Story Time
Preschool Story Time - 7 sessions, 26 Adults, 34 Children
Books and Babies - 4 sessions, 43 Adults, 47 Children

Botanical Gardens - 2
Children’s Museum - 1
Dundee Park - Closed for the winter
Maine State Park Pass - 12
Maine Wildlife Park - 6
Planetarium - No Usage
Willowbrook - No Usage

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Wednesday, September 5 was New Families Night at Manchester School. Each year the students who are new to the Windham school system in fourth and fifth grade are invited to come to a special orientation meeting. It was a good chance to speak to some folks about what the library can offer and a few key pieces of WPL information were available. Another outreach piece was sent to the teachers and staff at Windham Primary School, Manchester School, and Windham Middle School via email through the superintendent’s office on September 14. It contained resources, services, hours, and links to awards and special literacy week events for 2012-2013.

During the month I had the opportunity to connect with the Friends of Maine Libraries as they decided who would receive each of their two $1,000 grants; the Maine Library Association executive board; the Reading Round-Up committee which organizes a large conference focused on children’s books, literacy, and connecting youth librarians in schools and the public; and the regular monthly Southern Maine Library District Children’s and Young Adult Book Review group which meets at the Portland Public Library. Each of these meetings provides the chance to link with peers to expand horizons and offer input to help strengthen what we offer to our patrons here in Windham.

Between September 2 and September 6 all 32 of our monarchs emerged from their chrysalis. Those that hatched on Tuesday and Wednesday (23 to be exact) were released on Thursday due to poor weather conditions during the week. Diana got a great picture which we shared on the Cornerstones of Science Facebook page as well as our own FB. Tremendous thanks go to our devoted “Butterfly Mom” Jeanne Thurber for such a successful project this year. This completes our fifth year with this citizen science project.

Friday, September 21 was World Peace Day. At both the adult and children’s circulation desk peace cookies were available. The World Peace flag was flying outside below our American flag for the day, too.

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