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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Our last Jazz Night for the season was held on May 19th. What a turn out! Over 50 folks were in attendance, and the boys were in the groove! Like a well-oiled machine, they worked together to bring out the best in Jazz. Paavo has asked if they can resume playing in October. It sounds like a winner to me.

I'm saddened to report that Ruth Blood will no longer be serving on a regular basis as volunteer genealogist here at the library. Ruth has commitments to several other organizations, and feels she must lighten her workload. She said she believes the folks we have now, Pam and Kathy, are doing well and should be able to handle any patron requests. However, should they require her expertise, she would be happy to assist. Ruth also does not rule out the possibility of teaching another Genealogy Class in the fall. A special "Thank You" to Ruth from myself and the staff for her years of dedicated service.

And speaking of Genealogy, Pam and Kathy have begun barcoding all materials in the Genealogy Room in readiness for the move to the new room. All materials will eventually be listed in the Destiny catalog just like other library materials. This will give patrons and guests the ability to search our Genealogy collection for themselves.

Renovation news; Steve Dionne has built new windows and casings for the new Genealogy Room. These multi-pane windows will let in more light, and add to the room's overall ambiance.

We're busy stocking the Hastings Barn

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with books, prior to the big 2-day sale June 25th and 26th. There'll be a large selection of books, audio books and VHS tapes to choose from (and boy can my aching back attest to that!). Get the word out to all your friends. Also, don't forget about the Duck Dip that same day. 5 bucks buys your lucky duck. Who knows, lady "duck" might smile on you.

The library has partnered with the Green School Project to collect printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling. A portion of the money Green School Project gets for each box of cartridges and phones is given to the library. Green School Project pays the cost of shipping the items. Please donate your old cartridges and phones to the library.

Future news; the Mobile Appraisal Coach will be here on Friday, October 7th from 12-4. I've been told that this library fundraiser has been very well received in the past. Folks will pay \$5 per item to have professional appraisers place a value on their antiques. Get that family heirloom appraised!

I'm also trying to line up a speaker to talk about nutrition for adults and children for this summer.

End Note; we've been in contact with many folks this month, concerning this year's library budget approval at town meeting. Most responses were positive; but a couple of them voiced their opinion that the amount, recommended by the budget committee, was fair. We spoke candidly with them about what funding it really takes to run a library this size. While I don't think we changed their minds, they did walk away with a better understanding of the library's needs. Again, please don't hesitate to talk to friends and family about coming to the town meeting.

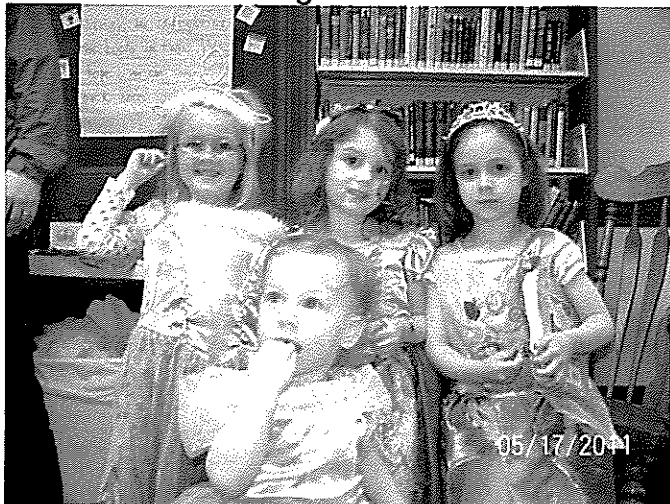
Until next month; **Dale**

CHILDREN'S ROOM

by Angie Herrick

I don't know how many of you watched the royal wedding on TV last month, but I can assure you there were no princess there as cute as the ones we had here for our "Royal" Family Story Hour. This was our biggest turnout yet with over 40 people joining in the fun! The next three Family Story Hours we will do in conjunction with our Summer Reading Program themed One World, Many Stories that starts on June 21st. In June we will be "traveling" to China, in July we are off to Mexico, and then in August we will explore Africa! (I am looking for some African drums to show the kids if anyone knows where I can borrow some for the afternoon.) So, plan on having some great fun this summer and being exposed to the world through reading.

Also, at the beginning of the month was Children's Book Week. Children across the country voted in record numbers for their favorite books, author, and illustrator, casting over 500,000 votes. This year's author of the year was Rick Riordan who wrote the popular Percy Jackson series as well as the Kane Chronicles, which just released its second book The Throne of Fire. David Wiesner won illustrator of the year, and his new book Art & Max as well as many of Rick Riordan's books can be found here at the library; so come in and see what the buzz is all about! Other winners are posted at the website <http://www.bookweekonline.com/> if you are interested in checking it out!



Four Skowhegan Princesses at the "Royal Story Hour"

NOTE:

Free Summer Reading Program Family Activities are listed in the Calendar on the back page of the Lookout.

