**Monthly statistics**

- Items circulated: **6,729**
- New library patrons: **18**
- New items added to collection: **526**
- Special Requests: **12** *(items borrowed from other libraries)*
- Reference questions answered: **119**
- Computer sign-ins: **508**
- Meeting room usage: **35**
- Downloads used: **416** checkouts, **24** new user registrations
- Items repaired: **68**
- Bills for un-returned materials: **20** *(11 adult; 9 children)*
- Volunteer hours logged (Adult/Teen Section): **19**

**What's going on?**

New furniture is beginning to arrive here at the library. Thanks to some funds available from the Friends of the Windham PL building fund I was able to address needs in a few different areas. When you visit the library you will see new computer tables and chairs, a new study carrel, a table and chairs for the literacy station in the Children’s Room and some new chairs in the Teen area. These are exciting additions which replace old, worn-out furniture and creates nice-looking and more functional spaces.

I’m very pleased to also report that the library staff is working very hard on the maintenance and preparation of the library collection for inclusion in the Minerva consortium. This work involves weeding outdated and underutilized items, giving many items 14-digit barcodes (approximately 22,000 items need new barcodes), scanning and re-shelving items and reviewing and purchasing new items. This is a huge undertaking that each staff person at the library is participating in. Sally and Diana have created a fun way for the staff to participate and track our progress. We are holding the “Coding and Scanning Olympic Games”. We have a goal of completion of late summer and I am confident we will meet our goal! Progress reports will be shared throughout the year.

**Upcoming events:**

The first discussion in our Let’s Talk About program, "Making a Living, Making a Life", with the Maine Humanities Council, is January 28th at 6:15pm. The group will be discussing *Growing Up* by Russell Baker. Space is limited so contact Barbara to reserve your spot bkeef@windhammaine.us or 892-1908.

The next meeting of the Tweens N Teens Club is January 9th 2:30-3:30pm. **Discussion Topic:** Unwrap a mystery. Pick a wrapped book. **Activity:** Game Day!

Respectfully submitted,

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