

CHECK IT OUT

The newsletter for the Windham Public Library

Windham, Maine

December 2012

Hours

Monday & Wednesday	9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	9:30 am - 6:00 pm
Friday	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday Sept. - May	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday June - August	9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Rub in the New Year!

Come help us "Rub in the New Year" with bright colors, fun textures, good friends, and hot chocolate.

On **Thursday, December 27** from **1:30pm to 3:00pm**, we will be making textured art with crayons and surprising items that can be found around your house. The fun begins with a crayon hunt in the Children's Room then ends with creating lively art work in the meeting room with your newly found treasures. Primarily for children and those who still have a child's heart. All welcome to join the fun.



Books & Babies 6 - 24 months

Tuesdays 10:00 am



Preschool Story Times
Up to age 5

Mondays
10:30 am & 1:00 pm

Thursdays
10:30 am

What Happened @ the Windham Public Library in 2012?

Tea and treats were served at eight **teas** to 260 guests
 Patrons enjoyed choosing books and movies from interesting **displays**
 The Library was a distribution point for **World Book Night** on April 23rd
 The library began accepting "library check-outs" via free **cell phone application**
 We loaned over 250 **passes to library patrons** for museums, parks or other locations
 We discussed "Making Sense of the Civil War", sponsored by **Maine Humanities Council**
 Star-gazers began borrowing a **telescope** in August, thanks to Cornerstones of Science
 Local artists donated original **watercolors** as a fund-raiser to support the library
 A great **Summer Reading Program** was offered to children, teens, and adults
 32 **monarch butterflies** were raised and released in the Children's Room
 12 local families had the chance to raise **monarchs in their own homes**
 The **TNT (Tweens-n-Teens) Club** began its 2nd fun-filled year



Children's Story Time Holiday Celebrations

Monday, December 17,
Tuesday, December 18, &
Thursday, December 20

Our story times will include making a holiday craft. We will also have a party with the library providing juice and napkins. Please bring along a simple holiday snack to share.

Tea for you @ the library



January 8th, 1:30-2:30 pm
All ages welcome!

HOLIDAYS



The library will be closed:
DEC 25th for Christmas and
JAN 1st for New Years' Day

Original watercolors by local artists will be for sale through the holidays @ the Library.

Proceeds will benefit the Library. Browse the pieces, upstairs near the circulation desk. **Only \$10 each!** They will make wonderful presents for friends and family, while also giving a "gift" to the Library!

* Huge thanks to students of Charlene Lee's Windham/Raymond Adult Education Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor class for donating their original, matted, ready-to-frame 5"x 7" watercolors as a fund-raiser!



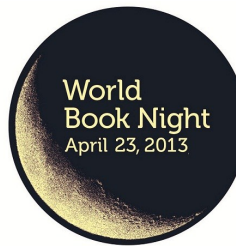
Calling all artists! The library has 2 **openings for art displays** in the 2013 calendar. Amateur or professional, we'd love to include you in our schedule. All ages are welcome (kids!).

If you are interested or have questions, contact Sally at the library or via **sbannen@windham.lib.me.us**

2012 statistics at a glance

- * Over 700 **new library cards** were issued to patrons
- * Over 500 **materials were repaired** rather than replaced
- * Over 80 preschool **Storytime programs** were held
- * Over 40 **Books And Babies programs** were held
- * Over 1500 **Reference questions** were answered
- * Over 400 **Special Request items** were borrowed for our patrons from other libraries across the country
- * Over 3,000 **new books, movies, audios and other items** were added to the library collection

Due to necessary computer changes, our librarians' emails will appear to originate from Town Hall. We wanted to let patrons know of the change in case the unfamiliar addresses cause the emails to be placed in spam folders.



Interested in being a "Giver" for **World Book Night**, April 23, 2013? Go to the link below to fill out an application (accepted through January). Windham Public Library will be a host site and receive 20 books to pass out again this year. **FMI: see Mrs. Parker** in the Children's Room.

<http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/how-do-i-get-involved/apply-giver-us/application-guidelines>




December 8th!
2:30-3:30

Topic: Award Winning Books

Activity:
Crafting with Miss Ellen

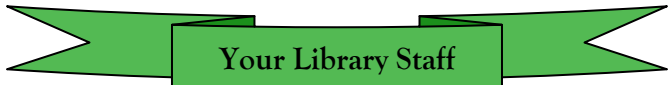
FMI: go to <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/teens>

Next month: Jan 10th
Topic/Activity: see



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The **TNT Club** has its own newsletter just for tweens-n-teens, called **POW!** <http://www.windham.lib.me.us/pow>
 Hey kids: want to submit artwork, a poem, or a book/audio/movie review for the January issue of **POW!**? Just see Barbara or Sally.