ANNUAL LIBRARY LAWN SALE

Thanks to the efforts of many people, the Lawn Sale held on May 21 was a great success and earned \$1328 for Project 2012. Many patrons and friends donated items that were irresistible to buyers of all ages! Volunteer workers included Cindy and Chet Manuel, Margo and Will Reid, Kathy Zaiser, Mary Hill, Pam Arinze, Jeanne Shay, Peggy Lovejoy, Marcia Granville, Jayne Hart, Carol Jarvis, Toni Jo Blaisdell, Bonnie and Dick Chamberlain, and Lisa and Jim Veilleux. THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

Please support your Library at Town Meeting, June 6 at 7 PM!

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 check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

BOOK REVIEW

By Maureen Delahanty Calder

Ireland by Frank Delaney

Ireland, an isle known for its people, landscape, history, struggles, and lore, comes to life in the present at the hand of Frank Delaney.

The novel centers around Ronan O'Mara who comes to know an aging man, in 1951, who is struggling to preserve the ancient tradition of story telling. He is, what the Irish call, a senache. He fills homes with his stories of history imbuing them with imagination and emotion while, at the same time, retaining the facts of a place well known for its centuries-old troubles, fabled kings, fantasies, rugged landscape and tough people.

Ronan is a believer of this itinerant way of life and recognizes the benefits to his people. When the senache suddenly seems to have vanished, he is determined to find him and to find a way to continue the tradition. Ronan begins his life-fulfilling journey at the age of nine and the reader is along for the ride.

Whether you're Irish or only so on Saint Patrick's Day, this book is well worth the read and where it takes you.

LIBRARY FUNDRAISERS

OLD MILL PUB DAY, Saturday, June 11. A percentage of sales will be donated to Project 2012.

NANA TO YOU shelf. Just take your items to the store with price tag and "#5" for the library.

GIGANTIC BOOK SALE, June 25 and 26, 9 to 5 both days at Hastings' Brick Farm, 538 Malbons Mills Rd. Light refreshments will be available.

"DUCK DIP" Ducks now on sale at the Library for \$5 will be swimming in a pool at the Book Sale.

First prize for the winning "dipped" duck will be \$50; second prize, \$10 gift certificate to Mr.

Paperback; third prize, 3 bags of books.

BOTTLE AND CAN RECYCLING at C & M Recycling or the Beverage Mart.

PENNY DRIVE Help fill those cans!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Baldacci, David/ *The Sixth Man*
Berry, Steve/ *The Jefferson Key*
Block, Lawrence/ *A Drop of the Hard Stuff*
Brooks, Geraldine/ *Caleb's Crossing*
Brown, Dale/ *A Time for Patriots*
Brown, Rita Mae/ *Hiss of Death*
Hamlin, Ardeana/ *Abbott's Reach*
Johansen, Iris/ *Eve*
Macomber, Debbie/ *A Turn in the Road*
Michaels, Fern/ *Late Edition*
Mlchaels, Fern/ *Southern Comfort*
Parker, Robert B./ *Sixkill*
Patterson, James/ *10TH Anniversary*
Patterson, Richard North/ *The Devil's Light*
Perry Thomas/ *The Informant*
Quick, Amanda/ *Quicksilver*
Sandford, John/ *Buried Prey*
Sharra, Jeff/ *The Final Storm*
Smith, Wilbur/ *Those in Peril*
Tapply, William/ *The Nomination*
Woods, Stuart/ *Bel-Air Dead*

NON-FICTION:

Colson, Don/ *Quiet Courage*
Goldman, David/ *A Father's Love*
Logelin, Matthew/ *Two Kisses for Madd*
Townley, Alvin/ *Fly Navy*
Zuckoff, Mitchell/ *Lost in Shangri-La*

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

Marilyn and Roger Renfrew
Petra and Oto Prokop
Mary Stuart
Kathy and Jeff Evans
Gloria and Bob Nicholson
Dottie and Gerald LaCasse
Corrilla and Jim Hastings

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Calendar of Events

Children's Story and Craft Hour every Wed. at 10 AM

JUNE

June 1 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
June 6 Town Meeting, 7 PM.
June 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
June 11 Library Day at Old Mill Pub – percentage goes to Project 2012
June 13 & 27 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
June 21 Summer Reading Program starts
June 21 Family Story Hour, Visiting China, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
June 25 Tie-Dye Extravaganza, 10 AM, at the Skowhegan Farmers' Market
June 25 & 26 Book Sale & "Duck Dip" at 538 Malbons Mills Rd., 9 to 5 both days

JULY

July 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
July 6 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
July 7 Yankee Wood Lot Hike, 10 – 12, at the Yankee Woodlot
July 11 & 25 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
July 14 Jamie Hogan – Maine Author/Illustrator, 2 PM at the Library
July 19 Family Story Hour, Visiting Mexico, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
July 27 Judy Pancoast, singer and performer, 11 – 12, at Coburn Park