CHILDREN’S ROOM REPORT
MAY - 2012

Story Time
Preschool Story Time – 5 sessions – Adults 26, Children 34
Books and Babies – 5 sessions – Adults 37, Children 42

Botanical Garden – 4 usages
Children’s Museum Pass – 4 usages
Dundee Park Pass – No Usage
Maine State Park Pass – 2 usages
Maine Wildlife Park Pass – 15 usages
Planetarium Pass – No usage
Willowbrook Museum Pass – 1 use
PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS $443

Tuesday, May 1 the committee that oversees the Windham Loan Closet met at the site. The Windham Public Library supports the efforts of the group by providing visiting nurses access to the building during the hours the library is open. About a dozen times each month health workers and the volunteers on the committee have easier access because of the library’s participation.

The school and public librarians in Windham and Raymond met at the Windham Public Library on Thursday, May 3. This group meets several times during the year to keep in touch with issues and events that the libraries are handling. There is a possibility that the Maine Student Book Award books that the Windham Middle School will have for the next school year will spend the summer at the public library and therefore have more use. This will benefit the readers by having more copies readily available for summer reading.

Friday, May 4 was the last visit I made to Mrs. Nickerson’s fifth grade class. We celebrated all that we had discussed about books, spoke about our favorite moments, enjoyed refreshments, and I received a wonderful batch of heartfelt thank you notes.

Southern Maine Library District Children’s and Young Adult Book Review group met on May 9. The books that had been reviewed throughout the year were distributed to folks who had read them.

Barbara Keef and I attended a Rachel Carson Workshop presented by Cornerstones of Science at the Waterville Public Library on Monday, May 14. Inspirational, educational, and a great chance to share with other COS members made the event outstanding.

Another last visit was made to the Little Log Cabin Montessori School on May 17. This year there have been about 8 children in the youngest group and somewhere near 25 children in the older group each time I’ve gone to read. They have enjoyed having a box of books to use between visits and often share which one was the biggest hit. We now have an “Olivia K. Woodman” in the children’s room. She is the creation of the children based on The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman by Darcy Pattison.

Thanks to the Friends of the Windham Public Library Barbara Keef and I were able to attend the Libraries United Conference in Orono on May 20 and 21. We were each able to go to 8 small workshops, spend time at the vendor area, and hear a wonderful keynote speaker at lunch. Barbara and I both wrote reports that were circulated among the staff.

It was an honor to deliver Toby Rosenberg’s set of Lupine books to her in Portland on Friday, May 25. Toby has been making the Lupine platters that are presented to the winners of the Lupine Award for many years. We had time to chat, sip a cup of tea, and talk about the past and future of the recognition and its importance for Maine authors and illustrators.

Tea for You @ Your Library happened to fall on the same day, May 29, as the last Civil War book group meeting. To commemorate the 150 years since the event Barbara found three recipes that were used during the era. Sugar cookies, pound cake, and “Idiot’s Delight” (spoonfuls of batter with a brown sugar raisin sauce) were served along with two types of flatbread crackers, cheese and red grapes. The tables sported beautiful rhododendron blossoms from the shrub right by the front door. Two dozen folks stopped by to enjoy the tea and goodies.