



The Library Lookout

February 2018

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I hope your new year has been great so far. O.K., raise your hand. How many of you have already broken a resolution you made for this new year? You can't see my raised hand, but I'm in the same boat as some of you. Hopefully, I can keep the other resolutions I've made!

The free Marion Sherman craft classes are going well. Quite a few folks have come out for them. Please see the sign on our webpage for a listing of classes coming up in the next couple of months. By the way - please call the library to sign up for the classes so we can be sure we have enough materials on hand.

Just a reminder: we don't charge overdue fines here. The only thing we ask is for you to return the items you check out. If you have any overdue library items at home, no matter how late they are, please return them. Someone else may be wanting to borrow them.

We have a new electronic library catalog available for public use. It's next to the fireplace on the main floor. If you'd like to look up a book yourself the next time you stop by the library, why not give it a try.

We're starting a new "Let's Talk About It" book club beginning in February. This time our program is "Where Am I? The Individual and the Community." Here are the

books for this season. Feb. 20th – *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee; Mar. 20th - *Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks; Apr. 17th - *Doing Time: 25 Years of Prison Writing*, edited by Bell Gale Chevigny; May 15th – *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding; Jun. 19th – *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe. We meet at 6pm at the Margaret Chase Smith Library. Dr. David Richards is our Facilitator. The group is open to the public, and books may be picked up at the Skowhegan Public Library.

The library will be closed February 19th for President's Day.

*I'll leave you with this thought;
"Count your age by friends, not years. Count
your life by smiles, not tears."* John Lennon.

Until next month – Dale



The Library's new electronic catalog.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

This January the children's library has been awarded a \$5000 grant from the Dorothy Louise Kyler Foundation. This money is to go towards books, DVDs, and audiobooks that focus on STEM concepts (science, technology, engineering, and math). We are excited to expand our nonfiction collection with brand new books and more current information and some fiction books and DVDs that let young readers explore the world around them. Many of the new titles have already been ordered and should be hitting the shelves soon.

February vacation is right around the corner and as always we have some exciting projects coming up. On Monday the library will be closed, but every other day of vacation we have a children's program going on. Tuesday is SLIME MAKING, Wednesday is Storytime, Thursday is Lego Building, and Friday is a visit from the LC Bates Museum where all ages are welcome to learn about the world of insects. It should be anything but boring here!

February is also the time I start planning all of the exciting summer reading activities. It's a few months away still, but now is the time I begin collecting prizes for all the excellent readers. Last year, we gave away 488 little reading incentives so our stock pile is nearly empty. If you or your business can help fill the prize box, we would be grateful. (Examples of items are matchbox cars, small art kits, silly putty, balls, yoyos, chalk, water bottles, fingernail polish, Lego mini figures, costume jewelry, glow sticks, fidget spinners, etc.-- basically just anything NEW and NON-EDIBLE.) If you have questions about what to donate, please contact Miss Angie in the children's library.



Billie Sherman teaches a class in card embroidery.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Maxine Russakoff
David James & Jon Kimball

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

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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities

FOL FUNDRAISERS

“COMING SOON”!

May Lawn Sale: May 18 & 19

As you clean out those closets on a cold winter's day, please remember the annual Library Lawn Sale!

GRANT FOR STEM MATERIAL

The children's section of the Library was very pleased to have been chosen as a recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the Dorothy Louise Kyler Foundation for the purchase of STEM material. Much of the current children's non-fiction section is dated, and funds are tight.

According to a report put out by Georgetown University, Americans should expect to see a 26% increase in STEM job fields in the next ten years. This means that nearly a quarter of all new jobs will be centered on math, science, engineering and technology skills. It is the hope that this grant will allow the library to purchase new materials that will bolster the current collection without taking money away from the small book budget the library sets aside for children's materials. The library would like to be able to provide these new and reliable resources to engage young learners in the STEM fields. Items on the wish list include: coding and technology books, math and science series, Lego design books, and lots of educational DVDs for all ages.

Angie Herrick, our Youth Services Librarian, applied for the grant. She has been working with the Maine State Librarian's STEM Liaison, Christina Dorman, and Early Literacy Children's Specialist, Stephanie Schott, to make sure that quality materials are selected. New items should begin appearing on the library shelves in February.

CONGRATULATIONS, Miss Angie!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Black, Lisa/ *Perish*
Brett, Simon/ *The Liar in the Library*
Brown, Dale/ *Act of Revenge*
Burke, James Lee/ *Robicheaux*
Cornwell, Bernard/ *Fools and Mortals*
Fisher, Kerry/ *The Silent Wife*
Graves, Sarah/ *Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake*
Harris, Robert/ *Munich*
Heath, Lorraine/ *Beyond Scandal and Desire*
Heller, Peter/ *Celine*
Hoffman, Alice/ *The Rules of Magic* (LP)
Kadare, Ismail/ *A Girl in Exile*
Krentz, Jayne Ann/ *Promise Not to Tell*
Luna, Louisa/ *Two Girls Down*
Moyes, Jojo/ *Still Me*
Palmer, Diana/ *All That Glitters*
Perry, Thomas/ *The Bomb Maker*
Peterson, Tracie/ *Out of the Ashes*
Preston, Douglas/ *City of Endless Night*
Reichs, Kathy/ *Two Nights*
Riley, Lucinda/ *The Pear Sister*
Robb, J.D./ *Dark in Death*
Spillane, Mickey/ *The Bloody Spur*
Steele, Danielle/ *Fall from Grace*
Taylor, Brad/ *Operator Down*
Wiggs, Susan/ *Map of the Heart*
Woods, Sherry/ *Lilac Lane* (LP)
Woods, Stuart/ *Unbound*
Woodson, Jacqueline/ *Another Brooklyn*

NON FICTION

Peterson, James/ *Murder Interrupted*
Whitman, John/ *Fresh from the Garden*



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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

FEBRUARY

Feb. 6 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 7 Tween the Pages Book Club at 4:00 (for middle school students)
Feb. 8 Jewelry making with Billie Sherman, 10 AM
Feb. 10 Socrates Cafe discussion group, 11 AM to 1 PM
Feb. 16 High School Regression Session, 6 to 8:30 (for high school students)
Feb. 19 Library closed for President's Day
Feb. 20 Slime Making, 1 to 3 (all children under 10 must have an adult helper)
Feb. 20 Let's Talk About It book club, 6 PM at Margaret Chase Smith Library
Feb. 22 Jewelry making with Billie Sherman, 10 AM
Feb. 22 Lego Afternoon, 3 to 4:30
Feb. 23 LC Bates Museum presents: INSECTS, 10:30 AM

MARCH

Mar. 6 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
Mar. 7 Tween the Pages, 4 PM (for students in grades 6-8)
Mar. 8 Ribbon crafts with Billie Sherman, 10 AM
Mar. 10 Socrates Cafe discussion group, 11 AM to 1 PM
Mar. 13 Lego Club Jr., 3:30 (for students in grades K-3)
Mar. 13 Lego Club, 4:30 (for students in grades 4-6)
Mar. 20 Let's Talk About It book club, 6 PM at Margaret Chase Smith Library
Mar. 22 Ribbon crafts with Billie Sherman, 10 AM