



The Library Lookout

December 2019

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Library Hours: Mon.–Thurs., 10-6, Friday 10-3

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

Need a last minute gift idea? Does your Christmas tree look a little bare? Come to the library on **December 12th at 6:00pm** for a wonderful **craft night!** We will be painting circular wooden ornaments, just over 2"-2" so they're the perfect size. This program is all about creativity; you can design your ornament however you'd like to. Paint a holly branch or a cardinal for a little pop of color on your tree or paint the names of past family members on your ornaments to honor them this holiday season. **Make sure to register quickly for this program**, space is limited to 24 patrons. This **free program** will be a nice way to slow down and relax with a paintbrush during the crazy hustle and bustle of the season! We hope to see you there!

On **December 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm** we are hosting **Betsy Sweet, candidate for U.S. Senate** on her "**In Your Corner Town Hall Tour**". She will be available to talk and answer questions about her plan to reform our democracy, end the corrupting influence of money in politics, deliver Medicare for All, and pass a Green New Deal.

December 6th and 7th we will be having our annual **Holiday Bazaar!** We will be selling all kinds of yummy homemade treats and crafts such as hand knit or crocheted hats, mittens and scarves along with ornaments, decorations and a plethora of other holiday goods. All proceeds will benefit our library. We will also be drawing the winners' names for our lovely **Basket Raffle** so be sure to buy your tickets while you can!

TO: All Library Patrons

From Lynda Quinn,
President, Library Trustees

On behalf of the Library Trustees, I want to thank all you patrons for your donations to the Skowhegan Free Public Library and Cultural Center. Yes, I said Cultural Center because this wonderful library is fast becoming just that. Our library, yours and mine, is no longer about books it is about people, services, and activities. Head Librarian, Angie Herrick put together nearly 300 programs this last year - programs that reach children from infancy through teenage and beyond. Look on the back of this newsletter to see what happens on a monthly basis here.

The growth of the library has outstripped its budget and this year we are going to ask the tax payers of Skowhegan to give us more funds to run this facility. Please plan to attend the Town Meeting in June to insure that we get what is needed for this wonderful place to feed the hearts, minds, and spirits of the citizens of this area. We have a vibrant library with a bright future and all donations are much appreciated and needed.

P.S. if you haven't sent in your donation for 2019, please do so today. Make your check payable to SFPL and mail it to 7 Elm Street, Skowhegan.

Have a wonderful New Year!



CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

Did you know that in Iceland they celebrate Jolabokaflod which literally translates to "Christmas Book Flood"? This is a tradition where everyone is given a book on Christmas Eve and then spends the night cuddled up inside reading. What a lovely tradition! I myself have found that a perfect holiday gift is a new book and warm pair of pjs. My numerous nieces and nephews have learned that this is what will be wrapped under the tree from me!

There are three amazing benefits to gifting books this holiday season:

1. A book is a gift that keeps giving. Each time the person picks it up to read they are whisked away to another place and time and in the end are gifted with a new story that can never be taken away.
2. For a young child, a book means a bonding moment with an adult or older child. When this book is read to them by someone that loves them not only are they getting a new story, they are getting a special moment.
- And 3. Books are AMAZINGLY easy to wrap! No weird corners or hard shapes to deal with here!

So let's all take a page from Iceland's book (pun intended) and give the gift of stories!

As always, the library is bustling with holiday goings-on this month. During the Holiday Stroll weekend, the Children's Library will host **Lynn Plourde**. She will debut her new book, *If I Could Give You Christmas*, and also read *Merry Moosey Christmas*. After the readings there will be a book sale and signing (just in time for a perfect Christmas gift!) We also will host our annual **Holiday Stroll Children's Book Giveaway** as well from 10:00 – 2:00 on Saturday, December 7th where all children are welcome to come get a free book.

On **Friday, December 13th**, we will be hosting a **Christmas Party for High School** students. They will be doing a Yankee Swap and painting mugs. If you are interested, you do need to register with Miss Angie.

We will also have our **Lego Club**, **Tween the Pages Book Club**, and weekly **Storytimes**.

Starting in January, we will be hosting a once a week **Preschool Playgroup** at the library. Every Friday during the winter months, we will be offering unstructured open playtime between 8:30 and 10:00 for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Our hope is that the library will be

a great space for caregivers to meet up and allow the little ones to play while playgrounds and parks are not an option. If you have any questions, please contact the library.

"WISH LIST"

Tissues Glow Sticks
Postage Stamps Post-It pop-up notes
Gently used toddler and preschool toys
New or gently used children's DVDs
Disinfectant Wipes



Remember, the library is a great place to come play when the weather is too cold to go outside!

