



THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT June 2005

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Open House such a great success. We had about 60 people turn out to see the renovations and enjoy the refreshments. It was an enjoyable community event and I would like to thank everyone who came out to meet me.

Our next big endeavor at the Skowhegan Public Library is to create a computerized data base of all the library's holdings. This may take a few months to complete but it will provide the patrons with an up-to-date useable card catalog. This will make looking for books in the library much easier.

Another new addition to the library is the Skowhegan Free Public Library Sign sponsored by Reiki Works and the Friends of the Library. It will be out front soon and give the library an elegant new look. Right now the library is looking especially nice with the new paint around the doors and the lilacs in bloom.

I would also like to thank the Friends of the library for their hours of work on the library yard sale. Luckily the weather was better this year and many people came by to check out the treasures in the barn.

Many people have been wondering when our next book sale will be. We are planning one for June 21st, the first day of summer from 9am-5pm at the library. Mark your calendars because we have a lot of books ready for sale. In the meantime, come in and see our selection of new books.

NOTICE

We will begin our summer hours the week of June 13th. We will be open from 10 to 6 Monday through Friday. We will be closed on Saturday's.

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

By Katherine LeBlanc

We are gearing up for the summer reading program and many new titles have been purchased for the Children's Room. They include the *Pendragon* series by D.J. MacHale and the *Arthur* series by Kevin Crossley-Holland. Many titles have been added by Tamora Pierce as well as *Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery* by Kevin O'Malley, and many new titles in the Mary Kate and Ashley series.

The Summer Reading Program this year is "Read Together, Grow Together." Reading begins July 11th through August 13th. Each child that participates receives a free pass to Boothbay Railway Village good for August 19th and to Old Fort Western good from July 4th through Labor Day. Again this year each child will sign a contract with a parent and the librarian as to how many books that child will read in a 5 week period. Each week, readers will receive prizes for fulfilling their contract obligations. Prizes include Pizza Hut Personal Pan Pizza, free Cones from Gifford's Ice Cream, items in the prize box etc.

This year our Wednesday afternoon programs include:

July 13th Milkweed Puppet Theatre

July 20th Ocean's Adventure (sign up necessary)

July 27th Open Book Players

August 3rd Desiree Marin Story Teller

August 10th Northern Stars Planetarium at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
(again sign up is necessary)

Sign up for specific programs begins on July 1st.

Space is limited, so sign up early. The days have been set for the programs, but the times of day have not been confirmed yet, so be sure to pick up the program listing at the Librarian's desk when you sign up.

NEW BOOK LIST

FICTION:

Author	Title
Kellerman, Jonathon	<i>Rage</i>
Koontz, Dean	<i>Velocity</i>
Leonard, Elmore	<i>The Hot Kid</i>
Patterson, James	<i>4th of July</i>
Ray, Jeanne	<i>Julie and Romeo</i>
Ray, Jeanne	<i>Step Ball Change</i>
Sandford, John	<i>Broken Prey</i>
Weiner, Jennifer	<i>Little Earthquakes</i>

NONFICTION:

Author	Title
Boylan, Jennifer	<i>She's Not There</i>
Faber and Mazlish	<i>How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk</i>
Faber and Mazlish	<i>Siblings Without Rivalry</i>
Feynman, Richard	<i>Perfectly Reasonable</i>
Levin	<i>Men In Black</i>
McDowell	<i>Emily Dickenson's Gardens</i>
Willard	<i>Hearing God</i>

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Author	Title
Abbott, Tony	<i>The Secrets of Droon series</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>Gregor the Overlander series</i>
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Raven's Gate</i>
Katschke	<i>Mary Kate and Ashley series</i>
Jacques, Brian	<i>Taggerung</i>
Jacques, Brian	<i>Triss</i>
Martin, Ann	<i>Belle Teal</i>
Meadows, Daisy	<i>Ruby the Red Fairy</i>
Meadows, Daisy	<i>Amber the Orange Fairy</i>
Parente, Peter	<i>Peeper the Kinkajou</i>

BOOK SALE!

Our shelves are filling up. In order to continue making new titles available, we are having a sale from 11 to 5 on Tuesday, June 21st at the library. The best books go first, so come early.

