CHILDREN’S ROOM REPORT
JANUARY - 2012

Story Time
Preschool Story Time – 9 sessions – Adults 48, Children 56
Books and Babies – 5 sessions – Adults 30, Children 32

Botanical Garden – no usages (free admission December-March)
Children’s Museum Pass – 5 usages
Dundee Park Pass – closed for the season
Maine State Park Pass – no usages
Maine Wildlife Park Pass – closed for season
Planetarium Pass – 3 usage
Willowbrook Museum Pass – closed for season

PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS $156

Two second grade classes at the Windham Primary School started and completed the Junior Achievement “Our Community” program during January. The students in Joyce Whidden’s and Kelly Rich’s classes were enthusiastic learners as we moved through the lessons about businesses, unit production, assembly line production, government workers, taxes, decision making, and money movement. Two more classes will begin in February.

Mrs. Nickerson’s fifth grade class engaged in a good discussion on World War II and civil rights on Friday, January 6. The children at Little Log Cabin Montessori School enjoyed stories about the color blue, the rainforest, South America, and hibernation on Thursday, January 19.

Wednesday, January 11 was the Southern Maine Library District Young Adult and Children’s Book Review group. Mamie Ney, the new consultant for SMLD, came to the session and was impressed with the organization and amount of work that the group accomplishes in its two hour meeting. The same afternoon Windham Public Library hosted the final meeting of the statewide Lupine Committee as they worked on choosing the award winning books for 2011 and naming the Katahdin Award winner for lifetime achievement. Both awards are a wonderful way to recognize Maine folks who work in the children’s book world. The awards will be presented at the Reading Round-Up on April 12, 2012 at the Augusta Civic Center.

Tea for you @ your library on Tuesday, January 24 drew a crowd of about 30 folks. Veggies, dip, cheese, crackers, and gingersnaps were served. Not a cookie was left and the remaining veggies were a nice treat for the staff to enjoy. This tea completed six years of community building, bringing together young and old, men, women, young adults, and children.

Monday, January 23 the American Library Association hosted the Youth Media Awards session in Dallas, Texas. A live stream feed was available, beginning at 8:30am eastern time. Melissa Sweet from Maine received the informational Robert F. Sibert award for Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy’s Parade and Ashley Bryan, also of Maine, received the Coretta Scott King – Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime achievement. Many of the award books are already in the Windham Public Library collection and others have been ordered, received, and are currently in our processing system.