BECOME A FRIEND OF YOUR LIBRARY TODAY!

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library is a not-for-profit organization that helps promote and improve the Library's resources and facilities. Your membership in the Friends provides critical support to our Library. Suggested dues are \$24 for individuals and \$36 for families. Many give even more. Please consider the role that our Library plays in our community, and choose a level of support that's right for you. Whatever you decide, you can be sure that any amount is gratefully received and much needed.

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Please complete this form and mail to: Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Name _____
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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



Silas and Cedric are showing off the new robot, Dolby, iPads, and accessories that the Friends of the Library have purchased for our coding club.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Dear Friends,

The season is nearly upon us! The SFPL Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 6 and 7 at the Library on Elm Street. The sale opens at 10:00 AM both days, and closes on Friday at 6:00 and on Saturday at 2:00.

We are asking that you help us out by donating goods (Christmas decorations, anything handmade, gifts for all ages) or baked goods such as cookies, bars, breads or pies. (Individually wrapped and labeled.)

The food may be brought to the Library on Thursday, December 5 after 10 AM, or on Friday, December 6 anytime.

For more information, please call Bonnie at 474-3146 or email her at bkchamberlainme@myfairpoint.net.

Tickets for the **Circulation Desk Raffle Baskets** are still on sale at the Library. Be sure to purchase your ticket to win one of the four prize-filled baskets! (Winners' names will be drawn at noon on the second day of the **Library Holiday Bazaar** on December 7th.)

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Beaton, M.C./ *Beating About the Bush*
 Clark, Mary Higgins/ *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry*

Connolly, John/ *A Book of Bones*
 Cornwell, Bernard/ *Sword of Kings*
 Crais, Robert/ *A Dangerous Man*
 Cussler, Clive/ *Final Option*
 Early, Hank/ *Echoes of the Fall*
 Evans, Richard Paul/ *Noel Street*
 Fisher, Suzanne Woods/ *Stitches in Time*
 Grey, Iona/ *The Glittering Hour*

Hughes, Michael/ *Country*
 James, J.S./ *River Run*
 Jenoff, Pam/ *The Ambassador's Daughter*
 Keneally, Thomas/ *The Book of Science and Antiquities*

Lee, Stan/ *A Trick of Light*
 Lovegrove, James/ *Sherlock Holmes & the Christmas Demon*

Oates, Joyce Carol/ *Pursuit*
 Patchett, Ann/ *The Dutch House*
 Patterson, James/ *Criss Cross*
 Perry, Anne/ *A Christmas Gathering*
 Sepetys, Ruta/ *The Fountains of Silence*
 Steel, Danielle/ *Spy*
 Williams, Niall/ *This is Happiness*

NON FICTION

Haley, Nikki R./ *With All Due Respect*
 Kenyon, Mark/ *That Wild Country*
 Roberts, Keena/ *Wild Life*
 Rodsky, Eve/ *Fair Play*



Our volunteer, Linda, is processing the newest batch of book drive books for our collection.

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM **Sit & Knit: Every Friday, 1:00 – 3:00**

Dec. 2 Town Hall Meeting with US Senate Candidate, Betsy Sweet, 5:30 – 7:00

Dec. 2 Robotics and Coding Club (for students in grades 2 – 4 and pre-registration is required), 3:30 – 5:00

Dec. 3 Library Trustee meeting, 6:00 PM

Dec. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:00 – 5:30

Dec. 5 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00

Dec. 6 Holiday Bazaar 10:00 – 6:00 – GIFTS! DECORATIONS! BAKED GOODS!

Dec. 6 Author visit: Lynn Plourde Storytime and Book Signing, 4:30 – 5:30

Dec. 7 Holiday Bazaar 11:00 – 2:00 - GIFTS! DECORATIONS! BAKED GOODS! - Basket Raffle winners to be announced at noon!

Dec. 7 Children's Book Giveaway, 10:00 - 2:00 (or while supplies last)

Dec. 9 Books & Brews Book Club at Bigelow Brewing Company, 6:30 – 7:30

Dec. 10 Lego Club (Open to kids in K-6th grade), 3:30 – 4:30

Dec. 11 Smart Cookie Book Club, 4:00 – 5:00

Dec. 12 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00

Dec. 13 High School Regression Session, 6:00 – 8:30 (Pre-registration is required)

Dec. 23 – 27 Library closed for holiday break

Dec. 31 Library closes at 4:00 for New Year's - HAPPY 2020!

Jan. 1 Library closed for New Year's Day

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Jan. 20 Library closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Jan. 24 Preschool Playgroup, 8:30 – 10:00

Jan. 30 Game On! (Open to all ages but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00