



The Library Lookout

December 2013

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat. 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

It seems like only yesterday I was hosting family and friends at my house for a barbeque. The barbe is now put away, and the shovel has taken its place. Maine, you've got to love it.

Here at the Library, we've taken down the Halloween decorations and put up the Christmas ones. We're looking forward to our annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 6th and 7th. Lots of baked goods, crafts, Christmas decorations and quality used books. We're even doing a food drive. Just stop on by the Library between Dec. 6th and Dec. 20th and drop off your non-perishable food (all food collected to be donated to local food cupboards). We're also looking for folks to donate personal items such as toothpaste, shaving cream, diapers, etc. Please make sure these are new items.

The Library Renovation Committee would like to thank all of the personal and business sponsors for their donations to our recent "Luck of the Draw" auction. Your great generosity helped the auction to be a resounding success.

We're raffling off a watercolor painting by New England artist Claudia Rourke. The tickets are only \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The watercolor was donated, so that the proceeds could be used to buy audio books for the collection. Stop by the library and

take a look at it. It's on the fireplace mantelpiece.

The Library's new "heat pumps" are working well. These cooling and heating units help us to save money on our fuel bill. Thanks to all of you who donated to this part of the project. You've made our life much more comfortable at the library.

Former Library Trustee, Lee Granville is settling in nicely in the Genealogy Room. Lee, never one to let grass grow under his feet, offered his services to us a couple of months ago. We immediately said yes, and put him to work overseeing the Genealogy Room. Lee jumped right in, surveyed our Genealogy collection, suggested improvements, and began implementing some beneficial changes to the Genealogy Room. Welcome aboard Lee.

We've made a small change in how we handle book/item reserves in the library. Patrons can now only have two books, videos, DVDs, etc. on reserve at a time. This was done so that more of our newer books would be available to a wider audience. Patrons, who currently have more than two reserves, will have those reserves honored.

We've installed a new bulletin board and brochure rack in the Library entryway. The old ones were falling apart and a real eye sore. This has neatened up the front entryway quite a lot.

Just a reminder; when MSAD 54 cancels school because of snow, the Library is closed also.

I'll leave you with this thought; "The chief proof of man's real greatness lies in his perception of his own smallness." Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Until next month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

December is a month bustling with activity—shopping, baking, wrapping, celebrating, eating, and gathering with family and friends. The library is no different. We have programs and events going on all month. The Skowhegan Holiday Stroll is right at the start of the month. I know for my family personally, we look forward to this every year: the parade, the hot cocoa, the community gathering together to celebrate the holidays. The children's library will be participating in the Holiday Stroll as well. We are excited to be hosting a Christmas "Craft"ernoon and free children's book giveaway. We will be making some fun holiday crafts. So dress to get messy!

Also, we will have a little surprise visitor at the library. Santa will be dropping off a Christmas elf to watch all the children in the library and then report back to the North Pole on their behavior. I've been told our elf is a mischievous little fellow! Bring the kids in and see if you can spot him hiding out in the library, and given that the fact that this is his first Holiday season with us, we are going to celebrate his arrival at our next Family Story Hour. We will be having "An Evening with the Elves." It should be lots of holiday fun!

I hope that in all the activities and business of the holidays, you remember to have some quiet time with your kids too. This is a great time of year to snuggle up and read books or watch Christmas specials with your children. The library has a great collection of both books and videos to choose from. Most of all, remember have fun and enjoy this time of year!

Wish List

- Gum drops
- Toothpicks
- Brown pipe cleaners
- Markers
- Tissues
- White Cardstock
- New or gently used children's DVDs



Gabrielle enjoys a cupcake at Family Story Hour

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 for Individuals, \$8 for Seniors and Students, and \$15 for Families.

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Please complete this form and mail to:
Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street,
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

At the November 7 meeting of the Friends of the Library, we welcomed three new members, Ann MacMichael, Janet Mayhew, and Patsy Miller, to the Executive Board. Their enthusiasm for the library and their willingness to help with projects and fund raising, to say nothing of baking, is appreciated by the old guard.

The Jazz Concerts continue to be well-attended and lots of fun. What great music! We are so lucky to have such talent in Skowhegan.

We look forward to the Christmas Bazaar on December 6 and 7 to be held at the library in conjunction with the Holiday Stroll. The Friends will be raffling a beautiful holiday wreath. Please stop by.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERSHIPS

Maxine Russakoff
Ann MacMichael
Jennifer York
Janet Mayhew
Dick & Bonnie Chamberlain
Dan & Jody Sherman

BOTTLE & CAN RECYCLING

Since the beginning of January, 2013, over \$550 has been added to the Renovation Fund from recycling bottles and cans! **Thank you** to all who have helped the library by designating their refunds when visiting either EMTEEZ or the Beverage Mart. It's amazing how those nickels add up! Let's try to add another \$100 in December!

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Albom, Mitch/ *First Call from Heaven*
Baldacci, David/ *King & Maxwell*
Clancy, Tom/ *Command Authority*
Connelly Michael/ *Gods of Guilt*
Cornwell, Patricia/ *Dust*
Evanovich, Janet/ *Takedown Twenty*
Flagg, Fannie/ *All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*
Ludlum, Robert/ *The Bourne Retribution*
McCall Smith, Alexander/ *Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon*
Patchett, Ann, *This is the Story of a Happy Marriage*
Patterson James/ *Cross My Heart*
Pelletier, Cathie/ *One-Way Bridge*
Preston, Douglas/ *White Fire*
Reich, Christopher/ *Prince of Risk*
Rendell, Ruth/ *No Man's Nightingale*
Roberts, Nora/ *Dark Witch*
Shreve, Anita/ *Stella Bain*
Smith, Martin Cruz/ *Tatania*
Snellingm, Lauraine/ *Wake the Dawn*
Snelling, Lauraine/ *Untamed Heart*
Spencer-Fleming, Julia/ *Through the Evil Days*
Sullivan, Mark/ *Outlaw*
Tan, Amy/ *Valley of Amazement*
Taylor, Patrick/ *Fingal O'Reilly: Irish Doctor*

Non-Fiction

Bryson, Bill/ *One Summer: America, 1927*
Meltzer, Brad/ *History Decoded*
Yousafzai, Malala/ *I Am Malala*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (to benefit the Renovation)

The annual Christmas Bazaar will take place at the library on Dec. 6 and 7. We're looking for 3 x 5 cards with a copy of your favorite recipe - Francoise has the details!

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

Your Library Trustees:

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Sara McCabe, Lynn Perry,
Lynda Quinn, Warren Shay
Ex Officio: FOL Chair

Friends officers:

Co Chairs: Margo Reid, Kathy Evans, Jeanne Shay
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

DECEMBER

Dec. 2 "Refreshing the Whodunit" Mystery program, 6 PM
Dec. 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Dec. 4 Tween the Pages Book club, 4 PM
Dec. 6 & 7 Christmas Bazaar at the Library (Friday, 10 to 6 and Saturday, 10 to 2)
Dec. 7 Christmas Crafternoon & Book Giveaway, 10:30 to 1:30
Dec. 9 & 23 Toddler Time
Dec. 11 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
Dec. 14 Socrates Café, 10 AM followed by Holiday Lunch
Dec. 17 Family Story Hour: An Evening with Elves, 4:30
Dec. 24 Library closes at 2 PM
Dec. 31 Library closes at 4 PM

JANUARY

Jan. 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Jan. 8 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Jan. 11 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
Jan. 13 & 27 Toddler Time
Jan. 21 Family Story Hour: Snowmen