



The Library Lookout

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LATEST NEWS

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Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library held our Second Annual Meeting on May 12. Marcia Granville and Hilma Millett were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. (The President and Vice President are elected in even numbered years.) The members of the Board of Directors for the coming year are Pres. Jim Hastings, VP Mary Davies, Sec. Marcia Granville, Treas. Hilma Millett, Maililani Bailey, Thelma Butler, Jeff Evans, Jim Foster, Ann Gamage, Corrilla Hastings, Kathy Hughes, Bill Laney and Phil Russakoff. We have gained some library expertise and some willing workers.

We talked about the computer lessons Jim Foster is giving on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7 p.m. Many of those present had already signed up. (See article on p.2 and ad on p.3) Final plans were made for the lawn sale. (See below.)

Following the meeting, Maxine Russakoff introduced the following book reviewers, and started us on a fun evening: Cole and Oriana McCann, Robin Lisherness, James Bourassa, Sean Walker, Dot Lacasse, Dot Cleaver, Jeff Evans and Phil Russakoff. We heard an Uncle Wiggily story and a Groucho Marx story, and everything in between. It was a delight. Robin's antique Uncle Wiggily artifacts were a special treat.

The Lawn Sale

The Friends participated in the Cornville Six Mile Yard Sale on May 22. We sold donated items at the Hastings' and also sold refreshments. We raised \$980.50.

We would like to thank Corrilla Hastings, Marcia Granville, Robin Moore, Meredith Moore, Dottie LaCasse, Wilma Tilton, Ginny Foster, Jim Foster and Bill Laney. These people worked on the day of the sale.

Appreciation also to all who donated items for the sale, to the people who made telephone calls soliciting donations of items (Mary Davies, Wilma Tilton, Elizabeth Martin and Ginny Foster), and to Shop n Save and Walmart which both issued gift certificates with which the hot dogs and sodas were purchased.

WISH LIST

Dr. Seuss books need to be replaced. What a wonderful gift to give your library. Perhaps in honor of a birthday or a loved one...

First Computer Classes Held

The first two classes in our free series co-sponsored by the Friends and the Kennebec Valley Computer Society have been held. The first class, given on May 6, covered basic hardware, the parts of the computer and their names, how to understand the "specs", what to look for in a computer and how to describe your computer to a tech support person, and a number of other basic topics. There were three students in attendance.

The second class, on May 20, with five students, covered Operating Systems, with an emphasis on Microsoft Windows 95 and 98, which are used on the Library's computers. It began with a little history of Operating Systems from DOS on, then explained the desktop, how to open files and documents, and the standard menus and features of most Windows programs.

The June 3rd class will begin by demonstrating the use of Windows standard features, with word processing (mainly MS Word) as an example, and will then cover basic file management techniques (copying, moving, and deleting files, etc.) in My Computer and Explorer, and Maintenance tasks such as defragmenting the hard disk and doing backups.

The June 17th class will deal with getting on the Internet; e-mail; the World Wide Web; Usenet; and how to use popular browsers and news readers. July classes will deal with where to find useful things on the Internet, and how to identify and use different types and formats of files available on the Internet and elsewhere.



Fine Words

A Sad Poem

Long days ago and miles away, in Castle Hole-In-the-Wall,
The brave Sir Mouse stood deep in thought, in his grand ancestral hall.
"By the whiskers of the devil," quoth he, "By the thousand sacred fleas,
I shall go upon a pilgrimage, in the quest of the holey cheese!"
His vassals scampered far in fright, his lady squeaked in fear,
But nought could shake the stern resolve of the steadfast murine peer.
He made himself in readiness, strode out the castle door,
And said farewell to his native land, his beloved Basement Floor.
With more than rodent courage, he turned—follow him, who dares?—
And began the steep and hard ascent, of the dreaded Cellar Stairs.
The climb was long and danger fraught, 'till he finally reached the light,
And entered the fabled Upstairs World, with its strange and blinding light.
He made his way with careful steps, through the Vale of Living-Room,
Where the vast expanse of carpet thick was as silent as the tomb.
From his ageless sleep the opponent woke and upon his haunches sat,
The half-legendary monster, the fearsome Pussy Cat.
The brave Sir Mouse pushed forward, the deadly foe defied—
"For the holey cheese, I challenge thee"—"Meeow," the beast replied.
Although the cat was stronger, Sir Mouse refused to yield;
He fought as long as his strength held out, and fell upon the field.
His eyes were misted over, but through the thickening fog,
He could hear the approaching belling, of Sir Fido Duke of Dog.
The cat was driven from the field, spitting at its fate,
But alas for the fearless rodent, the aid had come too late.
"I know," quoth he, with his dying breath, "I go to a greater house"—
So shed a tear and say a prayer, for the soul of the valiant Mouse.

Jim Foster

**The Friends of the Skowhegan Public Library
&
The Kennebec Valley Computer Society**



are holding a series of FREE classes at the Skowhegan Free Public Library on the following topics:

- Computer Basics
- The Windows 95/98 Operating System
- Using Your Computer
- The Internet
- Resources Available Online
- File Formats & the Programs that Love Them

The classes are held the first and third Thursday of each month. The current series began on May 6. They will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Library. Additional classes, or day classes, can be arranged if there is sufficient interest. Join the series in progress, or sign up for the next series.

For more information call Jim Foster at 474-2589, or send e-mail to jfoster@somtel.com

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LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	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

Summer Programs



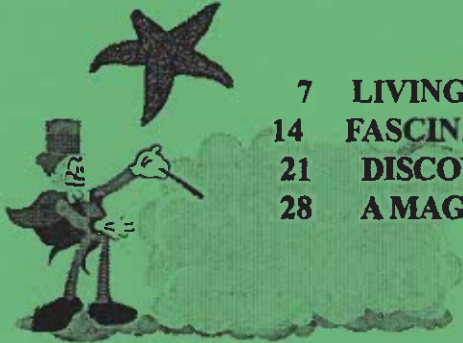
The **Summer Reading Program** will be held from **June 28 to August 6**.

Children are invited to read and give written or oral book reports on twelve books during the six week period. Books may be at the child's reading level. This is an easy one. The shortest one ever. You kids can do it. At the end of the program, finalists will be treated to cake, ice cream and miniature golf.

Children of all ages will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons for the following presentations:

July

- 7 **LIVING TREASURES FROM THE SEA** .. Kristen Rinaldi
- 14 **FASCINATING MAMMALS...** Somerset Extension
- 21 **DISCOVERING POND LIFE.....** Warren Balgooyen
- 28 **A MAGIC SHOW.....** Joe Scozzafava



August

- 4 **PUPPET MAKING...** Kathy Dorko
- 11 **TOUR OF HISTORY HOUSE.....** Friends of the Library
followed by games and refreshments from the 1850's



To comment on or submit articles for this newsletter, e-mail Mary Davies at davies@wworx.net. And remember to check out the Friends' website at <http://mainetoday.koz.com/maine/friends>.



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