



CHECK IT OUT

The newsletter of the Windham Public Library Windham, Maine



December
2019

The library will be
CLOSING at noon
Tues Dec 24th and
CLOSED Wed Dec 25th
in observance of the Christmas holiday.



The library will be
CLOSING at 4pm Tues Dec 31
for New Year's eve.



For more info about any of our programs, contact the library (207-892-1908) or go to our online calendar at www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar

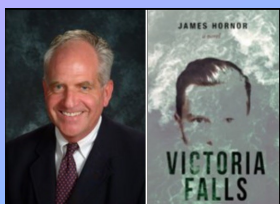
Author Talk: Cheryl Blanchard Wednesday, December 4th 6-7pm

236 Cumberland Ave. Portland, Maine describes a time over 50 years ago when Blanchard and her 10 siblings lived in a haunted apartment building.



Author Talk: James Hornor Wednesday, December 11th 6-7pm

"Victoria Falls" is a mid-life coming of age novel about a man who is on a mission in Africa for the World Bank.



Four Quartets Poetry Recitation Saturday, December 14th 7:00-8:30pm

John Farrell, the Artistic Director of Figures of Speech Theatre in Freeport, will perform a recitation of T.S. Eliot's masterwork *Four Quartets* from memory. Doors open at 6pm. Admission is **free** and open to the public but **reservations ARE required**. Contact Ray at the library: 207-892-1908.



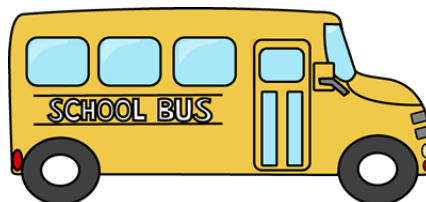
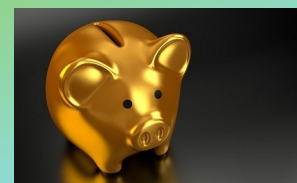
Holiday Movie Time Wednesday, December 18th 1:30-3:30pm

Special viewing of *The Polar Express* (2004, G), complete with hot cocoa and just in time for the holidays. All ages welcome!



Financial Literacy Workshop Friday, December 20th 10:30am-1:30pm

Free workshop by People's United Bank. Learn how to protect your identity & prevent financial exploitation— during the holidays and all year round. *Reservations welcome but not needed. Contact Ray at the library: 207-892-1908.*



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School
Vacation
Activities**
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Chat with the Director



We end 2019 with a new staff member: help us welcome **Cassandra Lull** as our new **Teen/Emerging Technology Librarian**! Cassandra brings a wealth of library and teen programming experience. She came to us from Washington and we look forward to working with her and seeing all the ideas she has! *See page 3 for an interview with Cassandra.*



As we say hello to Cassandra, we bid a fond farewell to **Amy Tobalske**. Amy is moving away for personal reasons and we wish her all the best.



It's hard to believe 2019 is already drawing to a close! We've been out and about a lot this year, and we'll be at the **Community Tree Lighting** on **December 1st from 5-7pm**. Look for us at more community events in 2020!

2019 was our first full calendar year since our renovation. We've seen an increase in patrons, in the number of items circulated (especially ebooks), and in our story time attendance. In 2020, we're excited to bring you new books (digital and print) as well as new and favorite programs.

Questioners Party Thursday, December 26th 2-3pm

Fun party celebrating Andrea Beatty's great characters, including the newest one, "Sophie Valdez, Future Prez." Children, preschool through grade 3.



School Vacation Week!



Thank You Note fun Friday, December 27th All day!

After the holidays is a great time to thank people for the nice things they do for you. We'll have supplies for you to make your own thank you notes to give out. All ages welcome.



Technology Fun Monday, December 30th 2-4pm

We've expanded our technology thanks to the generous donation from the Windham Primary School. Try out squishy circuits, snap circuits, and our Dash & Dot Robots. For children in grades 2-6.



Noon Year's Eve Party! Tuesday, December 31st 11am-12:15pm

Dancing, crafts, activities-- and our big countdown to noon! If you wish, dress up for our fancy party. Welcome for anyone who can't stay up until midnight, especially families with young children.



In case you didn't hear...



Your Windham Public Library card gives you access to the **Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program**! This allows anyone with a library card in good standing to visit any of the 68 participating libraries and check out materials in person. It's referred to as "walk-in" borrowing because it essentially turns your local library card into a "statewide" library card. Windham Public Library also has an agreement with our neighboring libraries of Gray, Baxter (Gorham), and Walker (Westbrook) for walk-in borrowing there.



Meet Cassandra!

