



# THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT NOVEMBER 2006

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## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

Good News!!! The Skowhegan Public Library was awarded a \$50,000 dollar grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to be used to repair the library roof! We had applied for this grant last June and were very excited to be awarded such a substantial amount. I will keep the community posted on the progress of this project. If you would like to sign a community thank you card to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation please stop by the library circulation desk and add your name to the card. We would like to show them that the whole community is excited and thankful for their help with the library building.

Another exciting development for the library was the arrival of 5 new computers for the upstairs. The computers were donated by PCs for Maine with help from the Maine Community Foundation.

The PCs for Maine Project is working towards increasing family literacy, computer literacy, and individual literacy by providing computers to households and libraries where computers are needed.

If you would like to learn more about PCs for Maine or apply for a computer yourself check out their website at: [www.pcsformaine.org](http://www.pcsformaine.org) The PCs for Maine Project is a project of an educational non-profit company called Information Technology Exchange. The founder of the company, Chris Martin, was the person who helped me

acquire the computers, and he delivered them to the library as well. Many thanks to the PCs for Maine project for their donation of 5 computers.

The week of October 15-21<sup>st</sup> was Teen Read Week. This is an annual event sponsored by the American Library Association to help connect teens and books. This year's theme was "Get active@your library" In keeping with the theme, a group of teens from the Interact group, a junior rotary, volunteered their time at the Skowhegan Public Library. They helped clean windows and they participated in the Teen Read Week online survey. Thank you to Nicole Ames, Kasey Sousa, Ben Doty, Matt Dunn and Tony Provencal for your community service at the library.

The library will be closed on Friday Nov 10 and Saturday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day. This is a time to thank all our Veterans who have served their country throughout the years. We will have a special display on World War II in the Memorial Room from November 1<sup>st</sup> until the week after Veterans Day.

## MORE LIBRARY NEWS

By Katherine LeBlanc

The month of October brought to the children's room many volunteers, and fun programs. On October 4th the Family Violence Project came to read a story at Story Hour. With many children in attendance the FVP shared with the children how to understand their feelings and express themselves constructively. Many thanks to the FVP for sharing your

information with the parents and children that visit the Skowhegan Library.

The Lions Club held their annual Peace Poster reception here at the library. The posters are on display, and the children did an excellent job. They are all creative, and each child should be commended for all their hard work. Please stop in and check them out in the front reading room when you get a chance,

Thank you to Corilla Hastings, Mary Hill and Sherri Vigue for coming to my rescue this month. I don't know what I would have done without you.

The Margaret Chase Smith Library is presenting "An Era of Challenge: The Conferences of World War II" beginning November 8, 2006. This photo exhibit displays the plan for peace and the formation of the United Nations. Please contact the Margaret Chase Smith Library at 474-7133 for more information.

**NEW RELEASES for NOVEMBER**

**FICTION:**

Albon, Mitch	<i>For One More Day</i>
Baldacci, David	<i>The Collectors</i>
Beaton, M.C	<i>Love, Lies and Liquor</i>
Burke, Jan	<i>Kidnapped</i>
Brooks, Terry	<i>Armageddon's Children</i>
Brown, Rita Mae	<i>The Hounds and the Fury</i>
Cornwell, Patricia	<i>Book of the Dead</i>
Donati, Sara	<i>Queen of Swords</i>
Fleming, Julia Spencer	<i>All Mortal Flesh</i>
Fitch, Janet	<i>Paint it Black</i>
Francis, Dick	<i>Under Orders</i>
Frazier, Charles	<i>Thirteen Moons</i>
Flora, Kate	<i>Playing God</i>
Flynn, Vince	<i>Act of Treason</i>
George, Elizabeth	<i>What Came Before He Shot Her</i>

Gerritsen, Tess	<i>The Mephisto Club</i>
Haddon, Mark	<i>A Spot of Bother</i>
Jenoff, Pam	<i>A Fine Crack of Light</i>
Katzenback, John	<i>The Wrong Man</i>
King, Stephen	<i>Li sey's Story</i>
Koen, Karleen	<i>Dark Angels</i>
LeCarre, John	<i>The Mission Song</i>
Littell, Robert	<i>Vicious Circle</i>
Ludlum, Robert	<i>The Bancroft Strategy</i>
Lustaber, Eric Van	<i>The Testament</i>
McCall Smith, Alexander	<i>The Right Attitude to Rain</i>

