



Windham Public Library Report June 2019



Children's Room News

June has been such a busy month in the children's room! We had one last kindergarten class visit the library this month, a trip some children proclaimed as their favorite of the year. During the summer, we are replacing our Thursday morning storytime with a dance party for toddlers and preschoolers, and our first one was very popular. Monday and Tuesday morning storytimes continue to do well. Sam did summer reading presentations at the Windham Christian Academy, Windham Primary School, and the Manchester School to talk about summer reading, in addition to her usual outreach programs. Children really seemed to enjoy her "out-of-this-world" presentation and so far 258 kids have signed up for summer reading, so we think it is a hit! We collaborated with Parks & Recreation for a Mad Science presentation at the Manchester School, which approximately 160 people attended. Initial summer programming numbers are also promising. The children's room has a stunning rocket ship created through the hard work of Children's Room Coordinator, Diana Currier and volunteer, John McInnes. Thank you so much for your time! Finally, no discussion of June would be complete without mentioning SummerFest. Diana organized the library's participation in the SummerFest parade and staff members, dressed in their best alien/solar system gear, marched through the town. After the parade, Sam helped Sally work at the Festival Booth, where they signed people up for summer reading and talked about how great the library is. All had a good time.

Reference/Technology News

June kicked off the Adult and Teen Summer Reading Programs, and it began with a bang! Twenty teens and eleven adults have already signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge, record number! We hosted two Author talks this month: Richard Cass, a Maine noir fiction writer, and William Priest, a local nature poet. Both talks had low attendance, but were well received by the participants. The Book Group had a fascinating and intense discussion about James Baldwin's *Go Tell it on the Mountain*. With the help of substitutes, another backwards shift in the fiction section is progressing. This will leave a little less space on each shelf in order to better space out the books towards the beginning of the collection.

From the Director

After the Summerfest parade, our famous chicken returned and children visiting the library searched for her during their visits. Each day she is in a new spot. Kids check high up on shelves and in between books and materials. Sometimes she is in the newspaper rack or hanging from the doorframe. You never know where our wayward Astronaut, Commander Aurora Scope will turn up! Come, find her, and earn a prize!

The chicken, though it may seem silly, has been a great ambassador for the library. The children searching for it get to see different parts of the library and meet new staff. They become comfortable exploring the space and have fun! As Director, this is what I like to see.

Other news

Library staff and a group of helpers walked in the 2019 Summerfest parade. Our Summer Reading Programs theme is "A universe of stories" so folks put on their best alien attire. Then library staff managed the library's community booth on the Summerfest grounds. They greeted attendees, shared info about our many cool programs and services, and registered interested children, teens & adults for Summer Reading Programs. As the afternoon wrapped up, the library was thrilled to win the 2019 Community Booth recognition along with a gift card! What a great day!!

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 4,678 Windham items circulated: 7,387 Items received from Minerva libraries: 881 Windham items sent to other libraries: 665 New library patrons: 47 New items added to collection: 376 Special Requests: 9 Reference questions answered: 461 Computer sign-ins: 693 Meeting room usage: 51 Study Rooms: 38 Download Library: 993 RB Digital Magazines: 5 Comics: 0 Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 190 Universal Class Videos Watched: 105 Items repaired: 29 Volunteer hours logged: 63.25	<u>June 2018</u> Attendance: 4,321 Items circulated: 8,558 Items received from Minerva libraries: 692 Windham items sent to other libraries: 755 New patrons: 50 Items added: 530 Special requests: 4 Reference ?'s: 173 Computer sign-ins: 524 Meeting room usage: 40 Study Rooms: 39 Download Library: 904 RB Digital Magazines: 24 Comics Plus: 8 Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 2 Universal Class Videos Watched: 18 Repaired items: 50 Volunteer hours: 64.25	<u>Other: June 2019 Stats</u> Book Group: 13 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 62 Author Talk: 6 Movie program, adults: 54 Teen Scavenger Hunt participants: 13 Wii and rec equipment: 15 Tech Help: 10 CloudLibrary training: 0 DigitalMaineLibrary training: 0 Catalog training: 1 <u>Story Time</u> Programs: 10 Children: 79 Adults: 69 <u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 1 use Dundee Park – 2 uses Maine State Park Pass – 14 uses Maine Wildlife Park – 11 uses Planetarium – 1 use PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$436
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