



The Library Lookout

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Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

Adult Fiction:

Bloch, *Hit List*
Atwood, *Blind Assassin*
Clark, *Deck the Halls*
Morris, *Acts of God*
Robards, *Paradise County*
Sparks, *The Rescue*

Adult Non-Fiction:

Ambrose, *Nothing Like It in the
World*
King, *On Writing*
Sinatra, *My Father's Daughter*
Smith, *Natural Blonde*
Hodgson, *Gentleman From New
York*

Children:

Hagen, *Everyday Life in Colonial
Times*
Wilmore, *A Day in the Life of a
Colonial Schoolteacher*
Calhoun, *Henry the Sailor Cat*
Shannon, *The Acrobat and the
Angel*
Moris, *How Leaves Change*

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Jim Foster

Friend's Campaign for Children's Nonfiction Collection is a Great Success

A heart-warming response has been received to our request for funds to match the initial Friend's contribution of \$500 towards the purchase of nonfiction books for the children's room. The total now stands at \$875 thanks to donations from Semper Fidelis, Dove Society, Lions Club, Bloomfield Garden Club, Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW), and Daughters of Isabella. The library is indeed fortunate to have this generous support from its service organizations and citizens. THANK YOU!

Library Lawn Sale

Each year, one of the Friend's most successful fund raisers, is the May Lawn Sale. As in the past, the sale will be held at the Hastings' house on the West Ridge Road. Have you had the holiday urge to clean out your closets and garages? Will you be discarding that old television set or sewing machine for a brand new one you hope to find under the Christmas tree? Have you discovered that those skates or skis or bicycles no longer fit anyone in the family? The Hastings' barn is empty so you can bring your donations whenever it is convenient (providing they can freeze!) We'll be happy to turn your unwanted "stuff" into cash for the Library Renovation Fund.

FOL Meeting, January 10, 2001

The first Friends' meeting of the new year will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 7 PM at the library. Program committee members Maxine Russakoff, Kathy Evans and Helen Shaw have invited Dr. Joseph Missbach to speak on Domestic Violence Issues. Dr. Missbach is a psychologist who has maintained an office in Skowhegan for many years. We are looking forward to hearing about this very serious problem which unfortunately must be dealt with in every community.



Book Reviews



Chris Stewart, *Driving Over Lemons*

By Mary Davies

Arm chair travelers, now we're off to Southern Spain, through the pen of Chris Stewart who once drummed for the rock group Genesis. He's all grown up now and is a travel writer. He tells us of his move, along with his wife, to Andalucia where the lemon crop is so plentiful, the fruit rolls merrily along wherever it chooses.

Full of New Age idealism he believes he is entering an independent simple life, raising sheep and fixing up an old house. He soon learns he is very dependent on his neighbors who become friends and more importantly, mentors. He has a lot to learn.

This book gives an affectionate description of the local people and ecology. Readers will be especially amused at his bravery while his daughter, Chloe, was being born. She becomes a mentor too.

