



The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

My thanks to the staff and volunteers of the library who worked so hard this month moving the non-fiction collection to the Mezzanine. The adult stack area looks so light and open now since the removal of the ceiling between the stack area and mezzanine. It's like a trip back in time imagining what the library looked like in the late 1800's when it was first built.

Starting next month, there'll be some changes to the way we make interlibrary loan requests for our patrons. Currently, all of our collection is listed with the Maine State Library through a computer server called Solar. The Solar server is being retired by them due to age. Since we will no longer be using this system, the state library has come up with a new way for us to make requests. Though you'll still make requests through us as you always have, there may be a little delay in getting things to you while we're making the swap over.

The library, along with the Margaret Chase Smith Library and the Maine Humanities Council is pleased to announce this fall's book series "What America Reads: Myth-Making in Popular Fiction". This 5 month program begins on September 12th at 6pm at the Margaret Chase Smith Library. The public is welcome to participate. You can borrow your copy of each month's book at the library. My thanks also to Dr. David Richards for

agreeing to be our facilitator again. We always enjoy David's insights, and his humor.

Just a reminder: due to construction, the library is in a constant flux of movement and change. Please be patient. If you can't find an item, please don't hesitate to ask a staff member or volunteer. We'll be glad to get it for you. Also, if no one is at the Adult Circulation Desk, please don't hesitate to ring the bell. We'll be along shortly, though it may take a little bit longer if we're on the mezzanine level to get to you.

Looking forward, join us on October 6th at 6:30 as Finn Melanson, from the League of Women Voters of Maine, presents information on Ranked Choice Voting. The presentation will explain how ranked choice voting works, how voters use the ballots, how it compares to our current system, where it is currently used across the state, country, and world, and how voters have responded to its implementation. This is a free program. Bring your questions for Finn.

I'll leave you with this thought; "The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it". John Ruskin

Until next month – Dale

Open House

Come to the Open House on Tuesday, August 30 at 6 o'clock to see the exciting renovation progress.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The Summer Reading program is over and we had our most successful year so far. One hundred and twelve kids signed up for the reading challenge. These kids read, tracked, and logged 1,747 books—which is an amazing 12% more than last year! The library gave out 488 prizes over the course of the program, so, we definitely appreciate all the businesses and individuals who contributed: Gifford's Ice Cream, New Balance, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Bangor Savings Bank, Variety Drug, Hannaford, Penny Hoyt, Sandra Small, the Luce family, Kristine Rinaldi, the Hovencamp family, Maureen Davis, Janet Mayhew and others who dropped off goodies to fill the prize box. In addition to giving prizes for reading, we also offered 16 fun programs throughout the summer. We had 878 kids attend these programs, with our biggest crowd being out at Lake George for the author visit from Chis Van Dusen. It was a very fun, productive and amazing summer here in the children's library and we certainly hope the kids who participated not only enjoyed the experience but were able to keep their minds and bodies active and their reading skills up. I want to especially recognize the Friends of the Skowhegan Library for funding all of our Tuesday family programs that we had over the course of the summer. We were able to offer amazing programs thanks to their efforts.

As it does every year, summer comes quickly to an end and kids and families are gearing up to go back to school. So much of our children's educational success comes from parent involvement and a huge piece of that is reading. Read to your children. Let your children read to you. Give them access to different types of reading materials. Bring them to the library. Make reading a part of your family's routine and it will help set your child/children up for an easier school year

and an inherent love for reading. No matter what your child's interests and reading levels are, we can help get some great books in their hands!

So now that we are back into the school routine, I just want to remind everybody of our upcoming programming. We have Tween the Pages Book Club for students in grades 6-8; Lego Club and Lego Club Jr., and our High School Regression Sessions. Please contact Miss Angie if you want more information on any of these programs.



Ella Dore, winner of the Book-It to the Library Sneaker Contest

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

Night at the Brewery

Come and join the fun on Saturday, September 24th from 5 to 7 PM at the Bigelow Hill Brewery in Skowhegan. There will be live music, delicious craft beer and tempting appetizers. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the library. All proceeds will benefit the Library Elevator fund.

Who Knows.....?

when the plywood was installed in the center of the stack wing mezzanine? What was the reason - to maintain heat downstairs? for safety?

We would love to hear from someone who can answer these questions. Please call the library and share your recollections!

