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The Library Lookout

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

It's June already? We aren't sure how it's possible for time to fly by so quickly, but we are always excited when we see the month of June come back around. This means it is time for the Summer Reading Challenges to begin! This year we will have TWO summer reading challenges going at the same time: a kid's program and an adult program. Our kid's program is for anyone ages 2-12 and involves coming in to sign up and then reading 20 minutes a day (or 100 minutes a week) and getting a small prize each time you achieve that goal.

The adult summer reading challenge (for ages 13-300) is a BINGO board where you come sign up, get a bingo board, and go home to work on getting that BINGO. When a BINGO is achieved you can come in to the library and pick out a gift card from a local business. We will have some good ones like The Bankery, the Strand, gas cards, Dunkin cards, Starbucks, Giffords and more! For every one that participates you will also get your name entered in to win a grand prize, which will be drawn at the end of the summer. We want to keep it fun and simple. Reading = Prizes. Sign-ups begin on Monday, June 13th and reading can begin on Monday, June 27th. If you have questions just ask any of the librarians.

With the return of the summer reading program also comes the return of STORYTIME! It

will be restarting on Wednesday, June 29th and will be open for families with kids ages 0-6. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate daycares, field trips, or large groups of kids at our weekly Storytime. All summer Storytimes will be on Wednesdays at 10:30 and will have a free lunch provided by the Skowhegan Parks & Rec Department's Summer Food Service Program afterwards. Miss Angie is so excited to start reading books to kids again!

Speaking of programs restarting, Sit & Knit will be back at the library on Fridays from 1:00 – 3:00. Bring whatever you are working on or whatever you want to start working on and sit with others who are doing the same. This is a great time to chat about projects, learn a new stitch, swap some yarn, or just get out of the house and learn something new.

We also have free family passes to Lake George Regional Park available for families or individuals to check out this summer! If you have any questions about the checkout process or want to make a reservation for a specific date, please give us a call.

STAFF & VOLUNTEER BOOK PICKS

Angie - *The Love of my Life* by Rosie Walsh

Bree - *The Crocodile Bride* by Ashleigh Bell Pederson

Josie - *Lucky Turtle* by Bill Roorbach

Lyn – *Week at the Lake* by Wendy Waxx

GRADUATION NEWS

Our technology librarian Josie has just graduated from Wayne State University with her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science! She's worked hard towards this goal for the last two years, and we couldn't be more proud of her.

MAINE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

At the end of May the library staff attended the Maine Library Association conference at Sunday River. Each year at this conference they award one librarian with the distinction of being the "Outstanding Librarian of the Year" for the state of Maine. Thanks to a nomination by Josie and by dozens of letters from community members, library trustees, volunteers, and you, our awesome patrons, Miss Angie was the 2022 winner of this award.

These are a few of the things people had to say about her:

"Personally, she has touched all of our lives in a way that cannot be expressed adequately into words. She has greatly impacted the young and old alike in our community by working in a job doing what she loves!"

"She continues to teach our community that the library is so much more than just a place to get books. She works tirelessly to create a warm, inviting and engaging space for each and every person who walks through the library doors."

"She always helps me find the books I want!"

"She has changed the atmosphere of the library to be a place people want to come to."

"Angie's vibrant personality, creative ideas, and love of her work are treasure for the Skowhegan Free Public Library."

We are all so proud of Angie here at the library, and we're also so excited to incorporate the information and ideas we've gathered at the annual conference this year into our own collection and

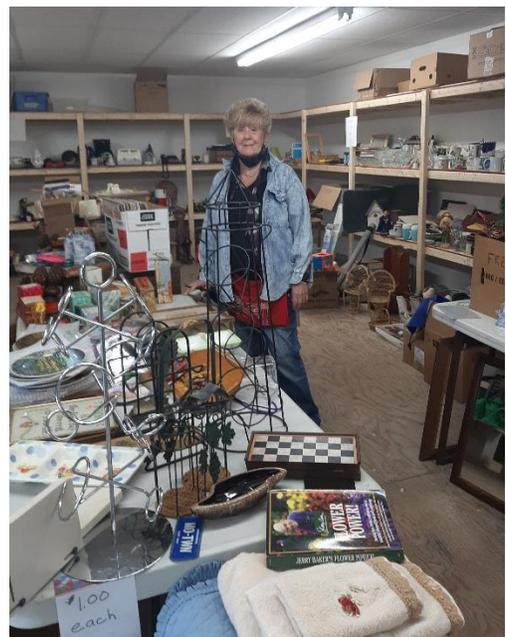
programming! It's always such a great opportunity for our librarians to network with other like-minded folk and share in the exciting things going on at libraries around the state.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Karen Lewia has been elected the new Friends of the Library President.

