



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

I hope you've been enjoying the cooler weather. Those warm days and cool nights have been helping the leaves to change color. I'll miss those long summer days, but fall's colors help with the loss.

Our first mystery book club meeting "Refreshing the Whodunit" was a success. 20 people came out to discuss "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" by Laurie King. David Richards, Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library, is our facilitator. Leave it to David, to ask us thought provoking questions to help us get more out of the discussion. We're really enjoying the program.

I had a great time hosting the GFWC Dove Society at the library this month. I took the ladies on a tour of the renovations, and also showed them a multi-media presentation of how the current renovations came to be. A short question and answer period followed. I also spoke to the Rotary Club at the Heritage House this month. I updated them on what was going on at the library, and showed them the multi-media presentation also. If any club or organization would like a tour of the renovations, or would like me to speak about the library or renovations; please call or email me. I would love to meet with your group.

Our first jazz concert of the season was held on Sept. 19th. Though turnout was light, our local jazz musicians came through as usual. Our Library Friends group brought out some delicious treats to sell. By the way;

why don't you join us on Oct. 17th at 7pm for the next concert? It's free, and it's a great way to get out of the house and enjoy a fun night of lively music.

We're having a guest speaker on Oct. 23rd. Author Annette Vance Dorey will speak about her new book "Miss Dr. Lucy" and Maine's Pioneering Female Physicians 1850's – 1920. Books will be available for sale, and autographing.

Just a reminder: Saturday hours will resume on October 5th. We'll be open from 10-2 every Saturday until the end of May.

I'll leave you with this thought: *life is like photography, we develop from the negatives* – Anonymous

Until next month – Dale



"The Lavender Lady and the Mad Hatter" greeted every guest as they arrived at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party recently held at Lakewood.

Thank you, Judy and Jeff Bowzer for being such wonderful Library Volunteers!

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When kids think of fall they tend to think of Halloween! We will be doing our annual Downtown Trick or Treating Parade again this year; however, we have made some big changes. We will be starting the parade at 3:30 in the afternoon and walking in the opposite direction. We will start at the Opera House, walk around Water St. and then end back at the Opera House. We have made these changes to keep the kids safer and to merge the parade with the other fun family activities that will be going on in the later afternoon. Our main object is to let the kids have fun in a safe environment!

BOOK REVIEW

By Marcia B. Granville

Suzanne Collins is the author of the popular *Hunger Games* series. But those three books were not the first she had written. *Gregor the Overlander* is her first novel. It is a simpler story than any of those in the series, though it is equally well told.

According to the blurb on the book jacket, she was inspired to write *Gregor the Overlander* when she wondered what city-kids thought about *Alice in Wonderland*. "In the city, you're more likely to fall down a manhole than a rabbit hole — and, if you do, you're not going to find a tea party."

Eleven-year-old Gregor doesn't exactly fall down a manhole or a rabbit hole, either. But he does fall down a hole along with his two-year-old sister Boots. Gregor spends a lot of energy trying to find his way home while Boots takes naps and charms everyone. The book does not parallel *Alice in Wonderland*, but there are a few similarities. There were no white rabbits, but there were fliers, gnawers and spinners. There was no duchess, but there was a young queen.

I greatly enjoyed reading on to find out just what would happen to Gregor and Boots. Did they manage to get home? Or, didn't they?

PETITION SIGNING

Volunteers are busily seeking to fill their petition sheets with signatures of registered Skowhegan voters so that the library will be listed on the town warrant for funding. Françoise has a clip board available at the circulation desk and is looking for your signature! **Please sign!**

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Beaton, M.C./ *Something Borrowed, Someone Dead*
Brandman, Michael/ *Robert B. Parker's Damned If You Do*
Brown, Sandra/ *Deadline*
Child, Lee/ *Never Go Back*
Coulter, Catherine/ *Final Cut*
Cussler, Clive/ *Mayan Secrets*
DeMille, Nelson/ *Quest*
Grafton, Sue/ *W is for Wasted*
Gregory, Phillippa/ *White Princess*
Jance, J.A./ *Second Watch*
King, Laurie/ *Bones of Paris*
King, Stephen/ *Doctor Sleep*
Lahiri, Jhumpa/ *Lowland*
Lewis, Beverly/ *Secret Keeper*
Michaels, Fern/ *Blindsided*
Patterson, James/ *Gone*
Peterson, Tracie/ *Miner's Lady*
Robb, J.D./ *Thankless in Death*
Sawyer, Kim Vogel/ *What Once was Lost*
Sparks, Nicholas/ *Longest Ride*
White, Randy Wayne/ *Deceived*
Woods, Sherry/ *Seaside Christmas*

Non-Fiction

Chesler, Phyllis/ *American Bride in Kabul*
Simpson, Liz/ *Book of Chakra Healing*

SPECIAL EVENTS

(to benefit the Renovation)

The Luck-of-the-Draw Auction will be held on Saturday, November 2 at the American Legion. There is a box at the library to collect nonperishable food for a Food Basket that will be one of the items for this event.

The annual Christmas Bazaar will take place at the library on Dec. 6 and 7.



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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
Oct. 5 Resume winter hours – Saturdays: 10 to 2
Oct. 7 "Refreshing the Whodunit" Mystery program, 6 PM
Oct. 9 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 10 Appreciation reception for the three Women's Clubs, 6 PM
Oct. 12 Socrates Café, 11 AM
Oct. 14 Library closed for Columbus Day
Oct. 15 Family Story Hour: "Adventures with Apples" with guest speaker, Barbara Winslow
Oct. 17 Free Jazz Concert, 7 PM
Oct. 23 Author Talk with Annette Vance Dorey, 7 PM
Oct. 26 Halloween Crafternoon, 10:30-12:30
Oct. 26 Downtown Halloween Parade starts at Opera House at 3:30
Oct. 28 Toddler Time, 10:30

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 Luck-of-the-Draw Auction at the American Legion, 9 AM - noon
Nov. 4 "Refreshing the Whodunit" Mystery program, 6 PM
Nov. 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 6 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30
Nov. 7 FOL Executive Board meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 11 Library closed for Veteran's Day
Nov. 13 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 19 Family Story Hour: Crazy Cupcakes! 4:30
Nov. 25 Toddler Time, 10:30