



# The Library Lookout

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Sat. 10-2

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Shovel, check; gloves, check; insulated boots, check; ticket to Florida, nope. Oh well, you can't have everything. But you can get a little something to get through the latest snowstorm at the library. We have quite a selection of books, audio books and DVD's available; and unlike the supermarket before a big snowstorm, you won't find any long lines. Get out before the storms, and stock up with some great reading and viewing material.

Newsman Doug Harlow penned a great article about us in a recent edition of the Morning Sentinel. If you didn't get a chance to read it, just go to our webpage <http://www.skowhegan.lib.me.us/>. You'll see a link to the article, along with a picture of Corrilla Hastings and myself in our very own submarine engine room (just kidding, it's our boiler room showing the heart of the sprinkler system). Please read the article to see why we're so excited about this monetary "shot in the arm." (see picture on page 3)

Just a reminder: a representative from Senator King's office will be here again on February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon. The Senator wants to reach out to folks in the local communities, to give them an opportunity to talk about what's important to them. Please pass the word about the meetings.

Our library folks will be at the FAB Fair on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Skowhegan High School.

We always set up a table and visit with the folks from our community. Stop by and say hi if you get a chance. We'll be the one under the big banner that says "Skowhegan Free Public Library." See you there!

A few folks mentioned how interesting they found the library statistics I included in a recent Library Lookout. Here are a few more for you:

- *Public and school libraries that are part of Overdrive's global network (the audio/e-book network the library is affiliated with) circulated 137 million e-books, digital audiobooks and other digital media in 2014.*
- **(This is)** a 33% increase compared with 2013. *The e-book circulation alone rose 32% to 105 million.*
- *Tablets and smartphones account for 62% of (these) visits (statistics from the Library Hotline, January 26<sup>th</sup> issue).*

*In Maine, for the period of July 2013 - June 2014 we had an Overdrive circulation of 333,769 checkouts. The previous year it was 197,304. (Janet McKenney, Director of Library Development, Maine State Library).*

Rest easy, even though e-book usage is growing, the library still maintains a large and diverse collection of reading material. And with our interlibrary loan program, we're able to borrow about anything you'd like to read.

Until next month - Dale

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Even though February is the shortest calendar month, for me, it is the longest month of the year. At this point, I am sick of winter, sick of cold, sick of white and gray, sick of snow and longing for flip flops, flowers, and fair temperatures. That being said, February is always a month where I get excited about reading all over again. On Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> the Youth Media Awards take place. This is when they announce the Newbery, Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, and Printz Awards (along with others) for 2015. I call this the Youth Librarians' "Super Bowl" if you will. I come into work early with my coffee and a notepad and watch the live stream of the awards being announced. Sometimes, I am surprised and other times I am not, but I always end with a great list of books to both order for the library and add to my reading list. If you are looking for some wonderful books to read (or to have your kids read) the award winning books is always a good place to start. We have the previous Newbery Award winning books and the previous Caldecott Award winning books on display up here in the library. Come check them out.

As always, we are running our Storytimes on every Wednesday, and Toddler Time programs on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Recently, I've gotten a few questions about what ages these programs are for. First off, we accept children of any age at any program unless otherwise noted; however, we do gear our programs toward certain ages. Our Wednesday morning Storytime is aimed towards preschooler-age children. We offer books, songs, and activities in which most 3-5 year olds can participate. Our Monday morning Toddler Times are for our littlest patrons (ages 12 months – 3 years old). For this program, we tend to keep with shorter stories, more movement and music, manipulatives, and simple projects or crafts.

We invite you to bring your children to either program and check them out. It's a great way to beat cabin fever with the little ones!

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## VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE & CRAFT SALE



**FEBRUARY 13  
AT THE SKOWHEGAN  
LIBRARY  
FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM**

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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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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the activities you are willing to help with.**

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

## Friends of the Library Fundraisers

Plans for two major fundraisers are underway for the Friends of the Library. On April 17<sup>th</sup> the annual Library Lunches will delight residents and members of the Skowhegan business community. Volunteer workers are needed to take orders in advance, or to make sandwiches and deliver lunches on the day of the sale.

A Golf Tournament at Lakewood will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup>, when once again many workers are needed.

If you would like to volunteer your time on either of these occasions, please contact Jeanne Shay.

Join the team! It's fun!

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*Corrilla and Dale took the Sentinel reporter on a tour of the Library "Engine Room"!*

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## "GARDEN FEVER DAY"

Watch for more information on "Garden Fever Day" at the library on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> when a group of experts will present programs on topics of interest to home gardeners.

THINK SPRING!

## NEW BOOKS

### FICTION

- Cornwell, Bernard/ *The Empty Throne*
- Gerritsen, Tess/ *Die Again*
- Graves, Sarah/ *Winter at the Door*
- Grippando James/ *Cane and Abel*
- Higgins, Jack/ *Rain on the Dead*
- Hoag, Tami/ *Cold, Cold Heart*
- Kava, Alex/ *Breaking Creed*
- Koontz, Dean/ *Saint Odd*
- Krentz, Jayne Ann/ *Trust No One*
- Oates, Joyce Carol/ *The Sacrifice*
- Parker, Robert B./ *The Bridge*
- Patterson, James/ *Private Vegas*
- Perry, Thomas/ *Strings of Beads*
- Peterson, Tracie/ *Steadfast Heart*
- Robards, Karen/ *Hush*
- Rosenberg, Joel/ *No Fortunate Son*
- Woods, Sherryl/ *Dogwood Hill*
- Woods, Stuart/ *Insatiable Appetites*

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## RENOVATION NEWS

The Bottle & Can Recycling Challenge has gone very well. Thanks to all those who have donated their can and bottle refunds to the library during December and January (with a match from a "Secret Santa"), an estimated \$1,000 has been added to the Library Renovation Fund. (The exact amount will be published in the March Lookout.)

The next fundraiser on the list is the Valentine Bake & Craft Sale on Friday, February 13 from 10 to 6 at the library. We welcome donations of crafts and/or baked goods that will be on sale for all those who are looking for something unique (or delicious) to give to their "Valentine(s)"! There's a sign-up sheet at the front desk - please check with Françoise.

We would also welcome "sales people" who are willing to put in a two-hour shift on the day of the sale. Please call Corrilla Hastings (474 3949) if you would like to volunteer your time.

## **The Library Lookout**

**9 Elm Street**

**Skowhegan, ME 04976**

### **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

### **FEBRUARY**

Feb. 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM  
Feb. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30  
Feb. 9 Toddler Time, 10:30  
Feb. 11 Your Government. Your Neighbor. Meet with a representative from Senator King's Office, 10-12  
Feb. 11 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM. Fresh ideas welcome!  
Feb. 13 Valentine's Day Bake & Craft Sale, 10 to 6  
Feb. 14 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 to 1  
Feb. 16 Library closed – Presidents' Day  
Feb. 17 Family Story Hour: Frozen Style!, 4:30  
Feb. 21 Visit our table at the FAB Fair  
Feb. 23 Toddler Time, 10:30

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March 28 "Garden Fever Day", 10 AM – 2:40 PM

