The first classroom visit of the school year was on Thursday, September 5 with Ms. Nickerson’s 5th grade class at Manchester School. The monthly visits give the students a chance to share about the best books they have read as well as seeing a collection that ties into their studies. Photographs of primary source documents were shared with them as part of the Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War grant being worked on by the Windham and Gorham communities.

Tea for You @ the library on Tuesday, September 17 provided tea, goodies, and conversation for about 30 folks. Back to school treats included peanut butter cookies, congo bars, and coffee bars along with crackers, cheese, and red grapes. Information about the September 29th kick-off event for Local and Legendary was on a handout at the tables.

Book Review for Southern Maine Library District Children and Youth Librarians began for the school year on Wednesday, September 18 at Portland Public Library.

“Literacy for ME unifies the efforts of several state agencies and community groups as well as Maine’s public schools to provide direction and support to improve literacy achievement.” On Thursday, September 26, representatives from RSU14, the Sebago Lakes Chamber of Commerce, the Barbra Bush Foundation, the homeschool community, public libraries and a parent gathered at the library to extend the work several people had begun last fall. The 14 people at the table enjoyed a working lunch provided by the Friends of the Windham Public Library. It is the hope of the group to expand to include people from the other endeavors who would like to help out with understanding and meeting the needs of our community members. Contact: Laurel T. Parker, ltparker@town.windham.me.us.

At the Great Falls School in Gorham on Sunday, September 29th the Gorham and Windham Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War team held a kick off event which included a tour of the Gambo Mills site on the Presumpscot River. Several books were available and connections were made with people from both towns.

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