



The Library Lookout

September

1999

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Wish List

Librarian Thelma Butler and Principal Jean Butler will co-chair the Dr. Seuss Campaign to replace all our tattered Dr. Seuss books.

Volunteers are needed for the committee. Cat in the Hat hats will be made, posters created and donations requested. Can you help? Please call Thelma at 474-2752.



Popular Selections

Fiction:

<i>Language of Threads</i>	Tsukiyama
<i>True at First Light</i>	Hemingway
<i>Mother of Pearl</i>	Haynes

Non-Fiction:

<i>Shadow</i>	Woodward
<i>Climbing High</i>	Gammelgard
<i>I'm a Stranger Here Myself</i>	Bryson

Children:

<i>A Day at Camp</i>	Lyon
<i>The Lost Music</i>	Meyrick
<i>Leah's Pony</i>	Friedrich

Young Adults:

<i>The Road to Wemblet</i>	Chapin
<i>Pleasing the Ghost</i>	Creech
<i>How it Works</i>	Graham

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster

The Summer Reading Program finished up with a grand party, cake, ice cream, golf and a beautiful poster by Jean Butler for the children's room. The theme is a gumball machine, and every finalist's name is on a gumball. The little gumball's names are Jodi Baker Amy Belanger, Jeremy Bernier, Turner Bowley, Ian Candage, Ryan Candage, Camden DesPres, Renee DesPres, Jaden Dickinson, Jaron Dickinson, Camden Dionne, Allison Dorko, Ian Dorko, Isaac Dorko, Muju Elhag, John Layman, Jasmine Lee, Kelsey Lee, Erin MacLean, Megan MacLean, Cole McCann, Oriana McCann, Marcus Morin, Mathew Morin, Kaitlyn Murray, Ben Nawfel, Christopher Paradis, Jonathan Paradis, Samantha Paradis, Stephen Powell, Wally Powell, Jacy Rutherford, Kimberly Rutherford, Bethany St.Pierre, Derek St.Pierre, Thayne Sherburne, Hunter Smith, Ben Sukeforth, Jacob Sylvain, Lauren Sylvain, Christopher Wright, Emily Xie, Felix Xie, Ali York and Caleb York. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR A FINE JOB.

Thank you . . .

to Maxine Russakoff for the wonderful job with the showcases. I hope you check them out, on the first floor and in the computer room. There's always something interesting in them.

to Jean Butler for the beautiful posters in the children's rooms.

to Jim Foster for installing and making printers work.

Summer is on the wane and it's time once more for Story and Craft Hour with Corrilla Hastings. This Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. program is for pre-school and home schooled-children. It begins on Sept. 15. For more information, please call Corrilla at 474-3949 or Cathy Hughes at 474-8969.

Murder at Tranquility Falls

Fun for amateur sleuths of all ages; the Friends will present a mystery theater and dessert on Friday Oct.22 at 7 PM at the Centenary United Methodist Church on Dr. Mann Rd. Actors, who will be reading scripts,

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will include Robin Lisherness, Mary Stuart, Herb Paradis, Judy Bascom, Mark Tanner, Janet Powers, Mickey Powers, Veronica Wright, Butch Asselin and Lynda Quinn. During intermission, following Act II, and while enjoying homemade desserts, the audience will register their guesses as to Who, How and Why. Act III will then be delivered to the actors and the crime will be solved. Tickets are \$7.50 and are available from Marcia Granville, Veronica Wright at Alice & Co., the Chamber of Commerce, Maxine Russakoff and Corilla Hastings. All proceeds go to the library renovation fund.

The library will host **EXPLORING THE MEMOIR** as part of MSAD 54 Adult Ed. Angelas Ashes, by Frank McCourt and I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou will be among the selections discussed. Sign up at Adult Ed for this 8 week course. It runs 6:30 to 8:30. Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 9, 1999. Leader will be J. Lamoureux.

