Story Time
Preschool Story Time—9 sessions, 45 Adults, 54 Children
Books and Babies—4 sessions, 51 Adults, 57 Children

Children’s Museum—4 uses
Dundee Park—closed for season
Maine State Park Pass—1 use
Maine Wildlife Park—12 uses
Planetarium—no use
Willowbrook—1 use

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Last visits for the school year were made to Birchwood, Creative Expressions, and Little Log Cabin Montessori School during the month. It has worked very well bringing a new crop of books at each visit to leave at the locations for the month. Fortunately, themes did not overlap and we were able to meet requests easily. Mrs. Nickerson’s fifth grade Manchester class enjoyed learning about the many mysteries available in our collection on Tuesday, May 21.

Southern Maine Library District Children’s and Young Adult Book Review met at Portland Public Library on May 8. Books that had been reviewed during the year were distributed to the reviewers and twenty-two new titles will be added to our collection thanks to this program.

The Maine Library Association held its annual meeting in Waterville on Friday, May 10. I was able to attend representing the Youth Services Section and the Friends of Maine Libraries. Diana Currier gladly went to the Southern Maine Library District Spring Council Meeting on May 17 at Keeley the Katerer in Portland. Yearly SMLD recognizes an outstanding librarian with the Certificate of Appreciation. At the meeting it was presented to Windham Public Library Director, Inese Gruber.

Junior Achievement activity for the year finished in May. Elaine Hawthorne’s second grade class completed the Our Community program on Friday, May 17. The seventh grade teachers at Windham Middle School sponsored a “JA in a Day” for their students on May 21. This was an interesting experience working with the older students and teaching the same session six times during the day.

The Windham/Raymond school and public librarians met on Thursday, May 23 at the Windham High School Library. Information was shared about programs and initiatives at each library. Literacy for ME meetings will be organized for fall to bring together those with a vested interest in supporting literacy for the communities.

The tea on Tuesday, May 28 was well attended with over 40 folks stopping in to enjoy the event. In a tribute to Memorial Day Barbara Keef made date bars and Sea Foam Squares from her mother’s recipes and Laurel Parker made Parker Hermits and Ice Box Cookies, recipes from Walt Parker’s sister.

The staff in the Children’s Room wished retiring Library Director Inese Gruber all the best on her last day, Thursday, May 23. Her guidance while she lead Windham Public Library will long be remembered by those whose lives she touched.

Laurel T. Parker, Children’s Librarian