Story Time
Preschool Story Time—9 sessions, 63 Adults, 118 Children
Books and Babies—5 sessions, 93 Adults, 110 Children

Children’s Museum—5 uses
Dundee Park—closed for season
Maine State Park Pass—no use
Maine Wildlife Park—14 uses
Planetarium—2 uses
Willowbrook—1 use

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Students in kindergarten classes of Pam Whynot, Dodie King, Karen Friend, Jill Jandreau, Laura Record, Julie O’Coin, and Jen Key at Windham Primary School came to visit during the month. All visits included a story illustrated by Scott Nash (Family Literacy Fun Day speaker, November 2), questions about the library and a tour of the Children’s Room.

Outreach visits included Creative Explorations on the 2nd, Little Log Cabin Montessori School on the 17th and Birchwood Preschool on the 24th. Books were left in the classrooms that worked with the themes being explored for the month.

October 9 was Children and Young Adult Book Review hosted by the Southern Maine Library District at Portland Public Library.

Many thanks go to the Maine State Library consultants for the program “Kick Start” with Christine McNew from Texas which focused on programs for children. It was a chance to exchange ideas with other youth librarians, hear about initiatives for children, and learn about great resources to use with our young patrons. The New England Library Association held its annual conference in Portland at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. Monday’s programming offered great workshops and the opportunity to hear Maine’s author/illustrator Melissa Sweet speak.

Three committees met. The Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War group met on Thursday, October 3, at the Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham. Plans for events are being formulated and it is hoped that there will be a calendar of events centered on the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in Windham and Gorham available soon. The Reading Round Up committee met Tuesday, October 15. This will be the 25th annual event celebrating children’s literature in the state. The Lupine committee, which chooses the best of Maine author/illustrators books each year for children and young adults, met at the Auburn Public Library on the 18th. Lupine began at the same time Reading Round Up did.

The Friends of the Windham Public Library sponsored the October 16 reception for Jen Leo as she began her directorship of the library. Tony Plante thanked Barbara Keef, Sally Bannen, Diana Currier, and Laurel Parker for their dedication and success during the time the director search was conducted. Patrons were able to welcome Jen and enjoy the refreshments in a relaxed setting.

Tea for You @ the Library was on Tuesday, October 22. More than 40 folks enjoyed a potpourri of goodies as well as Sam Kelley’s home made whoopee pies, a wonderful treat.

Windham’s Halloween Adventure at Manchester School was co-hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of Windham Public Library. Judy Pancoast performed in the cafeteria as two different groups of children searched for candy on the dark field behind the school.