In October ten kindergarten classes from Windham Primary School incorporated a field trip to the Windham Public Library as part of their community helpers program. The students in Ms. Key and Ms. Record (10-11), Ms. Lord and Ms. Douglass (10-18), Ms. Jandreau and Ms. Friend (10-22), Ms. Whynot and Ms. King (10-23) and Ms. Bernier and Ms. Pettus (10-25) classes all enjoyed the story *The Perfect Nest*, had their questions about the library answered, and took a tour of the Children’s Room.

On site visits for the month were at Manchester School, Creative Expressions, Little Log Cabin Montessori School, and Birchwood. Mrs. Nickerson’s fifth grade class began monthly sessions with a discussion about how we choose the next books to read as well as the literary awards for children’s books. Creative Expressions preschool is a new addition to our monthly visit schedule. We shared seasonal books and a bag full of books was left for them to enjoy during the month. Little Log Cabin Montessori School began another year with library books focusing on the difference between animals and plants on Thursday the 18th. Birchwood preschool was also doing a unit on the community so three library stories were shared with them on October 25.

Tea on Tuesday, October 9 featured dessert pizzas and was hosted by Barbara Keef and Inese Gruber. More than 35 folks enjoyed the offerings and Inese got first hand experience serving and attending a complete tea afternoon. Laurel was at a Blaine House tea in Augusta for the inaugural program meeting of the Friends of the Maine State Library representing the Friends of Maine Libraries.

October 1 at the Senator Inn in Augusta the 20th anniversary of the Friends of Maine Libraries was celebrated. Southern Maine Library District Children’s and Young Adult Book Review meeting was held October 10 at Portland Public Library. The Reading Round-Up committee met at the Gardiner Public Library on Tuesday, October 16.

Friday, October 26 the Friends of the Windham Public Library co-hosted the Windham Halloween Adventure with the Recreation and Parks department. The cost of the performer was split between the two groups. The head count of those attending was taken by Tyler Ward and myself representing the library. This year 245 people enjoyed the event on a perfect weather night.

Maine Library Snapshot Week is a chance for libraries around the state to count important statistics, turn in the figures to the state consultants, and present to the new legislature a picture of what the state libraries accomplish in just one day. Windham’s Friends group counted everyone who entered the building on Monday, October 15. Other numbers were tallied for the day and reported. Once the complete state report is available everyone will have access to this important information.