

## West Woodstock Library

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John Fowler Williams  
1790—1867

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graduated from Brown University in 1813. Returning to Woodstock, he studied law under Lt. Governor Ebenezer Stoddard. In 1820 Williams opened his law practice in West Woodstock. He served as postmaster of West Woodstock, Justice of the Peace and Judge of Probate.

The Williams Law Office, constructed c. 1820, is one of only two such buildings built in Woodstock in the first quarter of the nineteenth century.

### West Woodstock Library

The West Woodstock Library was originally founded in 1806 and celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2006. During the 1930s and 1940s, the Williams Law Office housed the books of the library. In the 1950s the library relocated to its present location. The Library today is as vital as its history, serving the community's cultural needs and adapting to the changes of our modern society.

**Excellent adult section**

**Outstanding children's wing**

**Children's story hour**



**The West Woodstock Library** is one of four local village libraries that



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serve the town of Woodstock, Connecticut. Located in the western half of Woodstock, it continues its mission begun in 1806 to provide books for public use, promote an interest in literature, and to serve as a place to meet and exchange knowledge and ideas. The West Woodstock Library Association, established 1930, is a non-profit organization that operates under the terms of its' constitution and bylaws to oversee the operation of the library.

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*J. F. Williams portrait courtesy of the Woodstock Historical Society*



## WEST WOODSTOCK LIBRARY

5 Bungay Hill Connector  
Woodstock, CT 06281  
860-974-0376  
[www.westwoodstocklibrary.org](http://www.westwoodstocklibrary.org)

### Hours of Operation

Tuesday	3 pm to 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am to 11 am
<i>children's hour</i>	10 am to 11 am
<i>regular hours</i>	4 pm to 7 pm
Thursday	4 pm to 6 pm
Saturday	10 am to 1 pm



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# The John Fowler Williams Law Office



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