CHILDREN’S ROOM REPORT
July - 2012

Story Time
Preschool Story Time – 5 sessions – Adults 25, Children 37
Books and Babies – 3 sessions – Adults 20, Children 22

Botanical Garden – 9 usages
Children’s Museum Pass – 5 usages
Dundee Park Pass – 6 usages
Maine State Park Pass – 17 usages
Maine Wildlife Park Pass – 26
Planetarium Pass – 1 usage
Willowbrook Museum Pass – 2 usages

PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS $1,250

Diana Currier, as a temporary employee, helped cover hours from July 2-13 while Laurel Parker was on vacation. Jeanne Thurber covered extra hours during Laurel’s vacation, too. There were no scheduled activities during the first two weeks of July which left both Diana and Jeanne free to cover the demanding desk duties of summer.

Diana joined the Children’s Room staff on Thursday, July 19th as the Children’s Room Coordinator. We are glad to welcome her back after several years. She brings with her a great love of children’s books, program ideas, and a ready spirit of pitching in to help wherever and whenever needed.

Did you ever make a yellow chick from a cup, masking tape, cardboard, straws and permanent markers? 15 children did when we hosted a craft session on Wednesday, July 18. They were time intensive and very cute when completed. Story time crafts for our preschoolers on Mondays included an aluminum and foil moon, worry dolls, and a paper plate and hand tracing sun.

The Vermont PuppeTree presented a very original version of The Ugly Duckling to an audience of 60 on Thursday, July 26. Many types of puppets appeared from very small to very large. Two vulture puppets as big as adults, a slinky black cat, a bald eagle judge, and several birds eggs were all a part of the show.

Folks who have used the passes to the Children’s Museum and Theatre of Maine, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Dundee Park, Maine Wildlife Park, Maine State Parks, USM Planetarium and 19th Century Willowbrook during the month of July have saved over a thousand dollars in entry fees. People who have used the physical passes for the gardens, state parks, and Dundee have been great about picking them up and dropping them off on time. This makes it possible for all of the folks who have wanted to use them be able to do so. Many thanks go to the Friends of the Windham Public Library and other organizations which make them available to our patrons each year.