The TNT Club (for ‘tweens and teens) wrapped up its 2nd year on June 6th with an outdoor scavenger hunt based on popular novels. We also published our 5th newsletter in June, just for ‘tweens and teens. The average attendance for the monthly club this year was 7.  We hope to continue in the fall. Thanks to the Friends of the Windham Public Library for financially supporting this youth club.

Adult and teen summer reading events had to be abridged this year (due to the staff shortage). But the Bingo programs are busier than ever. We currently have 46 library patrons signed up.

An art display of whimsical animals, by Brenda McGuinness, have been on display and enjoyed by all who enter the library. A nearby collection of items and photos from Cathy Dodge, displaying International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, has also been giving library patrons an interesting display to peruse.

Library staff have worked hard to keep the library running as smoothly as possible in the absence of Inese Gruber. Library aides (June Hawkes, Mary Drew, Janet Stover) have taken on new tasks to help with circulation and cataloging duties. The new substitutes (Robyn LaRose, Kat Brown, Carole Kelley) have continued training and are helping to fill in gaps at the front desk. Barbara Keef and I have taken on much of the work that Inese handled— not only the work of the full-time Director’s position, but also duties which Inese oversaw from the full-time Circulation Supervisor’s position (that was lost in 2008). Special kudos to Barbara for doing so well this first month, as she took on all of the Director’s acquisition and administrative responsibilities.

In connection with those extra assignments, Barbara and I extend a HUGE thank you to Tony Plante for allowing us to close the library on Friday mornings. Having the building closed while we work for these few hours has given us uninterrupted time to place orders, catalog materials, and process items. No library workers have lost any hours, and the change is only temporary while the Director search goes on. Library patrons have been very patient and understanding about the change in hours. Even with the temporary change, the library is still open 46 + 1/2 hours a week.

-Sally Bannen, Adult Services Librarian, 7/3/13