



## Windham Public Library Report January 2020



### Children's Room News

The Children's Room staff added a new daycare to their monthly outreach visits in January. They now will visit A Joyful Noise once a month, in addition to Birchwood, A Child's World, and Little Log Cabin Montessori School. Otherwise, they continued to offer twice-weekly storytimes for all ages and a weekly storytime for babies. The monthly STEM Club was building Bucket Towers out of limited supplies and the Busy Builders program was unfortunately cancelled due to staff illness. The staff are looking forward to a magical February with some vacation programs planned.

As part of the state of Maine's Bicentennial celebration, early literacy calendars were created that highlight Maine illustrators. Copies of the calendar were available at the library while supplies lasted.

### Reference/Technology News

January began with an Author Talk on the 8<sup>th</sup> by local writer Norma Fitts. She discussed her memoir, *One Child, One Million Prayers*, which is about her heart-wrenching experiences caring for a child waiting for a liver transplant. Ray Marcotte, the *Reference & Technology Librarian*, presented two, 2-hour tea workshops on January 17<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition to working at the Windham Public Library, Ray also jointly owns an Asian-style teahouse in Portland's Old Port with his wife, so he shared his tea knowledge focusing on the history, types, and proper methods of brewing this ancient beverage. Libby Bischof from the Maine Humanities Council helped Ray facilitate the Book Group on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will be at each monthly meeting through May assisting with the series entitled: "A Matter of Trust: Journalism, Democracy, and Truth". The discussion was centered around Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* and an article from *The New Yorker* by Jill Lepore entitled: "Hard News: The State of Journalism". The discussion was so lively that the participants stayed 45 minutes beyond the scheduled meeting time. The Book Group is full with 20 participants.

### Teen/Emerging Technology News

Circulation Assistant, Sarah Copperberg, put Teen Librarian, Cassandra Lull, in contact with someone interested in doing a teen art event. Arrangements are being made to have this person come in and hang out in the teen area with some art supplies to see what the students might be interested in for a program. Details are still being worked out.

Cassandra has spent a significant amount of time working with Sally Bannen to transition promotions work. She can now post events on the city calendar, Google calendar, and Facebook easily. Cassandra is still getting used to the website and can mostly figure out how to get the pictures, lines, and text to behave the way she needs them to.

She attended a Free Tools for Working with Social Media webinar. And she has two applications for the Teen Advisory Group. She will contact the applicants and see about getting meetings set up. Hopefully

after starting the group will expand. In addition, Cassandra has been working with a vendor to screen anime in the library. She has the final screening permission sheet that allows libraries to screen anime for free and is working to get an anime club started soon.

### **From the Director**

Planning has continued for the Bicentennial Tea, which will be held Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm at the Little Meetinghouse. Jen, Sam, and Sally will represent the library at this program. Jen has been working with Windham Bicentennial Committee, made up of Linda Brooks from Parks and Rec, Linda Morrell Town Clerk, and Haley Pal and Carol Manchester from the Windham Historical Society on a few key events. The Tea will feature snacks, tea, and birthday cake to celebrate the signing of the documents for Maine's Statehood that took place March 15<sup>th</sup> 1820. There will also be craft activities and photos on display from the Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt and historical photos from Windham's local farms. It has been a pleasure to work with this dedicated group of folks to present programs in celebration of the Bicentennial.

### **Other news**

The library has started the new year by planning lots of new programs for the coming months: Writing Group, Lunchtime Lectures, Art Night Out, Women's Suffrage Lecture, Technology Fun, Solve Our Puzzle Box, Unicorn Party, Sensory Storytime, End of Life Care, Computer 101 tutorials, Bilodeau Family Celtic Music, and more Author Talks. Check our library calendar for details on these or any of our many programs: <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar>

<b><u>Monthly Usage Statistics</u></b> Attendance: <b>4,624</b> Windham items circulated: <b>7,247</b> Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>1,108</b> Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>770</b> New library patrons: <b>44</b> New items added to collection: <b>357</b> Special Requests: <b>10</b> Reference questions answered: <b>456</b> Computer sign-ins: <b>751</b> Meeting room usage: <b>47</b> Study Rooms: <b>54</b> Download Library: <b>1,277</b> RB Digital Magazines: <b>27</b> Comics: <b>1</b> Universal Class Lessons Viewed: <b>75</b> Universal Class Videos Watched: <b>44</b> Items repaired: <b>35</b> Volunteer hours logged: <b>49.75</b>	<b><u>January 2019</u></b> Attendance: <b>4,504</b> Items circulated: <b>7,552</b> Items received from Minerva libraries: <b>887</b> Windham items sent to other libraries: <b>710</b> New patrons: <b>39</b> Items added: <b>342</b> Special requests: <b>6</b> Reference ?'s: <b>227</b> Computer sign-ins: <b>783</b> Meeting room usage: <b>29</b> Study Rooms: <b>19</b> Download Library: <b>1,025</b> RB Digital Magazines: <b>13</b> Comics Plus: <b>3</b> Universal Class Lessons Viewed: <b>5</b> Universal Class Videos Watched: <b>2</b> Repaired items: <b>27</b> Volunteer hours: <b>43</b>	<b><u>Other: January 2020 Stats</u></b> Book Group: <b>21</b> Tuesday Afternoon Knitting: <b>51</b> Author Talk: <b>14</b> Movie program, adults: <b>47</b> Wii and rec equipment: Tech Help: <b>8</b> CloudLibrary training: <b>2</b> DigitalMaineLibrary training: <b>0</b> Catalog training: <b>n/a</b> Chess Club: <b>0</b> Tea Workshops <b>15</b> Writing Group <b>9</b> <b><u>Story Time</u></b> Programs: <b>12</b> Children: <b>112</b> Adults: <b>105</b>  <b><u>Pass usage</u></b> Children's Museum – <b>2 uses</b> Dundee Park – <b>0 uses</b> Maine State Park Pass – <b>0 uses</b> Maine Wildlife Park – <b>0 uses</b> Planetarium – <b>0 uses</b> <b>PASSES SAVED PATRONS \$40</b>
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