Thanks to Lynda Quinn and Pat Dickey for being in charge at the recent 10-mile Lawn Sale in Cornville! They raised \$450 for the Friends. They will also hold a sale at the same site in Cornville on Saturday, June 26 from 9 to 1. Be sure to stop and see them!



NEW BOOKS

James Patterson by James Patterson / James Patterson

FICTION

Dream Town / David Baldacci
Thrill of the Hunt / Rita Mae Brown
Carved in Stone / Elizabeth Camden
Written on the Wind / Elizabeth Camden
The Amish Twins Next Door / Vannetta Chapman
The Recovery Agent / Janet Evanovich
Sound of Darkness / Heather Graham
The Hotel Nantucket / Elin Hilderbrand
Dreaming of Flight / Catherine Ryan Hyde
All the Seas of the World / Guy Gavriel Kay
The Boardwalk Bookshop / Susan Mallery
The Perfect Golden Circle / Benjamin Myers
The Crocodile Bride / Ashleigh Bell Pederson
Girl With the Make-Believe Husband / Julia Quinn
Nightwork / Nora Roberts
The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle / Jennifer Ryan
The Investigator / John Sandford
Storm Tide / Wilbur Smith
This Time Tomorrow / Emma Straub
The Love of My Life / Rosie Walsh
The Lost Summers of Newport / Beatriz Williams
City of Orange / David Yoon

NONFICTION

Tales of Al: The Water Rescue Dog / Lynne Cox
Surviving: Why We Stay and How We Leave Abusive Relationships / Beverly Gooden
Scars and Stripes / Tim Kennedy

GUEST COLUMN

Hello, from Melissa Gaspar.

Some of you may remember me when I was the Director of the Skowhegan Public Library from 2005 until 2011. I really enjoyed working in Skowhegan and fell in love with the beautiful library. What a historic gem it is! I have followed the progress of the renovations and attended the dedication ceremony in November of 2017. The library is even more stunning now with the new rugs and circulation desk. I can't wait to visit and see what is new in the collection.

For the past 11 years I have been the director of a small public library in Middleton, MA. I moved south so I could live closer to my three grandchildren. I have recently retired from this position and gone from librarian to full-time patron! I am so excited to have more time to read! I plan to spend a lot of time in Skowhegan this summer. You will find me in the stacks of the library gathering a large pile of books to read.

Currently, I am reading a thriller called *The Sign* by Raymond Khoury. It is a very fast-paced novel which also explores the threat of global warming, climate change and spiritual philosophies. If you like jet-setting around the globe via a good read, this book may grab your attention. I also recently read Louise Penny's book, *The Kingdom of the Blind*. I find the character of Inspector Gamache very inspiring. I hope you are finding some great books to read too! And maybe I will see some of you at the library this summer.

Until then, happy reading! Melissa

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 2—LIBRARY CLOSED for staff training

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Monday, June 6 (10am-12pm)—Career Center table will be set up in the Memorial Room

Monday, June 13—Summer Reading program sign-ups begin

Monday, June 13 (7-10pm @ Municipal Building)—Annual Town Meeting...please come support the library!

Friday, June 17 (11am-12pm)—Mr. Sean Presents: Empathy (Pizza) Pie! puppet show

Monday, June 20—LIBRARY CLOSED in observance of Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 21 (4-5pm)—STEAM Lab (registration required)

Tuesday, June 28 (2:30-3:30pm @ Margaret Chase Smith Library)—Under the Sea Slime

Wednesday, June 29 (10:30-11:30am)—Storytime

Wednesday, June 29 (11:30am-12:20pm)—Free lunch for kids

Thursday, June 30 (3:30-4:30pm)—Lego Club