**Monthly statistics**

- Items circulated: **7,198**
- New library patrons: **56**
- New items added to collection: **163**
- Special Requests **18** *(items borrowed from other libraries)*
- Reference questions answered: **104**
- Computer sign-ins: **700**
- Meeting room usage: **37**
- Downloads used: **400** checkouts, **14** new user registrations
- Items repaired: **44**
- Bills for un-returned materials: **19** *(10 adult; 9 children)*
- Volunteer hours logged (Adult/Teen Section): **23**

**What’s going on?**

Windham Public Library received a generous gift in November from the Friends of the Maine State Library. The gift of $500 went toward the purchase of an Early Literacy Station for the Children’s Room. This is an exciting new learning tool that the children will have access to when they visit the library. The literacy station is preloaded with over 60 programs of educational software spanning 7 curricular areas and is geared toward children ages 2-8. We are excited to be able to provide this new service in the Children’s Room and are thankful to the Friends of the MSL for providing us support for this opportunity.

I attended the MaineInfonet Library Director’s forum at the end of November. This one-day conference was all about Makerspaces. It was an exciting day where I learned about creating spaces in libraries for the community to come and make things. Libraries are offering equipment such as 3D printers and sewing machines or computers and software and hosting programs where people can come and to learn to make everything from music online to bracelets. I am looking forward to using the information gained to create new programming opportunities here at the library.
Upcoming events:

Exhibits
Now – January 31, 2014: Marilyn Lipson, menorahs
Two dozen beautiful menorahs, from the collection of Marilyn Lipson of Windham, are currently on display at the library.

Now – January 31, 2014: Charlene Lee
Artwork by Charlene Lee, a Windham resident and established watercolor instructor, is currently on exhibit at the library. Over a dozen colorful landscapes and seascapes currently adorn the walls.

Discussions
Beginning in January, Windham Public Library is partnering with Maine Humanities Council for a series of book discussions. Maine Humanities Council will be providing books with the discussion theme entitled: "Making a Living, Making a Life", a Let's Talk About It program. The books to be discussed are:
Growing Up by Russell Baker (January 28)
Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller (February 25)
The Professor's House by Willa Cather (March 25)
Working by Studs Terkel (April 29)
Confessions of an Advertising Man by David Ogilvy (May 27)
Look for more information on the library website soon.

The next meeting of the Tweens N Teens Club is December 12th 2:30-3:30pm. Discussion Topic: Word to screen: Books made into movies. Activity: Craft (book folding)

Respectfully submitted,

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