



# The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

First of all this month, my thanks to the Friends of the Library, and also the citizens of Skowhegan for once again coming out to support the library at the annual town meeting in June. We're so glad our budget was approved. This allows us to continue to serve our patrons as we have in the past, with no decreases in service. By the way, the library has not increased the amount requested for our budget in a number of years. We're in tune with the concerns and needs of our citizens, and always take our yearly planning for our budget seriously. We never forget that it's your tax dollars that help fund our daily operation. Again, thank you for your support. By the way, rest assured that all budget money is used for the operation of the library. None of it is used for library renovations. All funds used for library renovations have been raised by grants, personal and corporate donations, or fund raisers.

We're seeing the light at the end of the "air conditioning" tunnel. The contractors have notified us that the system should be operational in the next few days. This couldn't come soon enough for our staff, volunteers and patrons. The new system will keep the heat and humidity down to a reasonable level.

We're still waiting on hearing about the status of our USDA grant for the new sprinkler system. This grant will pay a large part of the cost of the entire library sprinkler system. Hopefully, we'll hear good news soon!

We're in the midst of training some new library volunteers. One will be working the Adult Circulation Desk, one cataloging Genealogy

items, and two teen volunteers will be assisting Miss Angie in the Children's Library. We thank these new volunteers, and all of those who've been onboard a while, for their time and hard work.

We have Ms. Emily Schroeder, from the Maine State Library, coming to speak on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm about "How to Get the Most from Ancestry.com." Ancestry.com is one of the best online sites to use to find information about your ancestors. Our library partners with the Maine State Library to offer this database free to our patrons. Patrons must be using one of the library's computers to access the site for free.

The library, along with The Children's Cottage, are selling tickets to raffle off a handcrafted toy box. Master craftsman, Norman Dickey designed and built the box while sign crafter extraordinaire, Gary York, designed and sculpted the lid of the box. Tickets for this beautiful box are only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The box is on display at The Children's Cottage, 66 Water Street here in Skowhegan. The winner will be drawn on August 5<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to help with the library renovations, and maybe win yourself this great toy box.

Just a reminder: the last day to register for the Friends of the Library Golf Tournament is July 13<sup>th</sup>. This "fun" fundraiser benefits the Friends of the Library. The Friends have been generous in their support of this library over the years. Just this year alone, they helped fund the purchase of a new copy machine, and funded the library's Summer Reading Program (what a great program Miss Angie has lined up for the children this year).

I'll leave you with this thought: "If information is the currency of democracy, then libraries are its banks" (Wendell H. Ford, U.S. Senator, Kentucky, 1974-1998).

Until next month – Dale

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The Summer Reading Program "Dig into Reading" is in full swing here at the library, but if you haven't signed your children up, it's not too late! We still have lots of fun in store and kids can jump in at any time. Our Toil in the Soil program had a great turnout. Kids came in and listened to some fun stories about gardening and then helped plant a root view garden that will stay here at the library this summer. As the kids continue to come in each week, they can see the progress through the window. We also had some friends from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension office come in and help the kids prepare healthy snacks using fruits and vegetables to build bugs they could eat! Then they all went home with a package of seeds to start their own garden. Our Worms at Work program was also a huge success. Kids had a blast learning about worms, making their worm habitats and then putting their wiggling worms into their new homes! Coming up next is an Archeological Dig at the LC Bates Museum. Kids will get to see real fossils and relics that have been found in the ground and then do their own digging to see what they can find.

Summer is always a busy time: picnics, parties, vacations, beach-lounging, and camping, but help your kids continue to find the time to read. Whether you bring books for them on vacation, you check out one of our audio books to listen to in the car during a long trip, or you simply share a bedtime story—keep reading!

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### CHILDREN'S ROOM WISH LIST

Green 16 or 20 ounce soda bottles



*Three-year-old Quinn and her Potato Person that she made at Potato Storytime*

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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 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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

## BOOK REVIEWS

by Alan Foxwell

*The Hit* by David Baldacci is a very exciting story that gets your attention right from the first chapter and doesn't let go until the end. Using the main character from a previous novel, Will Robie, a highly skilled assassin, pitted against an equally trained female assassin, the story goes back and forth one against the other. I recommend this book highly.

*The Time Keeper* by Mitch Albom is a short story that starts out in a world before structured time. You had light and dark, hunger and tiredness. The main character is named Dor who stuck a stick in the ground and noticed that when it got light (the sun) it cast a shadow that got shorter as the sun rose and got longer as the sun set. That started all kinds of thoughts in his mind, and he used stones with the shadows and so on and so on. It's a typical story by Albom that stimulates your mind and it is a good read. My thoughts are, needless of who you are or what you are, we are all the same 24 hours each day and 60 minutes each hour - it's how you use them.

Keep reading!

