The Friends of the Windham Public Library teamed up for the seventh year with Windham/Raymond Adult Ed, business partners (The Craft Barn, Portland Sea Dogs, Maine Red Claws), Windham Primary School staff, and loyal friends to present the Family Literacy Fun Day on Saturday, November 2. The featured book person was Scott Nash who has illustrated and written children’s books along with many other projects in his career. Scott spoke about his work at three offered sessions. New picture books were on hand to celebrate November as Picture Book Month. Lisa Robertson and Jayne Brooks-Robinson ran the craft table. Cathy Paglio, who began the program as part of a Maine Families Literacy Initiative grant, was on hand to run the raffle table and the used book swap. Dodie King, kindergarten teacher, and Ron Molina helped with the facilities at Windham Primary School.

Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War Gorham Windham group met at Windham Public Library on Thursday, November 7.

Monthly visits were made to Creative Explorations, Little Log Cabin Montessori School, and Birchwood. All sessions included a special story with a selection of supporting books left with the school for follow up use.

The second graders of Elaine Hawthorne and Aileen Pelletier at Windham Primary School came for a visit on Friday, November 8. Their story and question/answer time was followed by each child choosing a book to check out.

The Book and Bake Sale run by the Friends of the Windham Public Library on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16 was a great success. From the set up crew to those who helped clean up and the many hands in between, a huge round of applause goes to all, particularly Jeanne Thurber, Ray and Jan Ronan, Sue Dries, Amy Strout, Kara and Lucy Watson, Catherine Miller, Chris Blauvelt, Jennie Parker, Tyler Ward, and Laurel Parker. Many bakers offered their luscious pies, fudge, cookies, whoopee pies, gluten free treats, cupcakes, brownies, muffins, and more to add to the enjoyment of the event. Thank you to all who came out and supported the Friends of the Windham Public Library.

Literacy for ME, Windham/Raymond, held its second meeting of 2013 at Windham/Raymond Adult Education on Friday, November 22. The group meets to channel information about literacy projects and initiatives for all ages. Educators, businesses, and community members are welcome. Vicky McMullen of Mechanics Savings Bank and Laurel T. Parker are current co-chairs.