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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell-Fitzgerald, Adult Circulation Librarian

September seems to have snuck up on us this year! Summer has flown by and fall will be here before we know it. I'm excited for some cooler temperatures and the changing leaves though! We had our free book giveaway for two weeks this year and we were happy to see so many titles be given new homes. We still have a full sale shelf if you'd like to go through what we have left. Hardcover and DVDs are \$1 and paperbacks are only .50c!

I'm sure many of you saw the shark by the front door as we collected "sea"real as part of our Oceans of Possibilities "Sea"real Drive. We were able to collect 120 boxes of cereal and oatmeal for the Skowhegan Food Backpack Program! We deeply appreciate everyone who helped us achieve our goal this summer, we couldn't have done it without YOU! The Skowhegan Food Backpack Program is going to make sure that each and every box donated will be distributed to kids right here in our community.

We've had a busy summer so we are glad to be able to slow down for a bit before we jump into more fall programming. On September 22nd at 11:30 Sallyann from Knights by the Sea Creations will be teaching us how to make a custom pair of earrings! Registration is required and there will only be 16 spots for this program so be sure to stop in or call us

The Library Lookout

September 2022

to reserve your spot today! Ages 12+ please. As always, we host Sit & Knit every Friday from 1:00 – 3:00! Bring your latest project and knit (or crochet or do some embroidery) here at the library!



Our very full "sea"real shark, benefiting the Skowhegan Food Backpack Program

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

By Angie Herrick, Director

The Summer Reading program is over and we had a wonderful and successful summer. One hundred twenty-three kids signed up for the reading challenge. These kids read, tracked, and logged over 710 hours of reading! The library gave out 427 prizes over the course of the program, so, we definitely appreciate all the businesses and individuals who contributed: Friends of the Library Shop, Gifford's Ice Cream, The Bankery & Skowhegan Fleuriste, GFWC Women's Club, and families and individuals who dropped off goodies to fill the prize box. In addition to giving prizes for reading, we also offered 11 fun programs and free lunches every Wednesday after Storytime. Thank you to the Margaret Chase Smith Library, Coburn Park, the Skowhegan Rec Department, and the Space on the River for allowing us to host our events at your locations. It truly is a whole community undertaking and we appreciate all the help. It was a very fun, productive and amazing summer here in the children's library and we certainly hope the kids who participated not only enjoyed the experience but were able to keep their reading skills up.

As it does every year, summer comes quickly to an end and kids and families are gearing up to go back to school. So much of our children's educational success comes from parent involvement and a huge piece of that is reading. Read to your children. Let your children read to you. Give them access to different types of reading materials. Bring them to the library. Make reading a part of your family's routine and it will not only help set your child/children up for an easier school year, but hopefully give them an inherent love for reading. No matter what your child's interests or reading levels are, we can help get some great books in their hands!

So now that we are back into the school routine, I just want to remind everybody of our upcoming programming. All school year long, we run Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 7&8); Lego Club (for students in grades 1-6); Preschool Storytime (for all preschool aged children) and STEAM Lab (for students in grades 1-6). Please contact us if you want more information on any of these programs.



Our last summer reading program of the season, a tide pool presentation put on by Chewonki at The Space on the River!



Our very own Librarian, Bree, and Trustee, Karen, experiencing the live animal touch tanks at the tide pool event

NEWS FROM THE COMPUTER & GENEALOGY LAB

By Josie Pease, Technology Librarian

Some of you may have heard about - or even showed up to - our first ever Community Scan Day, which was held at the Margaret Chase Smith Day event on the 26th of August, in conjunction with the MCS Library and Skowhegan History House. People brought in some fantastic items for us to digitize and publish online in the Maine Memory Network!

In case you weren't able to make it, or didn't have enough time to dig out those old Skowhegan/Maine-related photos or documents before the event, we want to announce our second Community Scan Day will be coming up on the 21st of October, right here at the Skowhegan Library! We hope this is enough time for people to find some items they'd like us to make digital copies of. Anything we scan gets emailed back to you as a digital file and, with your permission, gets uploaded to an online database where anyone can view the whole collection! Please don't hesitate to give us a call if you'd like more information about this project.

NEW BOOKS

We are sorry, but September's new book list (and the books themselves) will be delayed, due to ongoing issues on our supplier's end. We hope to get our books ordered soon and will have an updated list as soon as we can!

SEPTEMBER STAFF PICKS

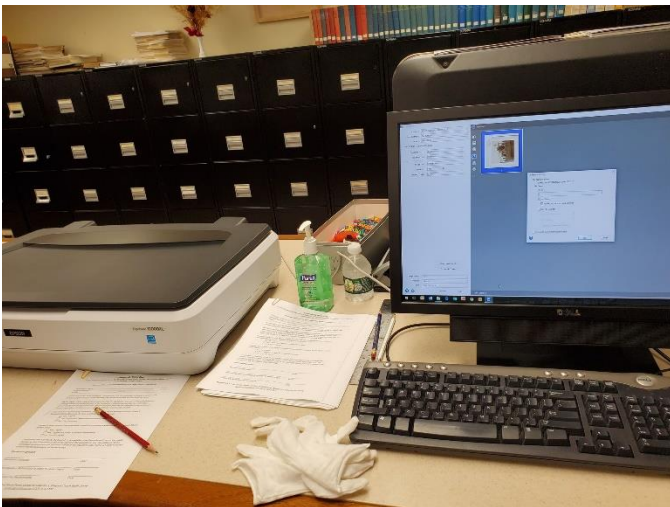
Angie: *My Imaginary Mary* by Cynthia Hand

Bree: *Hell and Back* by Craig Johnson

Josie: *Hidden Pictures* by Jason Rekulak

Lydia: *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black

Lyn: *Just Haven't Met You Yet* by Sophie Cousins



Getting ready to put on the archival gloves and scan some community members' photos!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

9/2: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00*

9/5: *LIBRARY CLOSED (Labor Day)*

9/6: *Tween the Pages Book Club @ 4:30—5:30*

9/7: *Storytime @ 10:30—11:30*

9/9: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00*

9/14: *Storytime @ 10:30—11:30*

9/15: *Author Talk — Retired Game Warden: Parker Tripp @ 6:00—7:00*

9/16: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00*

9/20: *STEAM Lab (Elephant Toothpaste) @ 4:00—5:00*

9/21: *Storytime @ 10:30—11:30*

9/22: *Make Your Own Earrings! (craft program for ages 12+) @ 11:30—12:30*

9/23: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00*

9/28: *Storytime @ 10:30—11:30*

9/29: *LEGO Club @ 3:30—4:30*

9/30: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00*

October

10/4: *Tween the Pages Book Club @ 4:30—5:30*

10/5: *Storytime @ 10:30—11:30*

10/6: *Author Talk – Christopher Packard @ 6:00—7:00*

10/7: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00*

10/10: *LIBRARY CLOSED (Indigenous Peoples Day)*

10/12: *Storytime @ 10:30—11:30*

10/14: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00—3:00*

10/19: *Storytime @ 10:30—11:30*

10/21: *Community Scan Day @ 10:00—12:00*

10/21: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00*

10/22: *Harry Potter Night @ 4:00—6:00*

10/26: *Storytime @ 10:30—11:30*

10/27: *LEGO Club @ 3:30—4:30*

10/28: *Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00*