Membership Drive

110 invitations have been mailed with this newsletter to prospective members. Please invite relatives and friends to join us or give us the details and we'll send a note.

AHEM Have you paid your dues for 1999-2000?



Fine Words

The Silken Tent by Robert Frost

She is as in a field a silken tent
At midday when a sunny summer breeze
Has dried the dew and all its ropes relent,
So that in guys it gently sways at ease,
And its supporting central cedar pole,
That is its pinnacle to heavenward
And signifies the sureness of the soul,
Seems to owe naught to any single cord,
But strictly held by none, is loosely bound
By countless silken ties of love and thought
To everything on earth the compass round,
And only by one's going slightly taut
In the capriciousness of summer air
is of the slightest bondage made aware.

NATIONAL CONNECTIONS READING AND DISCUSSION PROGRAM

Adult literacy students will participate in a free reading and discussion series beginning on September 13, 1999, for the "National Connections" project hosted by the Skowhegan Free Public Library.

The Skowhegan Free Public Library is one of 40 libraries nationwide selected to participate in the project organized by the Vermont Council on the Humanities in partnership with the American Library Association, the Maine Humanities Council and the Somerset County Basic Skills Program. The project is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The theme for the fall series is "biography". Participants will receive at no cost the following books: *Eleanor Roosevelt*, *El Chino*, *Wilma Unlimited*, *Lincoln: A Photobiography*, *Wanted Dead or Alive (the story of Harriet Tubman)*, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, *Teammates*, and *Ragtime Tumpie*.

The group will meet four times, one month apart. Each 90-minute session involves a guided discussion of the books which students have read in advance with the help of tutors. During the discussions, the scholar leads the students to discover connections between books and their own lives, and to explore the larger theme of the series. Program participants keep the books for their own home libraries.

David Richards, Assistant Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library, will be the project scholar.

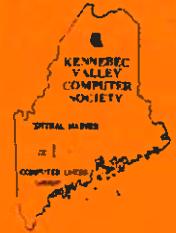
The first session of "biography" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13th, at the Skowhegan Free Public Library. To register or for more information please call 474-7553.



**NOTE: THE LIBRARY'S REGULAR
WINTER HOURS RESUME THIS
MONTH**

STARTING AGAIN

**The Friends of the Skowhegan Public Library
&
The Kennebec Valley Computer Society**



are holding our second series of FREE classes at the Skowhegan Free Public Library on the following topics:

- Sept. 7 Computer Basics
- Sept. 14 The Windows 95/98 Operating System
- Sept. 21 Using Your Computer
- Sept. 28 The Internet
- Oct. 6 Resources Available Online
- Oct. 13 File Formats & the Programs that Love Them

The classes are held every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Library. Additional classes, or day classes, can be arranged if there is sufficient interest. Join the series in progress, or sign up for the next series.

For more information call Jim Foster at 474-2589, or send e-mail to jfoster@somtel.com

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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. individuals, \$8. Seniors & Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings (474-3949) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Hilma Millett, P.O. Box 215, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	1-6:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-6:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-6:30	3-6:30	10-2

1999-2000 Friends Meeting Schedule

1999-2000 Meetings begin Wed., Sept. 8. Please join us. A program will follow each meeting. Meetings begin at 7 PM. All are welcome.

- Sept. 8** **Sharing Maine Children's Books** Presenter..Lynn Plourde
- Nov. 10** **My Adventures on the Appalachian Trail** Presenter... Jamie Luce
- Jan.12** **Lifetime Learning** Presenter ... Bill Laney
- Mar 8** **There's Gold in Your Attic** Presenter.. Tim Gould
- May 10** **Book Reviews** by Skowhegan Readers of all ages.

Meetings are held on the first floor of the library, programs follow.



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**Friends of the Skowhegan
Free Public Library**

c/o Skowhegan Free Public Library
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Your Librarians Are:

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Friends Officers Are:

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