



The Library Lookout

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Library Hours: Mon.–Thurs., 10-6, Friday 10-3

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

August marks the end of the adult summer reading program, ReadME. This was our first time offering a reading program for adults and we had so much fun! We can't wait to do it again next summer. Thank you to all of our patrons who gave it a shot! The **prize drawing** will be **August 19th at 5:00pm** so be sure to come in if you participated, we have some great prizes to be won! You don't have to be present to win. If your name is pulled we will call you!

On August 20th, 6:00-7:00pm we will be hosting Julia Bouwsma who has graciously offered to lead our book discussion of *After the Eclipse* by Sarah Perry. If you've read this powerful memoir, please join us. Julia Bouwsma lives off-the-grid in the mountains of western Maine, where she is a poet, farmer, freelance editor, critic, and small-town librarian. She is the author of two poetry collections: *Midden* and *Work by Bloodlight*. A former Managing Editor for Alice James Books, Bouwsma currently serves as Book Review Editor for Connotation Press: *An Online Artifact* and as Library Director for Webster Library in Kingfield, Maine. We hope to see you then!

As I'm sure you've noticed, the library is home to six beautiful sculptures by Bernard Langlais. These, however, are only a small portion of his artwork. **August 26th from 10:30am to 12:30pm** we will host the wonderful **Pat Davidson Reef**, author of *Bernard Langlais Revisited*, who will speak about Mr. Langlais and his art. We are excited to learn more about this artist's work along the Langlais Art Trail.

Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm will be our first meeting of **Books & Brews** this fall at Bigelow Brewing! Books will be available beginning August 14th so be sure to grab one and join us over a drink or two and discuss *The Farm* by Joanne Ramos!

On September 17th from 6:00-7:00pm author **Mark Alan Leslie** will be back, this time to discuss *Maine Burning: The Ku Klux Klan Invasion*, which will teach us about the impact of the KKK in Maine in the 1920s, a story which has been absent from history books for nearly 100 years. Leslie will tell the tale of the extraordinary rise and fall of this organization which, now and again, still makes headlines in Maine today. After the program, he will be available to sign his novels, including three contemporary action/adventures, the latest being *The Last Aliyah*, published last fall.



Steve Dionne has finished the new library entry door!
New door, new windows, new woodwork & a lot of sprucing up!

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

The month of July is the busiest month for the children's library. We have two major events up here during this time: the summer reading program and the visit from our friend and benefactor, Kristine Rinaldi. Kristine, who works part time for Scholastic, travels to Skowhegan every summer from her home in Spring, Texas. All year long, she scarfs up every good deal she can, and this year, was able to bring us over 300 books! About 100 new books are going on our shelves and the other 200 are used for giveaways (like during the Holiday Stroll, Skowpendous, prizes for our summer reading program and the Community Baby Shower). Summer after summer I can barely get the books processed and cataloged before the kids are clamoring to check them out.

If you have been at the library on a Wednesday morning, you know that our Summer Reading Program is going full throttle. We have spent the summer reading, talking and learning about space. We have made astronaut pudding, learned about constellations, celebrated the moon landing with some moon cakes, sang songs about the planets, and read about what it is like to be in outer space. The kids seem to be thoroughly enjoying the summer theme that goes along with our Universe of Stories program. We have reached our half way mark and have already logged over 37,000 minutes which is over 600 hours of reading by our 141 participants. We think this is absolutely amazing! The program ends on August 16th, but our prize box will stay out the whole week after that day for last minute prizes to be awarded.

Also this month, we have done a little reorganizing in the children's library. We created a section for children in the early stages of independent reading. There are now book bins containing the popular series for kids in grades 1-3. The bins make it easy for students to recognize their favorite series and discover others series and books that may be similar reading levels for them. There will always be a librarian on hand to help patrons search for things, but we think this new organizational system should give some of our younger patrons a nice, clear picture of where "their" books might be housed.



Zoeymarie and Cassiopeia look through the telescopes they made during our Night Stars Storytime

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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

CIRCULATION DESK BASKET RAFFLE



Four treasure-filled baskets will be won by four lucky winners when the names are drawn at the annual Holiday Bazaar at the Library on December 7, 2019! Along with gift certificates from local businesses, a wide variety of gifts including quilted and knitted crafts, food treats, toys, decorations, jewelry, pottery and much more are included. Our **thanks** go to all the individuals and businesses who have generously donated these wonderful items!

