Library Report  
January, 2013

Circulation: 9,427
New Patrons: 95
Reference Questions: 141
Special Requests: 33
Computer Sign-ins: 857
Downloads: 452
Cataloging:327 (214 purchases/113 donations)
Cataloging edits: 59
Repairs: 21
Meeting Room Usage:49/Study Room:32
Bills for un-returned materials: 22

It was a big month for new patrons. Ninety five people came to the library to get a library card. We usually average somewhere between 45-70 a month. Two factors that may have contributed are a few class visits by Mrs. Parker, the Children’s Librarian and perhaps the two part series on the library in The Independent local newspaper. We are excited to have such a high turnout for library cards this month and welcome all our new patrons.

Post a brief review of a good read on our New Books shelf. The corkboard above the shelf is a prime spot to see what your neighbors are reading and recommending. Note paper and pencils are available right on the shelving.

By the time this report comes out the Windham Public Library’s new updated website will be up. Take a look at the new snappy features and let us know what you think.

The book discussion group’s pick for January was the bestseller, The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe. February’s book will be The Pattern in the Carpet by Margaret Drabble. The TNT Club (Teens and Tweens) read and discussed a book of their choosing by any author with a last name starting with the letters W, I, N, T, E or R. Those attending also played Pictionary. For February the teens and tweens will read any book with the word “love” in the title.

Just a reminder to those on Facebook to check us out there as well. Lots of good and interesting info and pictures get posted there as well as our website.

Reference Question of the Month: A patron said she was writing a book set in 1917. Would it be appropriate for the time to refer to the boys and girls (the children) as “kids”? It was verified in several resources that the term was in use at the time. One key source was the Dictionary of American Slang which noted the word “kid” since 1890.