



# The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

## DIRECTOR’S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

“Summer time, and the living is easy....” a line from one of my favorite songs. It’s hard to believe we’re staring at fall. Summer reading program done, kids back to school, fall chores to begin. But, I wouldn’t trade Maine for anything. Having lived in a few other states I can tell you this: we’re truly living in one of the best states, snow and all.

Here at the library we heaved a collective sigh of relieve when the technician from the fire protection company, Dean & Allyn, said “it’s all yours.” What they meant by that was that the sprinkler system, which we’ve waited so long for, was up and running. We now have total fire protection in the building. Our main goal in installing the system was of course the safety of our patrons. In case of fire, we want to get them out of the building safely. But, we also wanted to protect our lovely Queen Anne style building. This 1889 treasure now stands a much better chance of besting a fire if such a calamity happens. By the way, since half of the funding for this system was raised by donations and fundraising, I’d like to thank you folks also. Without your help, we wouldn’t have been able to complete the project.

The library has been selling used books on Amazon to help raise funds for the renovations. Last year we sold 82; as of August this year, we’ve already sold 90! My thanks to Marcia Granville for her hard work in culling and then listing the books for us.

Even with the sprinkler construction, we’ve been able to host a few organizations for community programs. Staffers from Senator King’s office were on hand this month to talk about “your gov’t, your neighbor.” A genealogy program taught us how to search properly for our ancestors. Spectrum Generations presented two programs on Health

Insurance 101. And the Maine Humane Society was on hand to talk about issues affecting Maine’s animals. Not bad for having to work around contractors.

By the way, my thanks go out once again to James Barto, who always volunteers to run the library’s booth at the Skowhegan State Fair. James spends many long days there. Every year though, his diligence pays off in fundraising dollars. Hats off to you, James.

I’ll leave you with this thought: “Libraries should be open to all - except the censor.” President John F. Kennedy.

Until next month – Dale

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**Thank you to Elsa Apetz** (pictured above with Dale) for donating her wonderful Intarsia Wood-Raccoon for a raffle with proceeds going to the Renovation. The lucky winner was Jayne Hart.

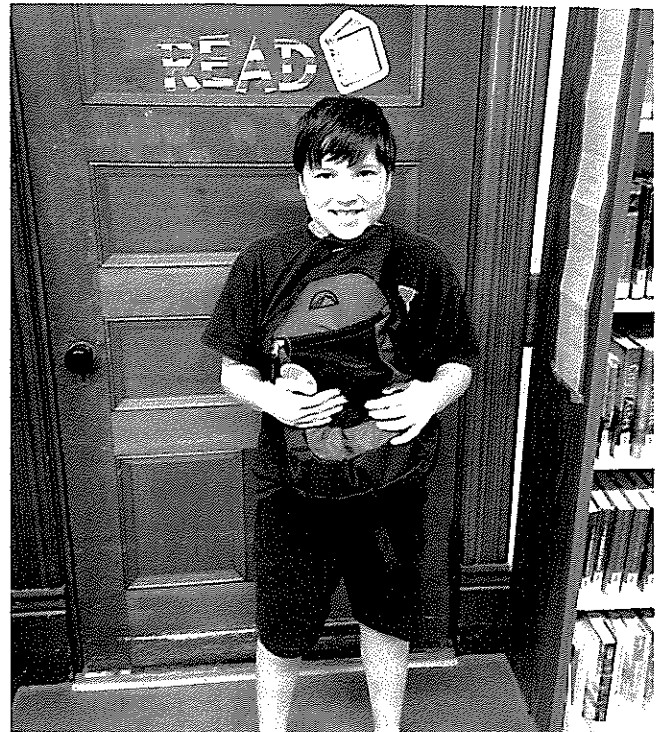
## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Although the calendar still says it's summer, for kids, teachers and parents...it's fall. It's back to school, back to routines, back to homework and schedules. I know that for me, this summer went by way too quickly! The Summer Reading Program kept us busy, busy, busy! We had 85 kids sign up and together they read and logged 1,481 books! That is about double of what they read last year! I am so proud of the dedication these kids and their parents have at keeping reading a priority even over the busy summer months.

I would like to say thank you to a few groups who helped make the reading program such a success this year: The Friends of The Skowhegan Library, Skowhegan Savings Bank, Gifford's Famous Ice Cream, Pizza Hut, Portland Seadogs, The Margaret Chase Smith Library, our guest Storytime readers, and the library's teen volunteers—Mariska Thayagan, Alicia and Emily Lam, Sydney Lyman, and Sidney Small. Without the time and/or support of these people and businesses the Summer Reading Program would not have been nearly as successful as it was!

Now that school is back in session, we are switching from our summer schedule to our School-time schedule up here in the Children's Library. Toddler Time will start back up on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30, and Tween the Pages Book Club will begin on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00. Tween the Pages is a fun and engaging book club for students in grades 5 -8. We meet monthly (on the first Wednesday), discuss books, do projects, snack, and have loads of fun! You must pre-register for this program and have a current library card with our library to join!



The proud winner of the Summer Reading Program Wall of Fame drawing was **Dalton Curtis**—He submitted a photo of himself “Reading Around Town”, and won a backpack filled with school supplies and reading books.

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### 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



## **The Library Lookout**

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### **Your librarians:**

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

### **Your Library Trustees:**

Toni Jo Blaisdell,  
Corrilla Hastings, Carol Jarvais,  
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

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 1 Library closed for Labor Day  
Sept. 2 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM  
Sept. 3 Bess the Book Bus at the Skowhegan Farmers' Market parking lot, 3 to 5 PM  
Sept. 3 Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 5 – 8), 4 to 5:30  
Sept. 4 Friends of the Library Executive Board meeting, 4PM  
Sept. 8 Toddler Time, 10:30  
Sept. 10 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM  
Sept. 16 Family Story Hour, Firefighters to the Rescue with Guest Reader, Firefighter Rick, 4:30  
Sept. 21 Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Lakewood Inn, 2 to 4PM  
Sept. 22 Toddler Time, 10:30

### **OCTOBER**

Oct. 1 Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 5-8), 4 to 5:30  
Oct. 4 Winter Hours begin. Library open Saturdays, 10AM to 2 PM  
Oct. 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM  
Oct. 8 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM  
Oct. 11 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 AM to 1 PM. Public welcome.  
Oct. 13 Library closed for Columbus Day  
Oct. 21 Family Story Hour, 4:30  
Oct. 25 Halloween "Craft" ernoon, 10:30 to 12:30  
Oct. 27 Toddler Time, 10:30