## NEW BOOKS

### Fiction

Berry, Stevel/ *King's Deception*  
Castillo, Linda/ *Her Last Breath*  
Cook, Claire/ *Time Flies*  
Dams, Jeanne/ *Murder at the Castle*  
Deaver, Jeffery/ *Kill Room*  
Delinsky, Barbaral/ *Sweet Salt Air*  
Evanovich, Janet/ *Heist*  
Frank, Dorothea Benton/ *Last Original Wife*  
Hiaasen, Carl/ *Bad Monkey*  
Hilderbrand, Elin/ *Beautiful Day*  
Hoag, Tami/ *The 9<sup>th</sup> Girl*  
Jackson, Lisa/ *Tell Me*  
Kline, Christinal/ *Orphan Train*  
McCall Smith, Alexander/ *Trains and Lovers*  
Palmer, Diana/ *Protector*  
Patterson, James/ *Second Honeymoon*  
Pearson Ridley/ *Choke Point*  
Peterson, Tracie/ *Quarryman's Bride*  
Rollins, James/ *Eye of God*  
Thayer, Nancy/ *Island Girls*  
Thor, Brad/ *Hidden Order*  
Walls, Jeannette/ *Silver Star*

## RENOVATION FUNDRAISERS

On July 30, the Renovation Committee will be hosting a **Blueberry Fest** at the library starting at 10 AM. Books and Baked Goods will be featured! Please sign up at the circulation desk if you would like to do some baking!

On the following Sunday, August 4, we will take part in a **Craft Fair** in the Park sponsored by Main Street. We welcome donations of crafts from knitters, quilters, woodcrafters, potters, painters, etc. If you would like to donate a crafted item, please leave it at the library with Francoise.

The **Luck-of-the-Draw Auction** will be held on Saturday, November 2 at the American Legion. More information on this event will be coming soon.

**Recycled Bottles and Cans** continue to bring in money at EMTEEZ and the Beverage Mart. Those nickels help immensely!

Funds from all these events will bring us nearer to our goals for the library renovation.

## FOL Golf Tournament!

Come spend a day on the links and support a worthy cause: the Skowhegan Free Public Library. On July 20, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. the Friends of the Library is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Lakewood Golf Course in Madison, Maine.

The tournament will include a chance to win a car, a putting contest, and various prizes. End the day with a delicious cookout. Go home a winner!

Application forms are available at the library.

*July 13: Last day to register!*

## NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Thomas and Margo Carmines  
Violet Ferland  
Davida and Albert Barter  
Kristine Rinaldi

## **The Library Lookout**

**9 Elm Street**

**Skowhegan, ME 04976**

### **Your librarians:**

Library Director Dale Jandreau  
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick  
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

### **Your Library Trustees:**

Toni Jo Blaisdell,  
Corrilla Hastings, Carol Jarvais,  
Sara McCabe, Lynn Perry,  
Lynda Quinn, Warren Shay  
Ex Officio: FOL Chair

### **Friends officers:**

Co Chairs: Margo Reid, Kathy Evans, Jeanne Shay  
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

## **Calendar of Events**

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

### **JULY**

July 1 An Archeological Dig at the LC Bates Museum, 10:30

July 2 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

July 8 & 22 Toddler Time, 10:30 AM

Jul 9 Northern Stars Planetarium – World of Dinos at 10 AM and Our Family in the Sky at 11:15 AM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library (Pre-registration is required)

July 10 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM

July 11 Genealogy Program, 1 PM, Guest Speaker, Emily Schroeder from the Maine State Library

July 13 Last day to register for the FOL Golf Tournament

July 16 Family Story Hour: Going Buggy! 4:30 PM

July 20 Friends of the Library Golf Tournament

July 22 Fairy & Gnome Houses at Coburn Park, 2:30 PM (Pre-registration is required)

July 30 Blueberry Fest: Book and Bake Sale at the library, 10 to 4

### **AUGUST**

Aug. 1 Maine children's author/illustrator, Cathryn Falwell visit, 10:30 (Limited books will be on sale at the library to purchase for signing.)

Aug. 4 Craft Fair at the Park, sponsored by Main Street

Aug. 5 Toy Box raffle drawing

Aug. 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

Aug. 8 See our "mini Library" at the Skowhegan State Fair

Aug. 9 Lake George Day (for children registered for the Summer Reading Program), 9 to 1

Aug. 12 & 26 Toddler Time, 10:30

Aug. 14 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM

Aug. 20 Family Story Hour, Pete the Cat!

# Golf Tournament

## Lakewood Golf Course

Rt. 201 Madison Maine  
 Saturday July 20, 2013 1 P.M.

**To Register** – Mail or email form to  
 Margaret Reid

[mreid@beeline-online.net](mailto:mreid@beeline-online.net)

26 Coburn Avenue  
 Skowhegan, ME 04976

Phone: 207-474-5847 or 207-399-9700

All proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Library



**Win a Car  
 From Hight  
 Chevrolet in  
 a "Hole In  
 One  
 Contest!"**

Name	Phone #	Amount \$	Handicap	Member of Lakewood Golf Course? yes/no
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

**Total \$:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Cost **\$40.00 per person** which includes golf, meal and prizes
- Please send form by mail or email **ASAP**.
- Please make checks payable to Friends of the Library.
- Deadline for registration **7/13/13**
- Carts are optional – cart rental is \$21.00 per person. If you wish to rent a cart, please call 474-5955 before 7/13/13 to reserve one. Fee for cart is payable at golf course the day of the event (cash, check or credit card accepted).

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