McDermott, Alice	<i>The Book of Fate</i>
Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>Black Girl/White Girl</i>
Parker, Robert B.	<i>Hundred Dollar Baby</i>
Sparks, Nicholas	<i>Dear John</i>
Steele, Danielle	<i>H.R.H</i>
Tapply, William	<i>Out Cold</i>
Woods, Stuart	<i>Short Straw</i>
Wozencraft, Kim	<i>The Devil's Backbone</i>

**NON-FICTION:**

Delaney, Frank	<i>Simple Courage</i>
Helm, Sarah	<i>Life in Secrets</i>
Lowry, Thomas	<i>Confederate Heroines</i>
Spoto, Donald	<i>Enchantment: The Life of Audrey Hepburn</i>

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**Special Announcement**

Learn to Knit Group for teens and high school students at the Skowhegan Public Library. Would you like to learn how to knit? Would you like to make a gift for a friend before the holidays? Then come to the Skowhegan Public Library on Tues Nov. 14 at 2:30-4:30 pm. Bring your own needles size 10 or larger and yarn. We will provide these for you if you do not have your own. To register or for more information call Melissa at the library: 474-9072.

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**Winter Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10-6  
 Thursday 10-7  
 Saturday 10-2

**BOOK REPORT**

By Marcia Granville

*Fiasco, the American Military Adventure in Iraq* by Thomas E. Ricks

If you are tired of the endless speculation and repeated arguments between politicians and newscasters about the facts of the current war I Iraq war, you should read *Fiasco*. I believe this book is a factual account of the events leading to and during the war thus far. While the author doesn't use formal footnotes, the information within the book is attributed either on the page where written or in a lengthy list at the back of the book.

The author estimates that he has read more than 37,000 pages of official documents in preparation for this book. He also conducted several hundred interviews as well as hiring researchers for background information. Thomas E. Ricks is a correspondent for the *Washington Post* and an exceptionally thorough investigator and researcher.

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*Vanished* by Karen Robards

This is the story of a Sarah Mason who faces the worst nightmare of all. Her five-year-old daughter vanished seven long years ago. Then the phone rings in the middle of the night. Little Lexie's voice pleads for her Mother to come get her. But Lexie would be twelve-years-old by now. What's going on?

Sarah witnesses a murder during a convenience store hold up and suffers a head wound while rescuing a little girl. Then that child disappears. Meanwhile, Sarah is a trial lawyer with a multitude of cases to bring to justice.

There's excitement, terror and romance galore in this well-written book. Read it and enjoy!

Found — an old newspaper clipping!

**Serenity Pond News**

Dated, August 2006, the headline reads:

Angry D.A. insists on speedy trial!

District Attorney, Nayler pushes for a trial date for Pauline Meeker, the accused murder of Jack Daniels. Ms. Meeker has been in seclusion, due to an unspecified breakdown of her health, since last April. Nayler insists that this is a ploy to prevent her for facing justice. Judge Crabbe will hand down his decision on the matter in the near future. Watch this space for further developments.

**WANTED**

Book Reviews: Anyone who has read a book and would like to tell us about it, whether it was good or bad, is welcome to send the review to Marcia Granville, P.O. Box 278, Skowhegan, Maine 04976 or e-mail it to [Marcia\\_granville@hotmail.com](mailto:Marcia_granville@hotmail.com). Or you could leave a book review at the library. Don't worry about spelling, etc. I can fix it.

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

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# Calendar of Events

## November

- Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 a. m. in the Children's Room
- November 1 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library
- November 7 Election Day Don't forget to stop at the Municipal Building and vote!
- November 8 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library
- November 10 & 11 Library will be closed in honor of Veterans Day
- November 13 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a. m. in the Children's Room
- November 14 at the Oakland library, 5 p.m.
- November 24 Thanksgiving Day Library will be closed.
- November 27th Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a. m. in the Children's Room

## December

- Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 a. m. in the Children's Room
- December 5 Library Trustee meeting 6 p.m. at the library. The public is welcome.
- December 11 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Children's Room
- December 25 Christmas Day Library will be closed.

**The Library Lookout**  
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### Your Librarians are:

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