



The Library Lookout

October 1999

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Wish List



Dr. Seuss books, of course!
Come choose a name from our tree.

One more bean bag chair for the
kiddies
Tres popular.



Popular Selections

Fiction:

Language of Threads Tsukiyama
Granny Dan Steel

Non-Fiction:

Confucius Lives Next Door Reid
Show Me the Magic Mazursky

Young Adults:

Orphelia Speaks Shandler
*Harry Potter and the Prisoner
of Azkaban* Rowling

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster

Congratulations to Helen Shaw, our head librarian, who was honored on Sept. 14 by the Town of Skowhegan for her 24 years of dedicated service to Skowhegan. Well deserved. Be sure to see the nice plaque and other gifts she was presented with on that occasion.

Our first meeting of the Fall season was well attended by adults and even some younger fans of Lynn Plourde who proved she is a master storyteller as well as an accomplished writer. We were all kids again for a little while. Lynn also described other great books about Maine which she researched for the book she and her husband, Paul Knowles, co-authored, *A Celebration of Maine Children's Books*. She is a delight and further endeared herself to us when she presented all three of her beautifully written and illustrated books to the library, all signed in a personal and loving manner. Skowhegan grows great girls.

The library bulletin board is getting a new look. We hope you check it out when you're in the library. Lots of news about the Friends, the library and other local issues for your perusal.

The Dr. Seuss campaign is off and running as of Sept. 27. Come in and see Jean Butler's creative display and join the fun by choosing a "book" from the Seuss Tree and donating it to the library. Jim Foster has designed a great bookplate for your name and any dedication you might choose. Special thanks to Janet Powers who jump-started us with a big book of six Dr. Seuss stories. We hope to give our library all 48 books, fresh and clean for the new generation. Please join in. They're not expensive and you'll feel like a million dollars.

MR. PAPERBACK OF SKOWHEGAN has joined in the fun and will give a discount of 20% on your choice of Dr. Seuss books. They have a list of needed books and we'll keep in touch to avoid duplication. Mgr. Joanne Hewett will have a special display. We appreciate her support of the library.

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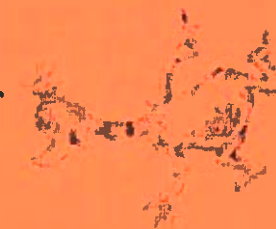
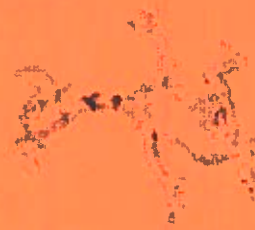


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Friends of Maine Libraries Conference

Mary Davies, Jim Foster and Marcia Granville attended the Friends of Maine Libraries Annual Meeting Sept. 24 at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

The keynote speaker was Ben Keating, who inspired us with the story of the building of the Lyman Community Library by their Friends.

Between the three of us, we participated in all six of the workshops, which dealt with programs funded by FOML grants, building Friends' and library websites, the challenges of small libraries in Maine, fundraising, creating and maintaining Friends' groups, and improving relationships between Friends, staff and trustees.

We returned with many ideas, and made many useful contacts with others who are facing the same opportunities and challenges as our Skowhegan Friends organization.

The Friends of the Skowhegan Public Library & The Kennebec Valley Computer Society

are holding our second series of FREE classes at the Skowhegan Free Public Library on the following topics:

- Sept 7 Computer Basics
- Sept 14 The Windows 95/98 Operating System
- Sept 21 Using Your Computer
- Sept 28 The Internet
- Oct 5 Resources Available Online
- Oct 12 File Formats & the Programs that Love Them

The classes are held every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Library. Additional classes, or day classes, can be arranged if there is sufficient interest. Join the series in progress, or sign up for the next series.

For more information call Jim Foster at 474-2589, or send e-mail to jfoster@somtel.com

BECOME A FRIEND OF YOUR LIBRARY

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library, a not for profit group dedicated to supporting and improving the library for all members of the community, invite you to join us. Dues are \$10. individuals, \$8. Seniors & Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings (474-3949) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Hilma Millett, P.O. Box 215, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	1-8:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 4** **Book Discussion Group** beginning. There's room for you
- Oct. 5** **Computer Class: Resources Available Online**
- Oct. 12** **Computer Class: File Formats & the Programs that Love Them**
- Oct. 22** **Murder at Tranquillity Falls** Mystery Theater. At Centenary United Methodist Church.
See article on p.2 for details.
- Nov. 10** **Friends Meeting.** Program: **My Adventures on the Appalachian Trail**
Presenter... Jamie Luce
- Jan. 12** **Friends Meeting.** Program: **Lifetime Learning** Presenter ... Bill Laney
- Mar. 8** **Friends Meeting.** Program: **There's Gold in Your Attic** Presenter.. Tim Gould
- May 10** **Friends Annual Meeting.** Program: **Book Reviews** by Skowhegan Readers of all ages.

Friends' Meetings and other events listed above, except for *Murder at Tranquillity Falls*, will be held on the first floor of the library, 7:00 p.m.



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**Friends of the Skowhegan
Free Public Library**
c/o Skowhegan Free Public Library
Elm Street
Skowhegan, ME 04976

Your Librarians Are:

Helen Shaw,
Francoise Labonte,
Lois Moody
and Thelma Butler

Your Library Trustees Are:

Warren Shay, Mary Davies ,
Betsey Hall, Kathy Dorko,
Toni Jo Blaisdell and
Rick Anzelc

Friends Officers Are:

Jim Hastings, Pres ;
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