Windham Public Library Report — May 2013

Monthly statistics

- Items circulated: **8241**
- New library patrons: **40**
  - (23 adults; 13 children; 4 non-residents)
- New items added to collection: **316**
  - (239 purchases; 77 donations)
- Special Requests: **30**
  - (items borrowed from other libraries)
- Reference questions answered: **110**
- Computer sign-ins: **848**
- Meeting room usage: **45**
- Study room usage: **21**
- Downloads used: **408**
- Items repaired: **53**
- Bills for un-returned materials: **17**
  - (8 adults; 9 children)

Library Director, Inese Gruber, retired on May 23rd. Her friendly, upbeat, professional demeanor set the tone for library staff, and we wish her the best even as we miss her presence. We were pleased to see her recognized at the May 28th Windham Town Council meeting by Southern Maine Library District representative, Mamie Ney. A committee has been formed by the town to select and hire a new director.

At that same meeting, the Town Council voted to dedicate $35,000 from the Annie Akers Bremon Trust fund to the library for the purchase of a 3M Cloud (and downloadable to stock it); an additional $46,000 from the Trust will be kept for future library use.

Barbara Keef, Reference & Technology Librarian is working on a project with Sonya Durney, Portland Public Library’s Business Librarian. Public libraries are often looking for ways to connect with local small businesses. Barbara and Sonya will be posting promotional templates, links as well as print resources online for public libraries to access in order to create their individual “Libraries Mean Business” space.

Barbara has also compiled Summer Reading Programs for both Teens and Adults. Both groups will play a game of Bingo with squares that offer choices such as “read a biography”, “listen to an audiobook”, “download an e-book”, etc. Small prizes will be given for completing rows, and names entered for final drawings. The Summer Reading Bingo has been a popular event among teens and adults in past summers.

The library will again be supporting the Windham High School English Department’s *Summer Reading* program. We have readied our own copies of books on the lists, prepared signage to promote the program, and posted links on our website and catalog. This year we will also be taking in copies from the WHS so as to have more copies available for the students. We gladly support the program which encourages students to keep academically active during the summer months.

The online library catalog was upgraded by Sally Bannen, Technical Services Librarian, in May. The alterations are intended to answer many of the usual questions that patrons have when using the catalog, as well as to add links for book/author lists and information on our regularly scheduled group meetings. [http://windham.kohalibrary.com](http://windham.kohalibrary.com)

-Sally Bannen, Adult Services Librarian