



# The Library Lookout

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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

What a beautiful start to fall here in Skowhegan. The leaves are changing, the air is crisp and the library is open. Sounds like the perfect time to pick out a new cozy autumn mystery and relax with a cup of hot coffee or tea.

As you may remember from last year, we are holding our annual **Fall Book Drive** through the month of October! Pick out a book tag from our decorated tree, and either purchase the book yourself or give us the money and we'll purchase the book for you. We also have our wish list on Amazon which you can order from if you're more comfortable donating that way. In addition, we are continuing to make custom bookplates saying you've donated this book to the library or you can donate in honor of someone. They make great gifts for the person who just has everything!



*Kicking off the Fall Book Drive!*

Recently Steve Dionne completed the new set of stairs leading to the elevator entrance from the first floor. They may seem like they're only steps but they have made things so much easier here at the library. Not only are they beautiful, they allow staff to open the door to patrons much quicker and more efficiently now. Now patrons also have the option of taking the stairs or the elevator when using the back entrance. That's one more item crossed off the renovation list!



*Our beautiful new elevator entrance stairs.*

## News from Angie Herrick Head Librarian & Youth Services

School is back in full swing and for many families it looks very different this year. Some families are fully remote, some are back in the schools, and others have decided to homeschool; no matter what your situation, we hope that you remember the library is always here to help in whatever way possible. We have our Wi-Fi on 24/7, so we can provide internet access for those who may need it. We are limiting study/meeting spaces, but do still have them available for students who may need a quiet place for a Zoom class or to do some online homework or research.

We also offer “teacher cards” to families who homeschool. A teacher card allows your family to check out more items for a longer period of time, so you can bring more home to supplement your homeschool materials. If your family is homeschooling and you live in the MSAD 54 school district (Skowhegan, Norridgewock, Canaan, Smithfield, Mercer, or Cornville) then you are eligible for a free library card.

We have printing and copying services and offer this free to all students and homeschool families in regards to school work. (This includes college students.)

No matter what type of schooling your family has opted to do this year, reading should be a big part of it. We are continuing to get new books each month, so we encourage you to come in to browse and find books for your child’s independent reading and/or family read-aloud. We also have CloudLibrary, a free e-reading and audiobook lending platform, and curbside options for families who would rather not come inside the library for materials.

Bottom line, just let us know how we can help. We want to see our community continue to thrive—even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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*Please note: The Library will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> for Indigenous Peoples’ Day.*

## New Books for October

### FICTION

Akhtar, Ayad/ *Homeland Elegies*  
Dailey, Janet/ *Whirlwind*  
Dickey, Colin/ *The Unidentified*  
Flynn, Vince/ *Total Power*  
Heaberlin, Julia/ *We Are All the Same in the*

### *Dark*

Hoffman, Alice/ *Magic Lessons*  
Johansen, Iris/ *Chaos*  
Johnson, Craig/ *Next to Last Stand*  
Marren, Susannah/ *A Palm Beach Scandal*  
Michaels, Fern/ *Bitter Pill*  
Parker, Robert B./ *Fool’s Paradise*  
Pashley, Jennifer/ *The Watcher*  
Patterson, James/ *The Coast-to-Coast Murders*  
Penny, Louise/ *All the Devils Are Here*  
Perry, Anne/ *A Question of Betrayal*  
Picoult, Jodi/ *The Book of Two Ways*  
Robb, J.D./ *Shadows in Death*  
Smith, Wilbur A./ *Call of the Raven*

### NONFICTION

Harding, Debora/ *Dancing with the Octopus*  
Hollman, Gemma/ *Royal Witches*  
Michalczyk, Maggie/ *The Great Big Pumpkin Cookbook*  
Patterson, James/ *Murder Thy Neighbor*  
Reinhart, Lili/ *Swimming Lessons*

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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

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**Please check the activities you are willing to help with.**

- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities

## ***Christmas at the Library!***

Because of Covid 19, the traditional Library "Christmas Bazaar" will be slightly different this year.

The highlight will be the drawing on Dec. 5th of the four lucky winners of the **Holiday Raffle Baskets** now on display at the Library. These baskets hold a tempting collection of items suitable for gifts along with a variety of handy gift certificates from local businesses. Be sure to purchase your \$5 tickets on sale now at the circulation desk.



In addition to the baskets, handmade gifts donated by library supporters may be purchased for the holiday by contacting the individual crafter. Below are Pat Dickey's attractive **Mugs & Teacups** filled with a variety of holiday treats. Price: \$5 each. Please contact Pat at 431-2328 for purchase. (Also available are **Decorated Boxes** of treats @ \$10 each.)



*Proceeds from all sales will be used for purchase of Library improvements*