Mission, Success, Measurement

One way that the library defines success at our mission is by providing access to many different types of materials, accurate information and by continuing to evaluate the current collection to include new material types and resources as needed. As one fiscal year closes and another opens, the library staff evaluates vendor contracts and offerings and looks for ways to expand the collection and offer new and interesting resources for the community to utilize. In September, Windham Public Library will offer a new digital magazine service through popular library vendor, Recorded Books. The collection of 50 popular digital magazines can be enjoyed online with a number of popular browsers or with the Zinio app on all major devices. Look for more information soon!

In addition, we have added a small number of Blu-Ray movies to our collection. The library will continue to add to this collection as demand for these movies is monitored. Library staff members appreciate feedback on the collection. If there is something you would like to see us offer, please share it with us! Staff members will evaluate your suggestions and purchase items if we can.

What’s going on?
The Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs were arranged for another summer of learning and fun. Bingo sheets for both age groups have been created and several events related to the programs have been organized. By the end of June, the library had 26 adults and 9 teens registered for the programs.

The library’s famous rubber chicken also re-appeared, to the children’s delight, for another summer of hide-and-seek. Staff members hide the chicken each day, and children who spy him are rewarded with a treat. This year he will also be hiding in the Children’s Room—a new area for him—so there will be even more places for him to be found. Children’s Room Coordinator, Diana Currier, crafted a mini superhero costume for him in keeping with the Summer Reading Programs’ hero themes.

The library participated in the Windham Summerfest parade. An antique truck, decorated with Summer Reading Program posters and several rubber chickens, was used to transport participants in hero costumes through the parade to chants of “Every hero has a story” (one of the Summer Reading Program themes) and hero-themed music. Fun was had by all.

Barbara Kelley and Sally Bannen represented the library at the Windham Historical Society’s ground-breaking on June 25th. A brief ceremony was held in which Linda Griffin spoke of the work leading up to the property expansion and the plans for the future. The library looks forward to seeing the work progress and wishes the Historical Society all the best as the project moves forward.
Elaine Hawthorne’s second grade class completed the Junior Achievement program Our Community in early June. The class, along with Aileen Pelletier’s class came for a visit to the library on June 4 where they learned about the Summer Reading Program offerings. Other classes at Windham Primary School came to short presentations in the school about the “Every Hero Has a Story” events and recognitions on June 8 and 16.

Visits during the month were made to Birchwood, Creative Explorations, and Ms. Nickerson’s fifth grade class at Manchester School.

Mrs. Parker attended the Southern Maine Library District Children’s and Young Adult Book Review Group meeting and a wrap up meeting for the April Reading Round-Up Conference, both at Portland Public Library.

Tea for You @ the Library on Tuesday, June 9 celebrated the Triple Crown Winner American Pharoah with grasshopper pie, watermelon and cheese and crackers. At least 25 folks stopped by to share in conversation and sustenance.

The Summer Reading Program sign ups started in full just after the presentations at the primary school. Bingo for students in 4-8 grade, a new program initiated by Diana Currier this year, has spiked an interest for that age group. The preschool story time enjoyed crafts which supplement the program throughout the summer and the first craft for school age children included pipe cleaners, monkeys, and mini trampoline people.

**Upcoming Events:**
- **Letterboxing**- July 1-August 31-Pick up a kit in the Children’s Room
- **Magic of the Steelgraves**-Thursday, July 9th 2pm
- **Craft Day**-Wednesday, July 15th 10:30-11:30am- Make a bottle aquarium
- **Ice Cream Party**-Thursday, July 23rd 1:30-2:30pm
- **Hero Parade**-Wednesday, July 29th 11:00am-Dress up as your favorite hero and join the parade! Snacks and activities afterward.
- **Teen Movie**-Wednesday, July 8th 12:00pm-Avengers
- **Tea for You@the Library**-Tuesday, July 21st 1:30pm
- **Book Group**-Tuesday, July 28th 6:15-Read a classic novel
- **Movie Time**-Fridays, July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st-Downton Abbey showing
- **Fiction Writing Group**-Tuesday, July 14th 6-7:30pm
- **Knitting Groups**-Afternoon July 14th&28th 1-3pm, Evening group July 9th 5:30-7pm
## Monthly Usage Statistics

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## June 2014

| New patrons: 67 | Repaired items: 35 |
| Items added: 280 | Volunteer hours: 69.75 |

## Other June 2015 Stats

- Book Group: 10
- Genealogy Group: 5
- Knitting Group: 6
- Library Tea: N/A
- Movie program, tweens/teens: 4
- Movie program, adults: 6
- Summer Reading puzzle participants: 7

### Story Time

- Preschool Story Time—7 sessions, 35 Adults, 53 Children
- Books and Babies—5 sessions, 72 Adults, 90 Children

### Pass usage

- Children’s Museum – 5 uses
- Dundee Park – 5
- Maine State Park Pass – 8 uses (18 Days)
- Maine Wildlife Park – 11 uses
- Planetarium – 1 use
- Willowbrook – closed for the season

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Respectfully submitted,

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