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Director's Corner by Melissa Gaspar

The merry month of May is especially merry this year. We are planning three big events. First, there is the Telethon on May 10th from 8 am to 8 pm on Channel 11 to raise money for the Library Roof Project and other renovations. Many wonderful musicians, community members and library patrons are volunteering to create an exciting and entertaining event--twelve hours of music, singing, dancing, drumming and fun. We have on the schedule: Borderline Express, David Calder, Larry Heald and Suzanne, Bob Lovelace, Blaine Stetson, the band Fate, Eddie McGregor, Forrest Meader, the Portabell Bellringers and lots more. Please tune in during the day to enjoy the show and call in a pledge. The phone numbers to call are 696-4145 or 696-8271. All proceeds will go to the library renovation. We still need volunteers to man or woman the phones. If you would like to help call Melissa at 474-9072.

The second big event is the Library Wine and Cheese Open House on Wed. May 14th from 5:30 to 7 pm. (The Friends Annual Meeting is from 5:00 to 5:30 on the same evening. Please come and stay for the Open House.) During the open house we will unveil the "We the People" Bookshelf. There will be live music sponsored by the Friends Group. The Open House is a Business after Hours event as well. Area businesses, community groups and the public are all invited to come in, see the library and chat with their neighbors. The library roof project will be underway and plans for our renovation will be on display. We hope you will join us.

The third big event in May is the Library Lawn Sale on May 17th at the Hastings Barn, 538 Malbons Mill Road. Donations can be dropped

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off at the library or at the Hastings Barn. (The Library Renovation Committee will be selling, beans, dynamites and whoopee pies at Mel and Deb Burnham's home on the Malbon's Mill Road on that same day.)

Another event in May was the Teen Forum: Issues and Assets on May 3rd. Student volunteers from the library helped in many ways with the forum. Siobhan Billings Pearce, Crystal Cunningham, Derek Swanson and Eddie McGregor created two radio announcements that were aired on 92 Moose a few days before the Forum. Did anyone hear them? Another student, John Chapman made some very eye catching posters to promote the teen forum. Siobhan designed a bulletin board and a display for the event. I would like to thank these students for all their help with such a worthwhile endeavor.

One more bit of good news. The library bookbags are in! You can buy one at the library for \$10. Thank you to Forrest Meader for donating his drawing of the library for the bags.

The Children's Library By Katherine LeBlanc

During April break the Children's Room sponsored a community read featuring the Skowhegan Police and Fire Department. Policeman Ed and Fireman Rick came to the library and read stories about stranger danger and what a fireman does in our community. And did we give them a great Skowhegan Library reception! With ninety parents and children in attendance everyone learned so much. Right afterwards children planted seeds and created a flower craft in honor of Earth Day. Many thanks to the Skowhegan Fire and Police Department for doing an EXCELLANT job at educating our kids, and yes the parents too.

In April the Skowhegan Free Public Library