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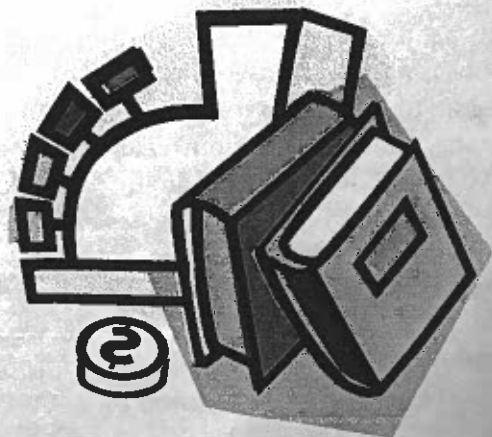
Maureen Calder has been named an ex officio member of the Library Trustees, and will serve as a liaison from the Friends Executive Board. Maureen has been an active library volunteer for countless events in addition to serving as secretary to the Friends Board during the last several years. To complete this circle, Lee Granville, Library Trustee chairman, now attends Friends Executive Board meetings. This clearly demonstrates the cooperation and close working efforts of the Friends, Trustees, and Staff of the Library. This valuable collaboration will certainly benefit the future of our Library. Congratulations, Maureen, our "Official Ex Officio"! The Trustees will profit by your wisdom and enthusiasm.

FALL QUILT SHOW

On Saturday, October 15, from 10 AM until 2 PM, the Somerset Samplers Quilters will host a quilt show at the Library. Members of the group will display their recent creations in addition to demonstrating their craft. Door prizes will be awarded. There will be no admission charged.

A SUCCESSFUL LAWN SALE

In spite of dismal weather, the annual Lawn Sale on May 21 was a successful event, resulting in almost \$900 to benefit the Library. Many thanks to all those who contributed items for the sale, and to the willing volunteer workers: Maureen Calder, Mary Stuart, Marilyn Renfrew, Marcia Granville, Dottie LaCasse, Pam Arsenault, Corilla and Jim Hastings, and the Brackett family (Don, Jane, Rory and Ian).



BOOK REVUE

By Melissa Gaspar

While I was working at the circulation desk one day, a book was returned that claimed the reader would not be able to put the book down once they had read the first page of the story. "Let's see about that" I thought-- and the challenge was on. But it was true. I couldn't stop at the first page.

I had to admit, the book was totally entertaining and a joy to read. This is how I first found a book by Jeanne Ray, and it was called, *Step Ball Change*. If you like realistic fiction, about lovable characters, that make you laugh, but are heartwarmingly uplifting and surprisingly perceptive, you will love *Step Ball Change*.

After this book I read one that Jeanne Ray had written earlier. It was called *Julie and Romeo*. Equally funny and thoroughly enjoyable, this is the story of an older couple who meet and fall in love, but they have to sneak around so their grown children won't discover they are dating. An old family feud between the two families makes their relationship an interesting and entertaining dilemma.

Jeanne Ray's latest book called *Eat Cake* is another gem of a story. In this book the main character deals with stress by baking cakes. The results are funny and endearing. I have to warn you though. You will want to bake a cake after you enjoy this book.

I hope you will try one of these delicious stories.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

A series of events to celebrate Skowhegan's trail system will take place on Saturday, June 4th. At 8:00 a.m., volunteers will meet at Joyce Street to assist the Parks and Recreation Department in the continuing clean up of limbs, brush and litter along the Philbrick Trail. From 9:00 to 10:00 Seniors will stroll the trail and then enjoy strawberries and cream.

Between 9:00 and 12:30, informational health booths will provide information on the benefits of exercise. Representatives from Somerset Sports and fitness will demonstrate how to monitor your heart rate and how to achieve target heart rate through physical activity. Skowhegan Parks and Recreation will distribute free bike trail booklets.

Other activities include raffles drawn on the hour from 9:00 to 1:00 with a 50/50 raffle to be drawn at 1:00. Proceeds will benefit Run of the river. Check out the run of the River booth and see what Skowhegan's next recreational event will be.

Guided tours of the 2 mile loop of the Philbrick Trail will be given between 10:00 and 12:00. Representatives from the Canine and Companion Center will be on hand to demonstrate dog walking safety and teach about different types of training collars.

There will be something for everyone on National Trails Day. There will be face painting for all ages from 10:30 to 12:30. Crafters will enjoy decorating hiking sticks, using tinfoil, scotch tape and paint. At 11:30, Our own Katherine LeBlanc will preside over the children's story time.

The event will be topped off with a complimentary lunch of hot dogs, chips and beverage and free balloons for the kids to be served from 12:00 to 1:00.

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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Calendar of Events

JUNE

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

June 4 National Trails Day Children's Story Time at Philbrick Trail with Katherine LeBlanc

June 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 pm at the Library The public is welcome to attend.

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