Saturday, February 2, the library meeting room was transformed into a “museum of books” for Take Your Child to the Library Day. A national program started in 2012 by librarians in Connecticut, this was our first year participating. Families were invited to read a picture book from the year everyone in their family was born. This all day event was attended by many, enjoyed by all, and a great way to support family literacy.

Junior Achievement for Aileen Pellitteri’s class wrapped up at the beginning of the month and began for Joyce Whidden’s on February 26. These two second grade classes are the first of four planned for this school year.

Regular monthly visits were made to Creative Expressions, Birchwood, Mrs. Nickerson’s fifth grade, and Little Log Cabin Montessori School. Each visit included a new batch of books to leave in the classroom for readers’ enjoyment.

Hershey’s sweetheart layer bars and heart shaped sugar cookies were the featured items for tea on Tuesday, February 12. Twenty-four guests enjoyed strawberries and cheese and crackers as well.

Two special events were lead by our Children’s Room Coordinator Diana Currier during February vacation. On Wednesday, February 20th there was a scavenger hunt for crayons hidden in the Children’s Room, followed by creating art with textures in the meeting room. Friday, February 22 she lead a program about bubble gum and the color of the day was pink. Chewing, book reading, coloring, and pre-blown up balloons for a picture were the day’s best features. Both programs were very well attended. Thanks go to Brandon Currier who assisted and earned several community service hours for his high school requirement.

Southern Maine Library District Children’s and Young Adult Book Review was on Wednesday, February 13. An initial meeting for a Maine Memory Network grant about the powder mill in the Civil War affecting both the Windham and Gorham communities was explored on Tuesday, February 19. Work continued on February 5 by the Reading Round-Up committee for their April 11 conference at the Augusta Civic Center.