Story Time
Preschool Story Time – 10 sessions – Adults 63, Children 74
Books and Babies – 4 sessions – Adults 44, Children 50

Botanical Garden – 1 usages
Children’s Museum Pass – 6 usages
Dundee Park Pass – closed for the season
Maine State Park Pass – 1 usage
Maine Wildlife Park Pass – 10 usages
Planetarium Pass – 1 usage
Willowbrook Museum Pass – 1 usage (closed for October 10)

**PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS $344**

Visits this month included two to community preschools, six kindergarten classes coming to the library, and a special project visit to a third grade class. Birchwood Day Nursery School & Childcare Center asked me to come and share a story on October 3 as they were working on places in their community. Monthly visits to Little Log Cabin Montessori School began for the year on Thursday, October 20. The kindergarten classes of Mrs. Whynot and Mrs. King came on October 6, Mr. Halpern and Mrs. Douglass on October 20, and Mrs. Friend and Mrs. Jandreau on October 27. Sharing a story, touring the Children’s Room, and answering questions the students had about the library was fun for all. On Thursday, October 27 I brought to Mrs. Woolston’s third grade class a poster with pictures of 26 doors in Windham that had been taken in 1986. Their challenge was to see how many of them they could identify. This tied in nicely with their tour of Windham and study of the town’s history.

The RSU14 school librarians and the public librarians in Windham and Raymond meet several times throughout the year. On October 7 the meeting was held at the Windham Middle School. Discussion centered around the Maine Infonet Download Library and helping students find the next book to read. Also mentioned was the Family Literacy Fun Day on November 5 featuring Matt Tavares and the Windham Public Library’s 40th Anniversary Celebration in December.

Southern Maine Library District Book Review for Children’s and Young Adult librarians was held at Portland Public Library on Wednesday, October 12. This meeting is always a great opportunity to share new books and what is happening in library settings geared to children. It is also a good resource for books published by Maine authors and illustrators in 2011 that are under consideration for the Lupine Committee. That committee met at Bangor Public Library on Thursday, October 26. The seven members of the committee are charged “to recognize an outstanding contribution to children’s literature of Maine.” Close to 50 books published this year qualify for consideration.

Friends of Maine Libraries held an informal meeting at the Gibbs Library in Washington, Maine on October 17. The Friends of Windham Public Library has been a member of FoML since its beginning in 1992. Attending meetings always brings new connections, shared ideas, and a chance to pass on the successes of our library.

Windham’s Halloween Adventure was at the Manchester School on Friday, October 28. About 250 folks enjoyed a candy hunt and concert performance by Judy Pancoast, supported in part by the Richard Clark Library Fund. Sally Bannen and Laurel Parker represented the library and helped the Parks and Recreation Department with manning the refreshment table and counting the attendees.