



Windham Public Library Report November 2019



Children's Room News

The highlight of November in the Children's Room was Dinovember. This is our second year of photographing the mischief that our plastic dinosaurs get **into** in the Children's Room, and around the library. Children love these pictures and we hope the dinosaurs come back next year. We also had a very fun *Frozen* party just before its sequel came out. Staff dressed up in their best *Frozen* gear (either connected to the movie or the weather) and we hosted some lovely young Elsas, Annas, Svens, Olafs, and family for singing and dancing. It was a wonderful, happy afternoon. We hosted some more kindergarteners, many of whom also [signed up for their first](#) library cards. We have been very happy with the progress our "A Library Card for Every Student" program is making, and hope to have even more kindergarteners sign up next year. Sam met with the school librarians in Windham to discuss collaboration opportunities and what is going on at each library. Our regular programs of Storytime, Books and Babies, outreach visits, STEM Club and Busy Builders continue to do well.

Reference/Technology News

Ray spent a good deal of time in November planning and preparing for three, two hour "Tea Workshops" that he will be offering as part of his adult programming this winter as well as some "Computer Basics" classes that will be offered in the spring. There were two Author Talks this month. The first one, on November 6, was by Mark Alan Leslie. His talk focused on his historical novel *The Crossing* that describes the Ku Klux Klan's impact on a small western Maine town in 1923. He also gave an eye-opening slide show presentation about the history of the KKK in the United States. The second Author Talk, on November 13, was by Penny Guisinger. Her talk focused on "crafting short pieces" and featured her memoir of vignettes, *Postcards From Here*. The Book Group had a strong turnout and enthusiastically discussed Chinua Achebe's most famous novel *Things Fall Apart*. Amy Tobalske, the *Reference & Technology Assistant*, left her position at the end of November, so the library is seeking to fill this position.

From the Director

In mid-November the staff and I welcomed our first Teen/Emerging Technology Librarian, Cassandra Lull. This is a position that the library has needed for several years. With the addition of Cassandra to the staff, we will have a dedicated person to oversee the programming and

collection for the students visiting the library each day. The Teen Area has become a vibrant and busy space. I look forward to working with Cassandra to provide enhanced services for this age group. In addition to her oversight of Teen Services, Cassandra will be assuming our promotions and website updating duties. Her technology experience makes her a great fit for this. Welcome Cassandra!!

In November, we also bid a fond farewell to Amy Tobalske. Amy joined our staff as a Circulation Assistant and then hired as the Reference/Technology Assistant six months ago. Amy brought a wealth of experience to the staff and we will miss her.

Other news

Around special occasions and themes the library presents opportunities for patron participation. We have an interactive white board that often has a question for patrons to respond. In November, our questions were Who is your favorite singer? What is the best advice you've been given? In addition, on the glass between the Children's Room and Circulation we offer a collaborative public artwork. This month we drew a cornucopia on the window and asked patrons what they are thankful for. Answers were written on paper shaped like vegetables and added to the cornucopia. We love hearing from our patrons and enjoy their responses. These are fun activities for all ages!

<u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u> Attendance: 4,693 Windham items circulated: 6,857 Items received from Minerva libraries: 936 Windham items sent to other libraries: 704 New library patrons: 36 New items added to collection: 178 Special Requests: 9 Reference questions answered: 349 Computer sign-ins: 615 Meeting room usage: 50 Study Rooms: 42 Download Library: 1,179 RB Digital Magazines: 15 Comics: N/A Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 342 Universal Class Videos Watched: 193 Items repaired: 30 Volunteer hours logged: 40.75	<u>November 2018</u> Attendance: N/A Items circulated: 6,502 Items received from Minerva libraries: 819 Windham items sent to other libraries: 542 New patrons: 36 Items added: 330 Special requests: 9 Reference ?'s: 146 Computer sign-ins: 706 Meeting room usage: 32 Study Rooms: 23 Download Library: 933 RB Digital Magazines: 10 Comics Plus: N/A Universal Class Lessons Viewed: 26 Universal Class Videos Watched: 26 Repaired items: 31 Volunteer hours: 36	<u>Other: November 2019 Stats</u> Book Group: 12 Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: 76 Author Talk: 17 Movie program, adults: 37 Wii and rec equipment: 5 Tech Help: 6 CloudLibrary training: 1 DigitalMaineLibrary training: 1 Catalog training: 1 Chess Club: 2 <u>Story Time</u> Programs: 9 Children: 110 Adults: 94 <u>Pass usage</u> Children's Museum – 2 uses Dundee Park – 0 uses Maine State Park Pass – 0 uses Maine Wildlife Park – 1 use Planetarium – 0 uses PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$52
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