



#### Windham Public Library Report May 2019



### Children's Room News

We're getting ready for summer reading! The children's room staff spent a lot of time prepping for our summer reading program in the month of May. Sam and Diana have an excellent summer planned for you all, so we hope you stop by and discover 'A Universe of Stories' with them. Outside of that prep work, the children's room hosted a celebratory party for students who read at least three books off the Maine Student Book Award List and voted for the statewide award. We hosted two kindergarten classroom visits where students visited the library and learned more about it and how it works. The Windham Public Library was very honored to receive a check from the kindergarten class at the Windham Primary School Community Day. We are very grateful for their generous donation and for their support. We continued our usual programs as well: story times, Books & Babies, Maker Club, Children's Book Group, and Lego Club. Our usual story times and Books & Babies have been well received and attended. We may open up the age group a bit to our newish Maker Club, and Lego Clubs in the fall, with the hopes of more attendance. Finally, we have added an expanded parenting collection to the children's room, near our nonfiction collection, to make it easier for parents to browse books about raising kids while their children are exploring the Children's Room.

### Reference/Technology News

May was a busy month focused heavily on tweaking promotional materials for the Summer Reading Program. The May 8<sup>th</sup> Author Talk with John Manderino was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Maine Humanities Council Winter/Spring Book Group Series focused on the theme "The Way We Were" and ended on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Ray will be leading the Book Groups in Libby Bischof's absence until we bring her back in January 2020 for yet another engaging Maine Humanities Council Series. With the help of the substitutes, Ray is doing a backwards shift in the fiction collection to better space out the books after a substantial and much needed weeding.

### From the Director

The staff began working on Summer Reading early in 2019. I am very impressed with how it has come together and I am excited to hear and see patron reactions. We have had some staffing changes and this is the first year both the Children's Librarian and Reference/Technology Librarian have planned the program for Windham library users. Let us know what you think!

I want to take a moment to recognize Barbara Kelley as she retires from Windham Public Library in June, after serving the community for 24 years as the Reference/Technology Librarian. Barbara has been a familiar, calm, helpful, and friendly face here at the library. She will be greatly missed by the staff and library patrons. Barbara has been a pleasure to work with and we wish her good health and happiness in her well-deserved retirement. All the best Barbara!

### **Other news**

#### *Star Wars Day*

Seventy-two participants took part in our annual Star Wars Day activities! Casablanca Comics, Bull Moose, and local collector Reny Vancelette donated prizes for two of the events. A special treat was a visit from two guest members of a New England Star Wars group! They spent several hours at our library meeting and posing with thrilled attendees of all ages.

#### *Bridges of Friendship*

An opening reception for the Bridges of Friendship photography exhibition took place on May 7th. This exhibit, which will be traveling throughout the state, celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Greater Portland and Archangel, Russia. It is a photography exchange between the Portland Photography Club of Portland, Maine and the Spolokhi Photo Club of Archangel, Russia and consists of images exchanged between the two camera clubs for an exhibition of 60 photographs (30 from Maine and 30 from Archangel). The exhibit will be at our library through June 29th.

#### *Final Tea for You @ the Library*

The last Library Tea was held on May 14th and honored local veterans. Barbara Kelley and Laurel T. Parker began the teas in 2005 and the program aimed to bring varying ages of the community together for fellowship-- with the added perk of yummy tea and munchies! Staffing changes and an anticipated busy summer prompted staff to take a break from the library teas with the hope to revive the program in the fall.

<u><b>Monthly Usage Statistics</b></u> Attendance: <b>4,906</b> Windham items circulated: <b>6,747</b> Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>809</b> Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>603</b> New library patrons: <b>47</b> New items added to collection: <b>295</b> Special Requests: <b>5</b> Reference questions answered: <b>355</b> Computer sign-ins: <b>695</b> Meeting room usage: <b>48</b> Study Rooms: <b>22</b> Download Library: <b>960</b> RB Digital Magazines: <b>13</b> Comics: <b>2</b> Universal Class Lessons Viewed: <b>14</b> Universal Class Videos Watched: <b>55</b> Items repaired: <b>29</b> Volunteer hours logged: <b>49.75</b>	<u><b>May 2018</b></u> Attendance: <b>4,357</b> Items circulated: <b>6,835</b> Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>663</b> Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>698</b> New patrons: <b>44</b> Items added: <b>594</b> Special requests: <b>7</b> Reference ?'s: <b>130</b> Computer sign-ins: <b>500</b> Meeting room usage: <b>41</b> Study Rooms: <b>11</b> Download Library: <b>952</b> RB Digital Magazines: <b>28</b> Comics Plus: <b>29</b> Universal Class Lessons Viewed: <b>0</b> Universal Class Videos Watched: <b>0</b> Repaired items: <b>51</b> Volunteer hours: <b>71.5</b>	<u><b>Other: May 2019 Stats</b></u> Book Group: <b>12</b> Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: <b>64</b> Author Talk: <b>10</b> Library Tea: <b>36</b> Movie program, adults: <b>39</b> Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: <b>8</b> Wii and rec equipment: <b>1</b> Early Release: <b>8</b> Tech Help: <b>4</b> CloudLibrary training: <b>2</b> DigitalMaineLibrary training: <b>0</b> Bridges of Friendship reception: <b>18</b> Star Wars Day: <b>72</b>  <u><b>Story Time</b></u> Programs: <b>12</b> Children: <b>98</b> Adults: <b>90</b>  <u><b>Pass usage</b></u> Children's Museum – <b>1 uses</b> Dundee Park – <b>0 uses</b> Maine State Park Pass – <b>3 uses</b> Maine Wildlife Park – <b>6 uses</b> Planetarium – <b>uses</b> <b>PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$146</b>
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