we offered a combination art class and healthy trail mix making for early elementary school kids. Older elementary and middle school students were treated to a comic's workshop with circulation staff member Sarah Copperberg. We have been trying some programming in the children's room on Fridays and Saturdays of vacation week as well. On Fridays, we highlight our robots, iPads, and other technology we have in the children's room. On Saturday, we host Minute-to-Win-It competitions for families. Both have proven to be popular, and we may look to having them on a more regular basis. We also had our monthly chapter book club that week. Storytime and outreach visits continue to go well. After-school, we had Dash bowling (bowling using a robot), Lego Club, and a recycled crafts program. Samantha Cote and Diana Currier both attended Reading Round-Up, a conference about youth literature and youth programming held in Augusta annually, and went to many different informative sessions. Finally, the Children's Room received a Maine Public Library Fund grant to increase the number of backpacks we circulate. Currently, the backpacks are very popular items that have lots of fun stuff for families to do together. We will be adding some new fun backpacks but also some on tough topics like divorce, death, and dementia.

### Just for Teens

The teens this month participated in a card stacking challenge. We put out large sized playing cards on a table and challenged the teens to see how many cards they could stack at once. There were some creative houses of cards! The teens also participated in the scavenger hunt and Wii gaming. We have begun putting out a plate of snacks in the afternoon, which our hungry students appreciate. Since the weather is warming up, we have also dug out our recreation equipment that the teens can borrow and use outside on the lawn.

### Reference/Technology News

April marks the first full month that Ray Marcotte was full-time in the Reference/Technology department, he is enjoying his new responsibilities and challenges. Ray spent a good deal of the month creating promotional material for the Summer Reading Program, which is just about complete. The April 10<sup>th</sup> Author Talk, centered around "honoring our mothers' stories," was

very engaging and attended by a group of enthusiastic women. The longtime book group members have welcomed Ray into their “world” as their new leader. With the help of substitutes, Lisa Schadler and Stephanie Vary, he is back to weeding the fiction area to make room for our ever growing collection.

### **From the Director**

Library staff often participate in library groups and activities outside of our own library. One such group is the Maine Library Association (MLA), which is our local professional organization and a chapter of the American Library Association. MLA supports libraries and librarians throughout the state with professional development, library standards, and other support. Library Director, Jen Alvino currently serves as vice-president and heads the committee for the association’s annual library conference, which occurs each fall. In June, she will take over as President of the association. Two other librarians from Windham Public are participating in the conference committee this year as well—Sam Cote (Children’s Librarian) and Sally Bannen (Technical Services Librarian)—to help with planning programs, lining up speakers, creating a conference logo, and whatever else needs preparation to make the conference informative and successful for Maine’s community of librarians. Through our Membership budget this past year, all regular staff members at the library are now members of the Maine Library Association.

<b><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u></b> Attendance: <b>4,912</b> Windham items circulated: <b>7,572</b> Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>954</b> Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>704</b> New library patrons: <b>43</b> New items added to collection: <b>275</b> Special Requests: <b>9</b> Reference questions answered: <b>352</b> Computer sign-ins: <b>694</b> Meeting room usage: <b>50</b> Study Rooms: <b>29</b> Download Library: <b>942</b> RB Digital Magazines: <b>32</b> Comics: <b>0</b> Universal Class Lessons Viewed: <b>21</b> Universal Class Videos Watched: <b>17</b> Items repaired: <b>43</b> Volunteer hours logged: <b>37.75</b>	<b><u>April 2018</u></b> Attendance: <b>3,969</b> Items circulated: <b>6,041</b> Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>743</b> Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>437</b> New patrons: <b>43</b> Items added: <b>273</b> Special requests: <b>5</b> Reference ?’s: <b>130</b> Computer sign-ins: <b>442</b> Meeting room usage: <b>N/A</b> Download Library: <b>925</b> RB Digital Magazines: <b>38</b> Comics Plus: <b>52</b> Universal Class Lessons Viewed: <b>28</b> Universal Class Videos Watched: <b>25</b> Repaired items: <b>27</b> Volunteer hours: <b>26</b>	<b><u>Other: April 2019 Stats</u></b> Book Group: <b>14</b> Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: <b>79</b> Author Talk: <b>7</b> Library Tea: <b>N/A</b> Movie program, adults: <b>34</b> Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: <b>8</b> Wii and rec equipment: <b>3</b> House of Cards: <b>6</b> Tech Help: <b>8</b> CloudLibrary training: <b>6</b> DigitalMaineLibrary training: <b>1</b> April vacation activities: <b>83</b> <b><u>Story Time</u></b> Programs: <b>12</b> Children: <b>131</b> Adults: <b>127</b>  <b><u>Pass usage</u></b> Children’s Museum – <b>5 uses</b> Dundee Park – <b>0 uses</b> Maine State Park Pass – <b>0 uses</b> Maine Wildlife Park – <b>3 uses</b> Planetarium – <b>3 uses</b> <b>PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$220</b>
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