Library Report  
April, 2013

Circulation: 10,077  
New Patrons: 49  
Reference Questions: 160  
Special Requests: 32  
Computer Sign-ins: 911  
Downloads: 532  
Cataloging: 212(176 purchases/36 donations)  
Cataloging edits: 83  
Repairs: 46  
Meeting Room Usage: 82/Study Room: 26  
Bills for unreturned materials: 11

April is National Poetry Month. Local resident and poet Robert Clark created a display of his poems along with bookmarks. Patrons enjoyed the content along with the visual attractiveness of his display due to the beautiful framing of his work. Mr. Clark has created this display for the library for the last several years. Thank you!

The week of April 22 was Money Smart Week. This is an initiative of the American Library Association to promote financial literacy through libraries. Norway Savings Bank and the University Cooperative Extension offered programs and displays for the public.

The Maine Humanities Council has awarded a joint grant to the Windham Public Library and the Raymond Village Library for a lecture series. The World in Your Library: A Foreign Policy Lecture Series. Three separate foreign policy topics will be offered by three different professors. The plan is to offer them in late summer and early fall. Details will be forthcoming.

The TNT Teen group met and talked about books and their covers. They had their first pick of a pile of new teen books newly processed. The library book discussion group’s April title was “Marjorie Morningstar” by Herman Wouk. In May, the group will read short stories by Maine authors.

In May, look for original artwork donated by local artist Charlene Lee and her advanced watercolor students. In time for Mother’s Day these matted pieces sell for $10 and benefit the Friends of the Windham Public Library. They will be on display near the circulation desk upstairs.

Reference Question of the month: A caller asked if we had directions to the “Indian Steps” plus information on the history of the area. We located a website @ http://www.windham.k12.me.us/teachers/lmorse/windham/photo/page2.html. This site explained that “the Indian Steps or Lookout are located off Albion Road. The cut in the boulder is described as a basalt dike created by erosion and weathering. It was probably improved upon by the early settlers which created the more perfect steps we see today. The ledge at Indian Steps is thought to have been a lookout tower. Legend has it that an Indian Princess is buried just beyond the stair steps in an area circled with rocks”.

On a final note, I would like to let folks know I will be retiring May 23rd. It has been a privilege to work in a community with such fine people and alongside a dedicated staff and wonderful colleagues.

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