Cassandra Lull is the Windham Public Library's new Teen and Emerging Technology Librarian. She comes to us from Richland, Washington. Here's a little getting-to-know-you:

Q: What are you most excited about for your new job?

A: Getting to know a new area (I love a good adventure trip) and new people.

Q: How do you like Maine so far?

A: I've been in Maine for less than two weeks... so far so good! It's a very pretty area but it seems to like to rain on my days off so I haven't been able to explore yet!

Q: What are your favorite books/movies/graphic novels?

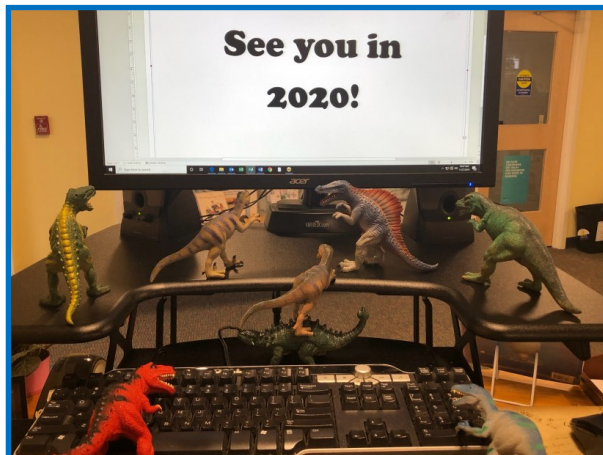
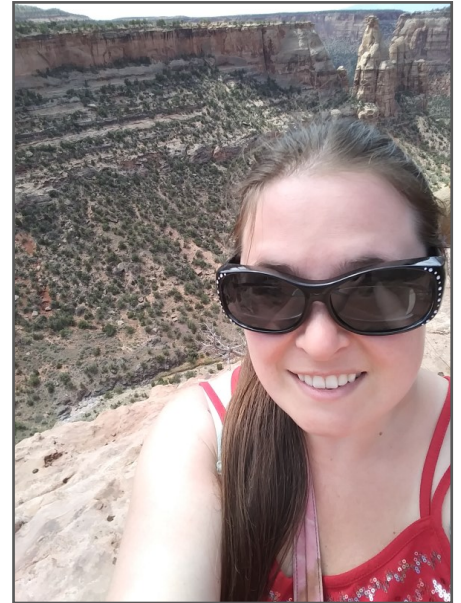
A: I'm not sure that I have a favorite book, too many to choose from! I'm also a mood reader so what I want to read changes. I enjoyed the Lunar Chronicles and Harry Potter has to be my favorite fandom. *Nightmare Before Christmas* is my all-time favorite movie. It often gets put on replay, especially around the fall. *Yona of the Dawn*, *Seraph of the End*, and *Sword Art Online* are my favorite manga and anime. I didn't start reading manga or watching anime until I had to come up with ideas for an Anime Club so I'm still relatively new to it but enjoy it. Bonus- Favorite video games: Legend of Zelda and Elder Scrolls Online.

Q: What's your previous experience with Teens?

A: I have been working with teens in the library setting for about six years now. My first fulltime library job was a director position of a small library in Pardeeville, Wisconsin. Because it was a small library, I did a little bit of everything library-related, and all of the teen programming was my responsibility. I had a weekly Teen Advisory Group, a yearly teen-run haunted house, and themed movie nights. I moved to Richland, Washington for a fulltime teen services position where I brought them life skills like financial literacy and intro to car maintenance, a *Stranger Things* themed escape room, and an anime club that met twice a month.

Q: What are some ideas you have for programming?

