The Windham Historical Society is located in the Jillson House which was the home of William Jillson. The house was built from stones quarried out of the Willimantic River in 1825. In 1851 the Willimantic Linen Company bought the mills and the house. The building was then sold and converted into apartments. It was vacant for many years and fell into decay. In the late 1960s Dr. Brae Rafferty headed the project of restoration. In 1976 it was bought by the Historical Society.

The stated aims of the Windham Historical Society are "to discover, collect and preserve whatever pertains to the History of the Town of Windham (and) to make available to the public, the results of this research." (Society By-Laws). In keeping with this charge, the Jillson House Museum welcomes visitors who wish to appreciate its architectural beauty and to discover the many objects of historic interest.

The museum is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. You may contact the museum if you would like to arrange for a weekday group visit. The cost is $2.00 per person. You can request funds from the FYI 100 Office.

The Windham Textile and History Museum (The Mill Museum of Connecticut), located in the historic former headquarters of the American Thread Company of Willimantic, Connecticut, is a non-profit educational institution housing a museum, a library, and an archive. Through its exhibits, programs, and collections, the museum preserves and interprets the history of textiles, textile arts and the textile industry, with special emphasis on the experiences of the craftspeople, industrial workers,
manufacturers, inventors, designers, and consumers. The museum also promotes greater understanding of major trends and changes in technology, economy, immigration, society, environment, and culture that shaped Connecticut, New England, and the United States from the colonial period to the present.

The museum is open to the public on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00am to 4:00pm

**Third Thursday Street Festival**  
Main Street  
Willimantic, CT

Website: [www.willimanticstreetfest.com](http://www.willimanticstreetfest.com)

Every third Thursday from May to September, thousands of people from far and wide stroll along Main Street, Willimantic amid a background of musical, theatrical, visual, gastronomic, and olfactory delights. Six stages simultaneously host a wide variety of music and entertainment while over 100 vendors showcase a variety of handcrafted goods and services. Willimantic’s diversity really shines through in the delicious authentic international cuisine. Enjoy locally produced artwork, music, and soda. Street performers and free children’s activities abound!

You will only have one opportunity on Thursday, September 18 to have your students participate in Third Thursday. The event runs from 6-9pm. You do not have to contact anyone in advance to arrange for your class to attend. Just come and enjoy!!

6-9pm

September 17, 2015 only.