Story Time
Preschool Story Time—7 sessions, 43 Adults, 46 Children
Books and Babies—4 sessions, 38 Adults, 43 Children

Children’s Museum—7 Uses
Dundee Park—closed for season
Maine State Park Pass—No Use
Maine Wildlife Park—Closed for the season
Planetarium—No Use
Willowbrook—Closed for the Season

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Visits this month were made to Creative Expressions Preschool, Birchwood, Little Log Cabin Montessori School, Mrs. Nickerson’s Manchester School fifth grade class, and a special sharing with three second grade classes at Windham Primary School on January 29. Mrs. Small, Mrs. Hawthorne, and Mrs. Pelletier brought their classes to one of the music rooms to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Amelia Bedelia. In those fifty years there have been 36 books published with three more to be released in 2013. 12 were written by Peggy Parish and 24 have been written by her nephew Herman Parish. When asked what they thought Amelia Bedelia did when she was asked to “pitch the tent” they came up with five different responses.

Michelle Libby from the Windham Independent gathered information from the Children’s Room on January 7. The second part of her two part story on the library, based on the interview, was published in the paper on Friday, January 11.

English Toffee Day was celebrated at Tea for You @ the Library on Tuesday, January 8. Seventeen guests enjoyed Oatmeal Toffee Cookies, Hershey’s Toffee Cake, crackers, cheese and small Heath bars.

Windham and Raymond school and public librarians gathered at Jordan Small Middle School to touch base on January 10. These meetings keep the group connected, share information about the professional library community, and network educational opportunities.

Monday, January 28th started the first of four Junior Achievement classes with second graders. Aileen Pelletier’s class completed three of the classes by January 31. They will wrap up the other two sessions the first week of February.

The American Library Association announcements of the 2013 Youth Media Awards was on January 28. In the Children’s Room we were able to be there virtually. Toni Buzzeo (our speaker at November 2012’s Family Literacy Fun Day) and David Small received a Caldecott Honor for their book One Cool Friend. Patrons in the room at the time of the announcement wondered what all the hoopla was about.

Diana Currier had the opportunity to attend two webinars. One informed about Digital Literacy and the role libraries play to keep people connected. The other was a presentation about the Collaborative Summer Reading Program “Dig Into Reading”.