



The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to all of you that came out to the town meeting and voted for the library budget. We couldn't have done it without you. Give yourself a high five!

The sound of hammering in the basement has died off, and the smell of fresh paint has taken its place. Every week that goes by gets us that much closer to finishing the basement level of the library. To say we're excited is an understatement. Stay tuned for further library renovation updates.

The library will be closed on July 3rd for the holiday. We're giving our hard working staff some well-deserved R and R. The library will reopen again on July 6th.

Our great Library Friends Group will be having a golf tournament at the Lakewood Golf course on July 11th at 1pm. The cost is only \$44 per person. Registration forms are available at the library. Proceeds from Friends fundraisers are used to fund different projects in the library. Most recently, the Friends Group donated the purchase price of the new fire doors to be installed in the basement area. This was a great help to us in that it was one of the last items needed to be purchased to complete the basement renovations.

The library will soon be receiving fiber optic cable for internet usage. The older copper telephone line will be replaced with

the new cable. This will significantly increase Internet speeds.

Two volunteers have been diligently working to finish cataloging and labeling the items in the genealogy room. As volunteers have found time, work on this project has proceeded on and off during the last couple of years. Fully half of the current collection has been actively cataloged in our Destiny cataloging system, with hopes of the rest being done by year's end. Items that are cataloged will be ready to move into the new genealogy room in the basement in the future.

I'll leave you with this thought; "if there's a book you really want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it".

~Toni Morrison

Until Next Month – Dale



Wyatt, proudly signs up for the Summer Reading Program

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The summer reading program is up and running and so far, we are off to a great start. There is still time to sign your children up for this program! The whole program is based around the theme of heroes, so we are having a ton of fun playing up the super heroes aspect. We are also spending our Wednesday morning storytimes with some community heroes. We will have many guest readers from around town, including an EMT, fire fighter, veterinarian, doctor, town manager, police officer and a game warden! This is an exciting way for the kids to learn about what a hero does in a real-life context.

We also have a lot of family programs lined up during our eight-week long summer reading program. We have some author visits, a science show, a puppet show, and more! For a full list of events with more details, please see our Facebook page.

We are still collecting prizes for the summer reading program. Typically we give out about 400 little incentives to our readers for meeting their weekly goals. If you can donate a few goodies (new and non-food) to our prize box, we would be very grateful. It's amazing how quickly our prizes deplete. Also this summer is a bittersweet one for the Children's Library. This is our third and final year of having our teen volunteer, Mariska Thayagan. She has volunteered countless hours during the past three summers shelving, checking out books, making library cards, signing kids up for the summer reading program, prepping crafts, doing bulletin boards, and cataloging books. Mariska and her family are moving this summer

and although we are certainly sad to see her leave us, we wish her lots of luck and happy adventures as she takes on her senior year in North Carolina in the fall.



Teen Volunteer, Mariska checks out books for Parker after storytime.

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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Tel. # _____
E-Mail Address _____

Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

FOL NEWS

Organized by the Friends of the Library, a **Golf Tournament** will be held on July 11, 2015 at the Lakewood Golf Course starting at 1 PM. The cost of \$44.00 includes lunch and lots of prizes, including the chance to win a car!

Come and have fun!

RENOVATION PROGRESS

The Basement Rooms will soon be finished! Two recent grants along with your generosity and enthusiasm have resulted in full funding for the completion of the basement area. We're planning an **Open House and Celebration** for the entire community in September. Watch for more details.

All future donations and fundraising events will now go towards the construction of the Elevator Addition, the final phase of the Renovation.



Doors and trim in the basement are painted "Intelligent Gray"

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

Sandi and Walter Hight
Judy and Jeffrey Bowzer
Anna and Ronald Wilbur

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Blackwood, Grant/ *Tom Clancy's Under Fire*
Corleone, Douglas/ *Robert Ludlum's The Janson Equation*
Dailey, Janet/ *Texas Tough*
Dams, Jeanne/ *The Gentle Art of Murder*
Delinsky, Barbara/ *Blueprints*
Deveraux, Jude/ *Ever After*
Doiron, Paul/ *The Precipice*
Evanovich, Janet/ *Wicked Charms*
Finder, Joseph/ *The Fixer*
Frank, Dorothea Benton/ *All the Single Ladies*
Green, Jane/ *Summer Secrets*
Grippando, James/ *Cash Landing*
King, Stephen/ *Finders Keepers*
Lindsey, Johanna/ *Wildfire in His Arms*
Lynds, Gayle/ *The Assassins*
Mallery, Susan/ *Kiss Me*
Meltzer, Brad/ *The President's Shadow*
Palmer, Diana/ *Untamed*
Patterson, James/ *Truth or Die*
Reich, Christopher/ *Invasion of Privacy*
Shaara, Jeff/ *The Fateful Lightning*
Silva, Daniel/ *The English Spy*
Steel, Danielle/ *Country*
Taylor, Brad/ *The Insider Threat*

NON-FICTION

Brokaw, Tom/ *Lucky Life Interrupted*
Dance, Peter/ *Smithsonian Handbooks Shells*

HANDMADE ITEMS NEEDED for
RIVER FEST CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, August 8, 2015

The Renovation Committee is asking for handmade items for this next major fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards the construction of the elevator. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patricia Dickey at 474 2769 or Judy Bowzer at 474 8992.

Reminder:

The **Returnable Bottles and Cans** drive is ongoing. Please continue to either take your recyclables to EMTEEZ and ask the clerk to retain the money for the Library, or take them to any other recycling center and bring or send the money to the library. Thank you!

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Your librarians:

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

Your Library Trustees:

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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

JULY

July 1 Storytime with guest reader, Dr Lambke, 10 AM
July 1 Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
July 3 Library closed for holiday
July 7 Women Can Be Heroes Too!/ Author visit with Nichola Guthold at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 10 AM
July 7 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM
July 8 Storytime with guest reader, Officer Daigneault, 10 AM
July 11 Golf Tournament at Lakewood, 1 PM
July 14 Your Government, Your Neighbor - meet with a representative from Senator King's office, 10 to 12.
July 14 Maine author/Illustrator visit, Kevin Hawkes, 10:30 AM (Books will be on sale at the events)
July 15 Storytime with guest reader, Game Warden Josh Bubier, 10 AM
July 21 Superheroes to the Rescue, 4:30 PM
July 22 Storytime with guest reader, Town Manager Christine Almand, 10 AM
July 28 Tales of Heroism and Nonsense Puppet Show, 10 AM
July 29 Storytime with guest Reader, Firefighter Rick, 10 AM

AUGUST

Aug. 4 A visit from Farmer Minor and Daisy, 3 PM
Aug. 4 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Aug. 5 Storytime with guest reader, Everett Flannery, 7:47 AM, 10 AM
Aug. 5 Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
Aug. 8 Stop at the Library Renovation tables at the River Fest Craft Fair
Aug. 11 Mad Science presents: A Superhero Science Show, 10 AM
Aug. 11 Your Government, Your Neighbor - meet with a representative from Senator King's office, 10 to 12.
Aug. 12 Storytime with guest reader, Dr Gibson, 10 AM
Aug. 13 Visit our booth at the Skowhegan State Fair
Aug. 14 Summer Reading Program ends.