CHILDREN’S ROOM REPORT
SEPTEMBER - 2011

Story Time
Preschool Story Time – 9 sessions – Adults 42, Children 52
Books and Babies – 4 sessions – Adults 31, Children 36

Botanical Garden – 4 usages
Children’s Museum Pass – 2 usages
Dundee Park Pass – Closed for the season
Maine State Park Passes – 2 usages
Maine Wildlife Park Pass – 14 usages
Planetarium Pass – 1 usage
Willowbrook Museum Pass – 2 usages

PASS USAGE SAVED PATRONS $460

The Maine Library Association Youth Services Committee executive board met at our library on September 12. The Friends of Maine Libraries board met by phone on Monday, September 19 to finalize their grant award winners which were to be announced at the state Tri-District Fall Council Meeting. Southern Maine Library District Children’s and Young Adult Book Review meeting was at Portland Public Library on Wednesday, September 21. At the Tri-District meeting, “eBooks and Libraries” was the focus with nationally recognized speakers helping all to broaden knowledge about digital technology. Thanks are due to our director Inese Gruber who encourages, champions, and supports her staff in taking part in educational and conference opportunities which strengthen the staff’s knowledge and builds relationships in the Maine library community. She is an amazing leader.

Two kindergarten classes from Windham Primary School came for a story and tour of the Children’s Room on Friday, September 23. Ms. Robbie and Ms. Pettus were the teachers who began our school visit season.

Tea for You @ the Library on September 20 featured a school days theme. Lunch box cookies (Toll House, Snickerdoodles, Oatmeal Raisin, and Peanut Butter) along with grapes and crackers (Ritz and Wheat Thins) and cheese were enjoyed. The left over goodies disappeared quickly once they were put on the checkout counter upstairs. Barbara Keef’s sister Ellen Jordan had made 10 school slate centerpieces which were raffled off to folks who came. Winners were Shawna Cochran, Josh Davis, Barbara Millett, Shelby W., Ariana Wenger, Sophie Whinnett, Allison Labonte, Sean Butterworth, and Marcella Corthell. Eight guests had come from Park Danforth in Portland and the leader of the group, Rose, baked and donated zucchini bread to add to the bounty on the table. Sophie Ferrian’s birthday was recognized by her mom with iced sugar cookies which vanished quickly, too. About forty people attended the event.

Several times this month Sally Bannen covered Story Time and Books and Babies. Her help in presenting continuous programming for our youngest patrons is appreciated.

Tuesday, September 27, Suzy Ryan from Cornerstones of Science met with Inese and me at the library. We talked about what was working well, how things could improve, and suggestions for COS program expansion. Based on a patron’s suggestion we are considering offering monarch butterfly rearing kits to families next year. Suzy was excited about the idea and was in favor of the proposal.