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the construction of a new, larger **Circulation Desk** which will provide convenience and easy access for all patrons regardless of age or physical ability. The desk will include space for storage of frequently requested material along with an area for staff to work. Incorporated in the design will be the finish of the two columns on either side, using the same materials for a cohesive appearance. Take a look at the plan designed by Steve Dionne which is displayed at the library, and ask one of the librarians to describe the details.

And be sure to buy **your** raffle tickets (@ \$5.00 each) from a volunteer or staff member at the Library circulation desk. **THANK YOU!**

COMMUNITY DISPLAYS

The Skowhegan History House will showcase its facilities and events at the library for the month of August.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Atkins, Ace / *The Shameless*
Baldacci, David / *One Good Deed*
Castillo, Linda / *Shamed*
Coulter, Catherine / *Labyrinth*
Dektar, Molly / *The Ash Family*
Dunlop, Andrea / *We Came Here to Forget*
Graham, Heather / *The Seekers*
Greaney, Mark / *Red Metal*
Howe, Katherine / *The Daughters of Temperance Hobbs*
Johansen, Iris / *Smokescreen*
Macomber, Debbie / *Window on the Bay*
McCall Smith, Alexander / *The Second-Worst Restaurant in France*
McCaw, Robert / *Off the Grid*
Patterson, James / *Sophia, Princess Among Beasts*
Peterson, Tracie / *When You Are Near*
Roberts, Nora / *Under Currents*
Russo, Richard / *Chances Are*
Silva, Daniel / *The New Girl*
Thayer, Nancy / *Surfside Sisters*
Webber, Heather / *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe*
Woods, Stuart / *Contraband*

NON FICTION

Glatt, John / *The Family Next Door*
Dauhpinee, D. / *When You Find My Body*



Melissa Gaspar, our former Library Director, recently brought her grandchildren, Sam and Lily, to a library children's program.

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

AUGUST

Aug. 2 Sit & Knit 1:00 – 3:00
Aug. 5 Microsoft Excel Workshop, 10:00 – 1:00
Aug. 6 Maine Author visit featuring Russ Cox, 10:30
Aug. 9 Sit & Knit 1:00 – 3:00
Aug. 12 Microsoft Excel Workshop, 10:00 – 1:00
Aug. 13 Mad Science: 321, Blastoff Show, 10:30
Aug. 16 Sit & Knit 1:00 – 3:00
Aug. 16 Summer Reading program ends
Aug. 16 High School Regression Session, 6:00 – 8:30 (registration required)
Aug. 19 Adult Summer Reading Prize Drawings, 5:00 PM
Aug. 20 ReadME Discussion for *After the Eclipse* with Julie Bouwsma, 6:00 PM
Aug. 21 Pig Out on Reading Storytime with Farmer Minor and Daisy
Aug. 23 Sit & Knit, 1:00 – 3:00
Aug. 26 Bernard Langlais Presentation with Pat Davidson Reef, 10:30 – 12:30
Aug. 29 Coding Club, 3:30 – 5:00 (registration required for kids in grades 2 – 4)

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2 Library closed for Labor Day
Sept. 3 Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:00 – 5:30
Sept. 5 Coding and Robotics Club for students in grades 2 – 4 at 3:30 – 5:00 (registration required)
Sept. 6 Sit & Knit, 1:00 – 3:00
Sept. 9 Books & Brews Book Club at Bigelow Brewing, 6:30 – 7:30
Sept. 10 Lego club at 3:30 – 4:30 (for kids in grades 1 – 5)
Sept. 11 Smart Cookies Book Club (for kids in grades 4 and 5)
Sept. 12 Coding and Robotics Club for students in grades 2 – 4, 3:30 – 5:00 (registration required)
Sept. 12 The Maine Woods: A Presentation with a Forester and a Forest Ranger, 6:00 – 7:00
Sept. 13 Sit & Knit, 1:00 – 3:00
Sept. 17 Impact of the KKK in Maine's History: Discussion with Mark Allen Leslie, 6 :00
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