



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat. 10-2

DIRECTOR’S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. See, I caught you singing along! I hope the cold and snow haven’t kept you from visiting the library lately. We are closed occasionally when the weather gets too nasty, but most of the time we’re open for business. Stop by soon and check out a good book to read next to the fire, or a video to watch with friends on a cold winter’s night.

We had fun walking in the annual Holiday Stroll parade this year. We lit up our banner with Christmas lights, and Angie and I carried it. Our families, and other library folks, walked with us. Check out our photo on our webpage or Facebook page.

Our annual Holiday Bazaar was a success. A large number of folks perused our gifts, crafts, decorations, baked goodies and gently used books. Proceeds from the sales went to the library renovations. Thanks to all who helped out.

My thanks to our library staff and volunteers who always give more of themselves than is asked of them. Without them, we wouldn’t be able to provide quality service to our patrons. When you see them at the library, please take a minute to acknowledge their hard work.

A representative from Senator King’s office will be at the library in January, February and March. This is a part of Senator King’s outreach to Maine communities called “Your Government, Your Neighborhood.” Service representatives are dispatched to communities throughout the state every month to help provide alternative outreach opportunities to Mainers as a complement to Senator King’s permanent office locations. If you’d like to speak with this

representative, please be at the library from 10 to noon on Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th or March 11th.

A few fun library facts for the holidays:

- Library staffs nationwide answer almost 56 million reference questions each year, reaching almost 10 million more people than attend college football games.
- Americans go to public, school and academic libraries nearly 3 times more often than they go to a movie.
- There are more public libraries in the United States than McDonald’s. A total of 16,604 libraries including branch libraries.
- Ben Franklin founded the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731, the nation’s first lending library.
- 1 in 3 public libraries across the United States have Facebook accounts.

I’ll leave you with this thought;
The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. -- Helen Keller

Until next month – Dale

Special thanks to the Jandreau family – Sarah, Dale, Tarah, Matthew and Aiden – and the Herrick family – Angie, Jason, Bella and Cole – for “braving the elements” and leading the library group in the Holiday Stroll parade !

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

After a busy Christmas season, it is always nice to have a clean slate to start the new year. Some people make New Year's resolutions trying to get started off on the right foot. Is reading more one of your resolutions? Did you know that our library has over 20,000 cataloged items? With that many items, I am sure that we can find something to fit your personal reading tastes. Maybe you're not a big reader? We also have audio books, DVDs, VHS, various programs, and free computer usage. Make it one of your New Year resolutions to come into the library more often. My family has decided as an incentive to read more, that for every book one of us completes, we will set a dollar aside for our Disney vacation we are saving up for. With three out of four of us being vivacious readers, I am excited to watch our vacation fund grow!

Last month, I started doing some "Celebrity Lunches" at Bloomfield Elementary. This is a fun program to encourage the students to make good choices during their lunch time. If they are exhibiting good behaviors and following the rules, then their names get entered into a weekly drawing to sit at a special lunch table with a "celebrity" guest. The students have been visited by fire fighters, police officers, town officials, doctors, coaches and various others. During my visit, I got to sit with about a dozen or so second graders and we spent our time telling knock, knock jokes. I am excited to be part of this program and am looking forward to going again next month and meeting a new group of Bloomfield students to share lunch with.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Childs, Laura/ *Scorched Eggs*
Diamant, Anita/ *The Boston Girl*
Clancy, Tom/ *Full Force and Effect*
Hall, James/ *The Big Finish*
Lowell, Elizabeth/ *Love Song*
Margolin, Phillip/ *Woman with a Gun*
Patterson, James/ *Hope to Die*
Patterson, James/ *Private India*
Roorbach, Bill/ *The Remedy for Love*
Scottoline, Lisa/ *Betrayed*
Sullivan, Mark/ *The Thief*
Waters, Sarah/ *The Paying Guest*

NON-FICTION

O'Reilly, Bill/ *Killing Patton*



Brayden talked with Santa Claus at our Polar Express Family Story Hour

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

RENOVATION NEWS!

The Skowhegan Library Renovation Committee is pleased to announce that a grant of \$255,000 has been received from the Next Generation Foundation. This money will be used towards construction of the elevator addition on the west side of our treasured 1889 library building. Work on this addition will begin after the completion of the basement level area that includes the Genealogy, Meeting and Computer Rooms and handicapped bathrooms.

Following is a statement from Next Generation Foundation: *"The Next Generation Foundation was impressed with the many strengths of the Skowhegan Library. It is a stunning brick building that is being carefully and lovingly restored, and the elevator addition is a key piece that will unite all the different spaces while at the same time will make the building accessible and safe for all. We are thrilled to join others in supporting this important project."*

It is impossible to adequately express our gratitude to Next Generation Foundation for its support. This generous grant represents a giant step towards the realization of the goals for the restoration and renovation of our library.

THANK YOU! By Pat Dickey

2014 has been a banner year for the Library Renovation Committee! Two major grants were received: USDA supplied a matching grant for the installation of the sprinkler system, and Next Generation Foundation granted funds toward the elevator addition as described above. Morton-Kelly Charitable Trust and Plum Creek Foundation also contributed during the year. Both of these organizations have supported us in the past and continue to be enthusiastic about our project.

Due to the whole-hearted effort of countless volunteers and the support of the entire community, our many fundraisers were very profitable. The Art Show, annual lawn sale, craft fair, raffles, Luck-of-the-Draw auction, bake sales, Mad Hatter's Tea Party and more were all very successful. Most recently, the Holiday Bazaar brought \$1,096.00, with an additional \$288.00 from the Longaberger Coffee Table Raffle.

Besides supporting these fundraisers, both individuals and businesses in our town have

contributed generously. The annual appeal letter alone has brought in \$18,283.69 during the last several months.

My personal thanks, along with those of the Renovation Committee and the Trustees go to all of you who have shown such enthusiastic support in so many ways. The work that has been accomplished could not have been done without you!

Thank you! And I send you my best wishes for a healthy and happy 2015!

Pat

HOLLIDAY CHALLENGE!

December 1 to January 31

Since 2009, you've helped the Library Renovation by recycling your bottles and cans! The total now stands at \$3,911.50!

Let's try for \$1,000 during this Holiday Season (An anonymous Secret Santa will match the amount) 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!**



Gabriella DiGiacomo was the winner of the Longaberger Coffee Table raffle

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick
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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

JANUARY

Jan. 1 Happy New Year!
Jan. 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Jan. 7 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
Jan. 10 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 to 1
Jan. 12 Toddler Time, 10:30
Jan. 14 Your Government. Your Neighbor, 10 AM to noon
Jan. 14 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
Jan. 19 Library closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 20 Family Story Hour: Wacky Words!, 4:30
Jan. 26 Toddler Time, 10:30

FEBRUARY

Feb. 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30
Feb. 10 Toddler Time, 10:30
Feb. 11 Your Government. Your Neighbor, 10 AM to noon
Feb. 11 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
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. 18 Family Story Hour: Frozen Party!, 4:30
Feb. 23 Toddler Time, 10:30