Rosamond Pilcher, *Winter Solstice*

By Marcia B. Granville

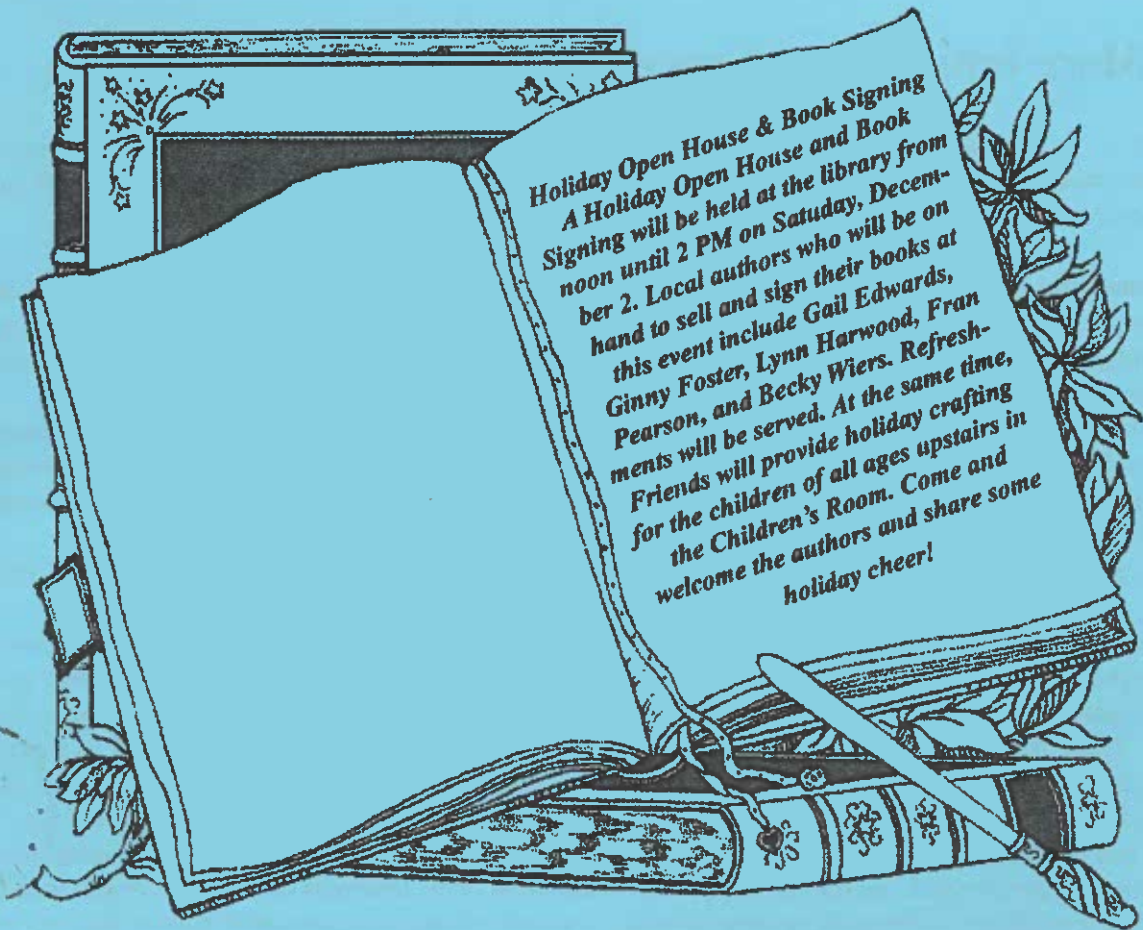
Ms. Pilcher has done it again, written a book full of people one would like to know in real life. She has the knack of depicting her characters in all their moods so that one could almost recognize them on the street. The unconventional Elfrida with her gift of laughter, 14-year-old Lucy who has had to make the best of things all her life, and businessman Sam are remarkably real. The way their lives affect the lives of Oscar and the heart broken Carrie make a heartwarming story one is sorry to put down.

Susan Wiggs, *The Mistress*

By Marcia B. Granville

We have all heard the story of the Chicago fire and Mrs. O'Leary's cow. Ms. Wiggs takes a new slant on the whole affair, telling it from the viewpoint of Mrs. O'Leary's daughter and of high society's Dylan Francis Kennedy.

Two young people, striving to better themselves by marrying for money, get a bitter surprise. Each is an impoverished imposter and is no better off than before. How the fire effects their lives and how they resolve their problems make for an entertaining tale.



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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).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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WINTER LIBRARY HOURS

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

More Information Concerning Maine State Databases

(Last month's Lookout described some of the resources available through the EBSCO databases. Here is more information concerning these. They have only been funded through the end of the fiscal year, so the Legislature will have to decide whether to continue to provide them in the future.)

Remote users (from home or other non-library sites) can access these same databases by entering the following web address: <http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/> and then clicking on "remote access". After entering your name, affiliate library and zip code, you may access any of these databases from the comfort and convenience of your living room or den.

BIOSIS and Zoological Record, two databases with worldwide coverage of literature in the life sciences and literature with a focus on taxonomy are included in the roster. The Raymond H. Fogler Library, designated the Science, Technology and Business Library for the State of Maine, licensed these premier resources for statewide access.

Please ask your librarians for more information about these resources or call the Maine State Library at 287-5620.

Through the libraries of Maine, EBSCO Host provides every resident of Maine with access to a collection of full text databases containing 100% coverage of credible, reputable resources. Ebsco also provides the ability to search a number of periodicals at one time for information appropriate to research in schools, public libraries and higher education. These databases provide the ability to channel users toward appropriate content that is much more reliable and relevant to their research than what is available for free via many Internet search sites. The vast majority of the journals available through EBSCO Host are not available for free on the Web or any other electronic format, such as the *Harvard Business Review*. If you are looking for product information or current news articles *Consumer Reports*, *Time*, *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report* are a few of the hundreds of popular magazines included. Many of these journals are necessities for most libraries; however, escalating costs and shrinking budgets make it impossible to subscribe to everything a library would like in order to meet patrons' needs. The print value of the resources provided in these databases would be in excess of \$500,000 per library! The collaboration among three State entities that provided these resources to every library and resident of Maine is a truly amazing



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