Tocara Jewelry Fundraisers

On June 4th, members of the Library Renovation Committee hosted a Tocara Jewelry Fundraiser showcasing the jewelry pieces as great gifts for the host and guests while also benefitting the Library. Part of the proceeds of this show was donated by our Tocara consultant Barbara Arnold to the Library Renovation Fund. But that is not all. Then Barbara announced at this event that she would continue donating to the Renovation fund by giving 10% of her profits from any library connected show booked within the next year.

The fundraiser that keeps on giving.

Host a Tocara show where you and your guests get to touch the jewelry, try it on, and learn how to wear it. As a host, you are eligible for jewelry credit, free jewelry, and host 50% off items. AND YOU RAISE MONIES FOR THE ELEVATOR.

Please contact Barbara Arnold, BarbArnold2011@gmail.com or 431-1683 or Bonnie Chamberlain, bkchamberlainme@myfairpoint.net , 474-3146, for more information.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBER

Mary Flemming Brown

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Barr, Nevada/ *Boar Island*
- Beaton, M.C./ *Pushing up Daisies*
- Bishop, Stephanie/ *The Other Side of the World*
- Bradford, Barbara Taylor/ *The Cavendon Luck* (LP)
- Bunn, T. Davis/ *The Domino Effect*
- Carlson, Melody/ *The Christmas Angel Project*
- Carr, Robyn/ *The Life She Wants*
- Clement, R. Wesley/ *Are You Going to the Skowhegan Fair*
- Clement, R. Wesley/ *Troubled Waters*
- Coben, Harlan/ *Home*
- Coleman, Reed Farrel/ *Robert B. Parker's Debt to Pay*
- Coulter, Catherine/ *Insidious*
- Cussler, Clive/ *Pirate*
- Delillo, Don/ *Zero K* (LP)
- Fluke, Joanne/ *Christmas Caramel Murder*
- Graham, Heather/ *Darkest Journey*
- Gulley, Phillip/ *A Gathering of Hope*
- Hiaasen, Carl/ *Razor Girl*
- Jance, Judith A./ *Downfall*
- Johnson, Craig/ *An Obvious Fact*
- Kava, Alex/ *Reckless Creed*
- Macomber, Debbie/ *Sweet Tomorrows*
- Mayor, Archer/ *Presumption of Guilt*
- McEwan, Ian/ *Nutshell*
- Patchett, Ann/ *Commonwealth*
- Patterson, James/ *Woman of God*
- Perry, Anne/ *Revenge in a Cold River*
- Robb, J.D./ *Apprentice in Death*
- Slaughter, Karin/ *The Kept Woman*

NON-FICTION

- O'Reilly, Bill/ *Killing the Rising Sun*
- Jacobs, Bert and John/ *Life is Good*



Elevator Foundation!

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 Transition Skowhegan, 6 PM

Sept. 5 Library closed for Labor Day

Sept. 6 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM

Sept. 7 Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 6 – 8), 4:00 to 5:30

Sept. 12 Let's Talk About It book club, 6 PM, at the Margaret Chase Smith Library

Sept. 13 Lego Club Jr at 3:15 to 4:15 (for students in grades 1 – 3, pre-registration required)

Sept. 13 Lego Club at 4:30 to 5:30 (for students in grades 4 – 6, pre-registration required)

Sept. 14 FOL Executive Board meeting

Sept. 14 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM

Sept. 15 Author Talk with Maine author R. Wesley Clement, 6 PM

Sept. 20 Family Story Hour: Shark Attack! 4:30 PM

Sept. 24 Night at the Brewery, 5 to 7 PM, at the Bigelow Brewery. Tickets: \$10 available at the library

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 Winter hours begin

Oct. 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

Oct. 5 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:00 to 5:30

Oct. 6 Ranked Choice Voting Program, 6:30 PM

Oct. 6 Transition Skowhegan, 6 PM

Oct. 8 Socrates Cafe, 11 AM to 1 PM

Oct. 10 Library closed for Columbus Day

Oct. 11 Lego Club Jr., 3:15 to 4:15 (Pre-registration is required)

Oct. 11 Let's Talk About It book club, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library

Oct. 12 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM

Oct. 18 Family Story Hour: Perfect Pumpkins, 4:30 PM

Oct. 28 Teen Regression Session, 4:00 to 6:00 (for high school students only)

