



# The Library Lookout

**February 2013**

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6, Sat., 10-2

## **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Can you say COLD. We've gotten spoiled the last couple of years with the warmer winter weather. I'd say it's gotten our attention again. I've been feeding extra wood into my wood boiler to combat it. Hopefully, it'll break soon.

Here at the library, we've been keeping a lot of folks warm. The library is used quite often by some of our populace to keep warm during the day. They come in off the street and sit a spell while reading the newspaper or a current magazine. Our computers also get a good workout from them.

Steve Dionne and his crew are working on finishing the new back staircase. They'll be at it for the next couple of months. The Library Trustees have been picking out floor and wall coloring. It should look quite impressive when the work is completed.

Things are pretty quiet this month. We're using the time to work on cataloging and training issues. Both will keep us busy.

We signed up for the Premier Romance Series from Center Point Large Print in Thorndike, ME. Center Point buys the rights to print first run series of books in large print. These books will be the same as the latest romance novels, only set with a 16 point font. We'll receive two per month. Please look for them each month in the "New Books" section of the library.

We'll be having a Valentines Book Sale the entire month of February. All hardcovers will be \$1.00; paperbacks, books on audio cassette, and VHS videos will be .50 cents. We have quite a selection to choose from so stock up for the rest of the winter.

Just a reminder; when the weather is bad the

library may be closed. Before you venture out in all that ice and snow, check our webpage. When we're closed, I put the notice on our webpage. Another good indicator is the TV. When you hear that MSAD 54 is closed, the library is also. Please be safe this winter, plan ahead before you go out.

I'll leave you with this thought; "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin.

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## **VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE**



[www.pinkcake.com](http://www.pinkcake.com)

**FEBRUARY 14  
AT THE SKOWHEGAN LIBRARY  
FROM 10 AM ON.....**

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

We're looking forward to a busy February in the children's library. In addition to our normal Storytime, Toddlertime, and Family Story Hour, we are also having a Valentine's "Craft"ernoon on Saturday, February 2<sup>n</sup> and fun activities for the kids the whole week of February Vacation. So, if you are looking for something free to do with the kids to get out of the house or out of the cold, check out our website or the library Facebook page for more details on all the exciting upcoming programs.

The end of January is also an exciting time for children's literature. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, the American Library Association will pick the 2012 Newbery and Caldecott Award winning books. We are excited to see which books will be selected, and as always we will make sure to purchase copies of all the winners for our collection. It is always interesting to see which books are viewed as "the best." The past year's Newbery and Caldecott Award winning books are on display at the library. Come in and check them out!

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## Important Announcement



Each year the Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters Most program offers a chance to earn \$1,000 or more for the Library. To do this we need YOUR help! Any Maine resident (no age minimum!) may cast a vote online by going to [www.bangor.com/cmm](http://www.bangor.com/cmm) or pick up a ballot at any Bangor Savings Bank. Simply write in the **Skowhegan Free Public Library**. What a wonderful opportunity to help our library!



*Angie reads a book at Family Story Hour*

### WISH LIST for Children's Area

Playdough Tools  
Tissues  
Clorox Wipes

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### NEW or RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Jeffrey and Judith Bowzer  
Lesa O'Connell  
Vanessa York

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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

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

## BOOK REVIEW

by Marcia B. Granville

*At Risk* by Stella Rimington

*At Risk* is an intelligently written novel about counter-espionage. The author, Stella Rimington, joined Britain's Security Service (MI5) in 1969. She worked in all the main branches during her nearly thirty years of service and was appointed general director of MI5 in 1992. Now retired, she has become an author.

With her experience and knowledge of the subject about which she writes, she will be unlikely to make any of the inadvertent mistakes I have encountered in some other books. There will be no two hundred pound horses, no pies made with the pulp and seeds scooped out of a pumpkin, and no revolvers with (nonexistent) safety's. In addition, her characters are human rather than superhuman. They have ordinary physical endurance, tire when kept awake longer than usual, and bleed when cut. They have inappropriate love affairs, withhold information, and make mistakes but, somehow, manage to get the job done.

Stella Rimington is a welcome addition to the world of writers and readers.

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## RENOVATION COMMITTEE EVENTS

The next Renovation Fundraiser is the Valentine Bake Sale on February 14 starting at 10 AM. If you would like to create something delicious (wrapped in small packages) or a crafted item suitable for a Valentine treat, please let Françoise know. She has all the details!

THANK YOU!

## NEW BOOKS

### Fiction

Brett, Simon/ *Corpse on the Court*  
Crais, Robert/ *Suspect*  
Evanovich, Janet/ *Husband List*  
Grippando James/ *Blood Money*  
Hunter, Stephen/ *Third Bullet*  
Jenoff, Pam/ *Ambassador's Daughter*  
Parker, Robert B. *Ironhorse*  
Krentz, Jayne Ann/ *Dream Eyes*  
Meltzer, Brad/ *Fifth Assassin*  
Oates, Joyce Carol/ *Daddy Love*  
Patterson James/ *Private Berlin*  
Rankin, Ian/ *Standing in Another Man's Grave*  
Rollins, James/ *Blood Gospel*  
Steel, Danielle/ *Until the End of Time*  
Woods, Stuart/ *Collateral damage*  
Young, Wm. Paul/ *Cross Roads*

### Non-Fiction

Barnes, Barbara/ *What's Great About I-95: Maine to Florida*  
Helms, Cynthia/ *Intriguing Life*  
Makos, Adam/ *A Higher Call*

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### **"RETURNABLES for the RENOVATION"**

Please recycle your holiday bottles and cans at either EMTEEZ or The Beverage Mart, and ask that the money be retained for the library. (If you prefer, just turn the money in to Françoise at the front desk.)

*Please remember to cast your vote for the library to receive a donation from the Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters Most! (see page 2 for details)*

## **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,  
Lee Granville, Corilla Hastings  
Carol Jarvais, Sara McCabe  
Lynn Perry, 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. 2 Valentine's Day "Craft-ernoon", 11 to 1

Feb. 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

Feb. 9 Socrates Café, 11 to 1

Feb. 11 & 25 Toddler Time, 10:30

Feb. 12 video Conference Seminar, Identity Theft Prevention & Victim Assistance, 12 to 1:30 PM

Feb. 13 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM

Feb. 13 Transition Skowhegan, Cooperative Extension Office, 7 PM, "Bug Out Bags"

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Crafts and Bake Sale, 10 to 4

Feb. 18 Library closed for Presidents' Day

Feb. 19 Family Story Hour, Pirate Night, 4:30

Feb. 21 L.C. Bates presents: BIRDS! 10:30 to 11:45 (We will also be making bird feeders.)

Feb. 22 Bingo for Books, (Kids ages 3 and up) 2 to 3 PM

Feb. 28 Jazz Concert, 7 PM

### **MARCH**

March 2 See us at the FAB Fair, 10 to 3

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March 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

March 9 Socrates Café, 11 to 1

March 11 & 25 Toddler Time, 10:30

March 13 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6PM

March 13 Transition Skowhegan, Backyard Sugaring, Cooperative Extension Office, 7 PM

March 16 St. Patrick's Day Story Hour 10:30

March 19 Family Story Hour, Spring Fling,! 4:30

### **Remember the Library when you recycle those bottles and cans**

Just ask the clerk at EMTEEZ, 10 St. Mark St. or the Beverage Mart to retain the money for the library.