Tuesday, June 4 and Friday, June 7 the details of the Summer Reading Program were shared with the students at Windham Primary School. This year a grand addition to the summer packet is information about Bedtime Math whose goal it is “to make nightly math as common and beloved as the bedtime story.” Students enjoyed trying out some wacky math problems with only mental gymnastics.

Southern Maine Library District Children’s and Young Adult Book Review was at Portland Public Library on Wednesday, June 10. For the first time, books that were part of the “Cream of the Crop” list were distributed to the people who had reviewed them during the year. Three exceptional books came to Windham Public Library thanks to this new effort.

June 14 was the last visit to Mrs. Nickerson’s fifth grade class at Manchester School. Recommended books was the topic and a clipboard was circulated among the students so each could add their favorite. Diana Currier and I both established our favorite chapter book list which was given to each student.

The Birchwood summer program requested a visit to talk about the importance of summer reading. The morning of Friday, June 21 held a lively discussion about all the parts of the program, lead by the campers. Many knew well what had to be done to complete the requirements and get a certificate. Three local businesses will recognized the readers—the Ice Cream Dugout, Dairy Queen, and Friendly’s—with special coupons for treats.

The summer program has begun with crafts for the preschoolers after each story time (symmetry, dump truck, and paper plate apple), a special time for listeners on Tuesdays (featuring the book *Rascal* by Sterling North), and an author/illustrator visit on Thursday, June 27 by Scott Nash and his wife Nancy, who were both entertaining and gracious. The book *Bedtime Math* was released on Tuesday, June 25 and in conjunction we held our second Bedtime Math Pajama Party with all supplies coming from the organization. A real hit was sending stuffed animals down zip lines from different heights in the Children’s Room. As June came to a close we had over 175 young people signed up to take part in the Summer Reading Program.

At the Friends of the Windham Public Library meeting on June 20 funding was approved for our sixth year of raising monarch butterflies, beginning in early August. This includes the outreach for twelve families to raise them at home. Anyone interested in being a part of the effort should contact the Children’s Room staff at 892-1908 or lparker@town.windham.me.us.

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