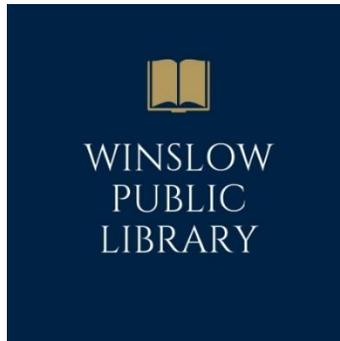


WINSLOW PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2019

(2018-2019)



The 2018-2019 year was a busy time for the library. Below are a few highlights of the year.

STATISTICS

- Patron Visits: 23,888 an 8.5% increase over last year.
- Circulation:34,749 items borrowed a 13.34% increase over last year.
- Interlibrary Loans: 3, 350 iLL itmes this was a 114% increase over last year.
- Collection Size: 1,731 new items to the collection this year. After weeding we had 42,239 physical items in out collection at the end of the year.
- Download library: 1,084 e-books and audio Books downloaded this year.
- Kanopy streaming video service: In the last 3 months of the fiscal year, we has 425 streaming videos downloaded.
- Website Page Visits: we had 16,693 page visits this year , down 4.5% over last year.
- Computer & Wifi Use : 5, 544 people used the library computer and wirless connection, a 4% increase over last year.
- Programing: We offered 134 programs with 3,187 adults and children in attendance.
- Meeting Room Use: We had 1,780 people use the library meeting room this year.

PROGRAMS

- Youth Services/Technology Librarian Kathleen Powers attended the Fort Halifax Day celebration on June 22nd. Dressed in period costume, she provided Early American writing tool activities for children in attendance.
- Library staff attended each of the three Winslow Public Schools' open houses, where we set up a display of library programs and resources and signed up students and parents for library cards.
- The summer reading program for 2019 featured "A Universe of Stories" as the theme. Winslow Public Library saw an overall increase in youth programming participation for the 2019 summer reading program.
 - Our kick-off program was a visit from Northern Stars Planetarium with two shows in the inflatable dome planetarium.
 - The planetarium event seemed to appeal to and draw in people of all ages. This was followed the next day by a teen kick-off with pizza and a movie that had two participants.

- We had a two regularly occurring programs that focus on a younger audience. We offered a weekly story-time with several themes throughout the summer that tied into space, sun and moon and a special baby and toddler oriented story-time every other week.
- Each week we had special space themed programs that tied into the “A Universe of Stories” theme of the summer reading program this year. Other activities for elementary schoolers included Reader’s Theater/Improv and Coding programs
- We celebrated our favorite fandom “universes” through programming featuring Lego, Star Wars and Harry Potter.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Seacoast Security upgraded the building’s security system, including new smoke sensors and new keypads for the fire and security alarms.
- A new outside book drop was installed
- Repairs we made in holes in ceiling insulation in the front of the building and defects in drywall in the work room and storage room that caused heat loss and roof leaks in the past.
- Repairs and upgrades were made to the vents on each end of the domed roof, which had allowed snow to blow in and accumulate on the ceiling, causing water leaks, due to poor design.
- Ceiling lighting fixtures were replaced with energy-saving LED fixtures.

NEW MATERIALS

- The Library began offering the popular on-demand film streaming service Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting winslow.kanopy.com.

OTHER

- Youth Services/Technology Librarian, Kathleen Powers, began work at the library.
- The library received a donation of \$1,000 from the estate of Stanley K. Mathieu
- The library was recognized by the state legislature for receiving the “Spirit of America” award which praised the library “for providing activities for all ages of the community.”
- The Library Board of Trustees approved the Library’s first three-year strategic plan, based on public feedback from a year of community conversations including the Community Needs Survey conducted a year ago and focus groups conducted last spring.

