



The Library Lookout

October 2015

<http://www.skowhegan.lib.me.us>

skowlib@skowhegan.lib.me.us

207 474 9072

Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Saturday, 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I don't know about you, but I could get used to this August type weather we've been having this month. I can still remember breaking ice out of the puddles in September when I was a child. I don't know if this is global warming or just a fluke, but I really don't care. I'm just enjoying it.

Our book club got off to a resounding start this month. We've partnered with the Maine Humanities Council and the Margaret Chase Smith Library to bring our patrons "The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today?" We meet the first Monday of the month at the Margaret Chase Smith Library at 6pm. David Richards is our facilitator, so you know that our discussions will be interesting, not to mention Angie Stockwell's delicious treats! We still have room for a couple more readers. If interested, please stop by the library and pick up the next book. We're discussing *The Gilded Age* on October 5th.

We've been approved for one of the downtown revitalization façade grants. We plan on using the money to refurbish the remaining windows in the library. Window restoration has been an ongoing project for the last few years. With this grant, we'll finally have that part of the library renovations completed.

And speaking of library renovations, the basement finally looks like we envisioned it would so long ago. The computer room has

its counter and closet, the two handicapped accessible bathrooms have all their fixtures, the genealogy room is getting its shelving, the kitchenette has its counter and sink, and while the meeting room still needs its table and chairs, we know it won't be long. By making use of this previously unused space, we added about a third more floor space to the library. It just makes more dollar sense repurposing this space, than adding onto the building. If you take a tour of the basement, I think you'll agree.

Don't forget, winter hours (did I just say "winter", brrrrr) begin October 3rd. We'll be open on Saturdays from 10 to 2pm. As a reminder, the library is occasionally closed due to bad weather. If you hear that MSAD 54 is closed, then so are we. We'll also put notices on our web and Facebook pages.

I'll leave you with this thought: "He who believes is strong; he who doubts is weak. Strong convictions precede great actions."
Louisa May Alcott

Until Next Month – Dale

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

to celebrate the completion of the
Basement Rooms

Tuesday, September 29th, 6 to 8 PM

Come and see the finished Genealogy Room,
Meeting Room, Computer Work Area,
Kitchenette, ADA bathrooms, & Janitor's Closet.

Music provided by the Foxwells
Refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Well, school is back in session and the children's library has slowed down just a tad. Now is the time for me to get some projects done like weeding old books, cataloging, and planning for upcoming programs. It is always a bit sad for me to take down all the summer reading program decorations, so this is the time that I can give the library a bit of a makeover. Our new volunteer, Tammi Galbraith is a published artist and she is doing some great original artwork pieces for us to hang up in places. We are lucky to have her!

Our regular school-time programs are back up and running. Storytime is Wednesday at 10:00, Toddler Time is the 2nd and 4th Monday at 10:30, Family Story Hour is the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 and Tween the Pages Book Club is the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00. These programs are open to the public so we encourage you to pop in with your children. As the months get colder and it is hard to play outside, remember that the library always has toys, games, books and programs to entertain the little ones.

We are very excited that after having taken a year off last fall, the Downtown Halloween Parade is back on for this year. Main Street Skowhegan and the Library will be co-sponsoring this event to make sure that there are more hands on deck for the kids' safety. The Halloween Parade will be starting at the Federated Church at 10:30 and the kids will go through downtown trick-or-treating. This event is taking place on Saturday, October 31st.



Pat and Lynda have a reason to smile!

"Brewery Night" on Sept. 19th was a great success. \$2,720 was raised for the elevator, and the event was enjoyed by a large group of library supporters. Thanks to all who participated in this fundraiser - and special appreciation to Bigelow Brewing Co. owners, Pam and Jeff Powers.

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.

.....
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

News from the Friends of the Library

In 2015, the Friends of the Library took in nearly \$5000.00 as a result of two profitable fund raisers: Library Lunches and the Lakewood Golf Tournament.

We want all who contributed to either or both events ——— those who volunteered and bought sandwiches and those who volunteered, sponsored holes, and contributed gift certificates ——— to know that because of your generosity, we were able to make significant contributions to the library:

1. We bought two fire doors for the newly renovated basement.
2. We financed the Children's Summer Reading Program
3. We bought twelve heavy-duty computer chairs for the new computer room.

In 2014, we paid to replace the existing lighting in the Children's Room with LED lights resulting in significant savings in the electric bill.

We have no one to thank but you, our most generous Friends. Thank you, thank you.

Margo, Jeanne and Kathy

On October 24, The Pick-Up Cafe will donate 10% of the price of your meal to the Friends. You can eat well and support the library at the same time. Dinner is served from 4 to 9, the busiest time around 6. For faster service, go earlier or later.

LIBRARY "PAINT EVENT"

Saturday, October 17th

Two sessions

Session I: 3 to 5 PM Session II: 6 to 8 PM

All materials provided.

Refreshments, Fun, and a chance to create your own Masterpiece!

Tickets (purchased ahead): \$40

Please call Angie at the Library at 474 9072 for more information

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Beaton, M.C./ *Dishing the Dirt*
Butcher, Jim/ *The Aeronaut's Windlass*
Child, Lee/ *Make Me*
Robert B. Parker's/ *The Devil Wins*
Connolly, John/ *A Song Shadows*
Coulter, Catherine/ *The End Game*
Cussler, Clive/ *The Solomon Curse*
Evanovich, Janet/ *The Scam*
Jance, J.A./ *Dance of the Bones*
Johansen, Iris/ *Shadow Play*
Mallery, Susan/ *The Photograph*
Miller, Linda Lael/ *Christmas in Mustang Creek*
Moyes, Jojo/ *After You*
Neggers, Carla/ *A Knights Bridge Christmas*
Patterson, James/ *Murder House*
Patterson, James/ *Private Sydney*
Perry, Anne/ *Corridors of the Night*
Robb, J.D./ *Devoted in Death*
Steel, Danielle/ *Undercover*
Woods, Sherry/ *Willow Brook Road*

NON-FICTION

Mitchell, George J./ *The Negotiator*

Renovation Committee "Wish List"

Yarn
Beanie Babies
Large men's dress shirts (good condition)

These items may be left off at the library at any time. Thank you!

Returnable Bottles and Cans

(an ongoing fundraiser)

Another \$200 was received recently - the total is now \$3,926! Let's get that number over the \$4,000 mark this month!

THANK YOU!

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

OCTOBER

- Oct. 3 Saturday hours begin again, 10 AM to 2 PM
- Oct. 5 Book Club at Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM
- Oct. 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
- Oct. 7 Maine Association of Retirees Meeting, 11 AM to 12:30 PM
- Oct. 7 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
- Oct. 7 Tween the Pages, 4:00 to 5:30
- Oct. 12 Library closed for Columbus Day
- Oct. 17 Library Paint Event, Session I: 3 to 5 PM, Session II: 6 to 8 PM. Tickets required.
- Oct. 20 Family Story Hour: Spooky Stories, 4:30
- Oct. 26 Toddler Time, 10:30
- Oct. 31 Downtown Halloween Parade & Trick-or-treating, 10:30 (starts at the Federated Church)

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 Book Club at Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM
- Nov. 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
- Nov. 4 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
- Nov. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:30
- Nov. 9 Toddler Time, 10:30
- Nov. 17 Family Story Hour: No-shave November, 4:30
- Nov. 11 Library closed for Veterans Day
- Nov. 23 Toddler Time, 10:30
- Nov. 25 Library closes at 4 PM for Thanksgiving holiday