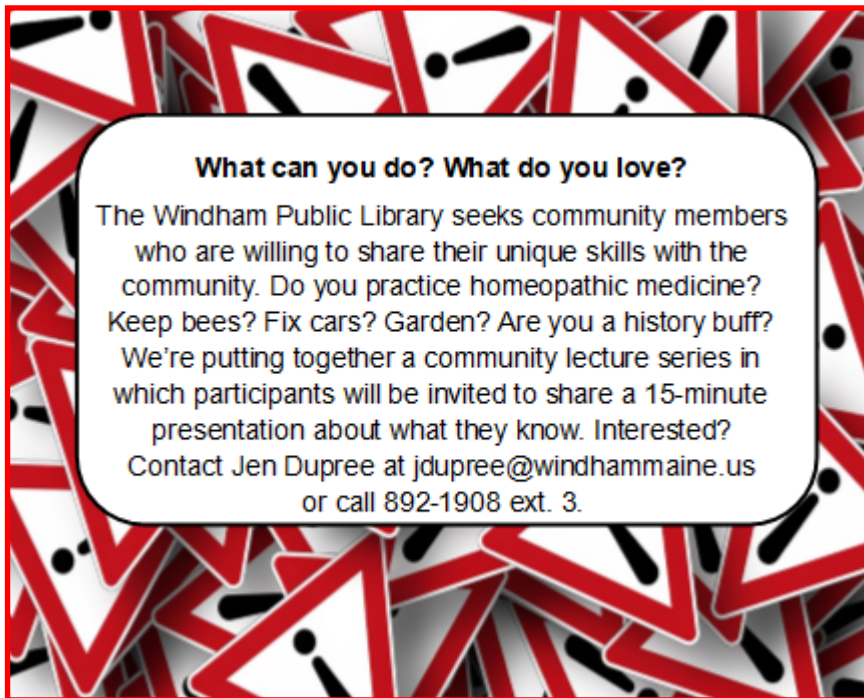
A: It all depends on what the teens like. It's nice to be in an area again where I can pull multiple copies of books from the area if teens are interested in a book club. I have reached out to two anime providers that give screening rights just in case teens are interested in an Anime Club. I've been wanting to try a K-pop Club (Korean pop) for a while.



Seeking Exhibits!

Do you or someone you know have a collection that you would like to share in the library's exhibit case? **All ages** are encouraged to inquire about a two-month slot to display their special items. Some collections in the past: felt art, cat postage stamps, Pokemon cards, the Beatles, thimbles, metal toys, Disney mugs, airplanes, golf balls, and Beanie Babies. [Contact Sally](#) (207-892-0465) for more information.






What can you do? What do you love?

The Windham Public Library seeks community members who are willing to share their unique skills with the community. Do you practice homeopathic medicine? Keep bees? Fix cars? Garden? Are you a history buff? We're putting together a community lecture series in which participants will be invited to share a 15-minute presentation about what they know. Interested? Contact Jen Dupree at jdupree@windhammaine.us or call 892-1908 ext. 3.

In the window this month:






On Display!

Art Exhibit through January 31
Artwork by Deanna Elder

Display Case through January 31
MARVEL comics from
Doug Copperberg

For pictures of our current **Displays:** www.windham.lib.me.us/ondisplay




LIBRARY HOURS

Mon & Wed
10:00am - 7:00pm


Tues, Thurs & Fri
10:00am - 6:00pm

Sat
10:00am - 4:00pm

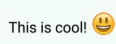
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This is cool! 😊 Sign up to receive text alerts of library programs
<https://www.windhammaine.us/list.aspx>



Browse our newest library materials at
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All library programs are free! Call for more info, or go to our webpage at www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar

Sunday closed	Monday 10am-7pm	Tuesday 10am-6pm	Wednesday 10am-7pm	Thursday 10am-6pm	Friday 10am-6pm	Saturday 10am-4pm
1	2 Story Time (10:30am) ● Tech Help (4:30pm)	3 Books & Babies (10:15am) ● Knitters 'N More (1pm)	4 Catalog Class: Become a Savvy Searcher (11am) ● Movie Time: "The Best of Enemies" (2019, PG-13) (1pm) ● Author Talk: Cheryl Blanchard * (6pm)	5 Tech Help (10:30am) ● Outreach Delivery (10:30am) ● Story Time (10:30am)	6	7
8	9 Story Time (10:30am) ● Tech Help (4:30pm)	10 Books & Babies (10:15am) ● Knitters 'N More (1pm) ● STEM Club (4pm)	11 Discover Digital ME Library (11am) ● Movie Time: "Mr Holland's Opus" (1995, PG) (1pm) ● Author Talk: James Hornor * (6pm)	12 Tech Help (10:30am) ● Story Time (10:30am)	13	14 Four Quartets Poetry Recitation (7pm) 
15	16 Story Time (10:30am) ● Tech Help (4:30pm)	17 Books & Babies (10:15am) ● Knitters 'N More (1pm)	18 Navigating the cloudLibrary (11am) ● Holiday Movie: "The Polar Express" (2004, G) (1:30pm) ● Book Group: "Lucky Jim" (6pm)	19 Tech Help (10:30am) ● Story Time (10:30am)	20 Financial Literacy Workshop (10:30am) 	21
22	23 Story Time (10:30am) ● Busy Builders (4pm) ● Tech Help (4:30pm)	24 Books & Babies (10:15am) <i>Library closes at 12pm for holiday</i>	25 LIBRARY CLOSED 	26 Tech Help (10:30am) ● Story Time (10:30am) ● Questioners Party (2pm) 	27 Thank You Note Fun (10am) 	28 Chess Club (10am)
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