



The Library Lookout

September 2004

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Blynn Currier

This has been a busy and hectic summer season. We have been training new volunteers, covering for vacationing employees, and beginning to reclassify the children's book collection.

The genealogy room has been very busy with tourists and local users coming in daily. Ruth Blood has been lending a gracious hand to those lost or those who have come upon a stumbling block in their genealogy search.

The Children's Library, with the Summer Reading Program, has been extremely busy. The Reading Room has been filled to capacity for every Wednesday afternoon program. Many of our readers traveled for a free day at Boothbay Railway Village and it was reported that they had a wonderful time.

In between the rain storms of the summer, I've been trying to figure out what effects of the passage of the Palesky Referendum might have on this library. In the next newsletter I will try to clarify the effect.

Magician Joe kept the children enthralled.



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY NEWS

by Katherine LeBlanc

Another Summer Reading Program, and another Success! The 2004 summer reading program came to an end August 25th with Annie Wenz playing musical instruments and singing songs from around the world. With 76 people in attendance, the library was filled with singing, laughing and lots of drumming.

This year we had 150 readers in the reading program and I would like to congratulate all of the participants for doing a wonderful job!

Special thanks also go out to our performers, The Rhythm Inlet, Joe Scazzofava, Judy Pancoast, Annie Wenz, Monica Grabin, and Northern Stars Planetarium for providing us with such enjoyable programs this summer! Thank you!

Also as of this writing The Concerts in the Park series has raised \$1656.00 for books for the Children's Room. Many thanks go out to all who attended and donated. So far 40 books have been received and more are on the way! Come on in and check them out!

The children's room is also in need of a few craft items. Our story hour has had between 12 and 25 children each week and we find ourselves running low. If anyone could donate any one of these items we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

children's scissors,
crayola washable thick markers,
glue sticks,
colored ink pads in
(purple, red, green, blue)

BOOK REVUE

by Kathy Evans

D. Graham Burnett's *A Trial by Jury* is the best non-fiction book I've read in a long time. This fact-based account of an actual New York City murder in 1998 is told by Burnett, the jury fore-person. The book opens with an overview of the crime, the crime scene, the alleged circumstances, and the presumed motive---sexual assault.

The book then moves to the trial: an intriguing account of the jury selection process; the presentation of bizarre evidence; a parade of even more exotic witnesses, with conflicting testimonies; and the less-than-principled contest between the opposing lawyers.

The heart of the book, though, lies in the next and longest section--the closed-room jury deliberations and the jurors themselves. Burnett introduces us to the broad spectrum of jurors and makes them come alive in their struggles with assessing guilt or innocence, self defense, just cause, or reasonable doubt as they move toward the necessary consensus.

Refreshingly, our narrator, too, exposes his prejudices and preconceptions along the way as he comes to realize his own duties as a citizen. Inally, *A Trial by Jury* vividly engages us in the very real drama and responsibility of applying such abstractions as truth, justice, and law to the human situation.

REVIEW AND TASTING PARTY

Come to a party to celebrate the publishing of the FOL cookbook on Wednesday, September 15 at 7 pm at the Library! You'll be able to taste samples made from some of the recipes found in *READERS' RECIPES*. As an added attraction, the authors of the stories in the book will be on hand and, if persuaded, will sign your personal copy! Some of these writers will also read their work - just think what fun it will be, for example, to hear Lynn Plourde recite "Tired of Leftovers", and to listen to Mary Stuart's rendition of "Creme Brulee". We hope you'll come and join the fun.

COOKBOOK ON SALE NOW

You may purchase *Reader's Recipes* at the Library and at the Skiowhegan Town Office. The cover picture is Milton Christianson's beautiful painting of our Library. Prints and postcards bearing the same picture are also available at the Library.

LIBRARY LUNCHES

Friday, October 29 will be the day for this year's popular "Library Lunches". As in the past, orders will be taken to deliver delicious bag lunches to businesses, offices and the Library. This event has always been a successful fund raiser thanks to the many people who volunteer in a variety of ways.

Here's what is needed. Please call Marcia (474-7207) or Corrilla (474-3949) if you can help.

1. Sales people - to take order forms to businesses and offices, and return a week later to collect orders and money. This needs to be done several weeks in advance.

2. Homemade desserts - individually wrapped brownies or cookies delivered to the library before 6 pm on Thursday, October 28. Be sure to tell us how many desserts you plan to make so we're sure to have enough for every bag.

3. Sandwich makers - starting at 8 am on October 29 at Corrilla's house

4. Drivers - to deliver lunches, starting about 10:45 am (This usually works best with a second person in the car to keep track of the stops)

EMPIRE FALLS SIGNATURE QUILT

Some bids have been received on the quilt auction. Closing day for bidding is September 7th. Watch for announcement of the results!

THANK YOU, Pat Dickey and others at the Town Office for promoting both the quilt and the cookbook at recent town events. We appreciate your help!

MEET A VOLUNTEER

by Maureen Calder

So often, people talk about things they'd like to be involved with, places they might be able to lend a hand. Some don't just talk about it, some actually get involved. One such person is Tina Burns.

Tina has been actively involved with the Skowhegan Free Public Library for the last two years. She started volunteering in whatever capacity was needed and now concentrates primarily as a "Story Hour Lady" in the Children's Room.

She has a wonderful talent for craft ideas and comes up with a variety of activities for the children who attend on Wednesdays.

Tina loves spending time providing this service because it gives her the opportunity to use her teaching skills and, as an added plus, it's a chance for her daughter, Katelyn to join the fun.

FRIENDS OF MAINE LIBRARIES

The FOML annual meeting will be held at the Senator Inn in Augusta on September 24, 2004. Anyone who is interested in Maine libraries is welcome to come.

Maine's First Lady, Karen Baldacci will open the meeting. She expected to describe the new literacy initiatives being introduced to Maine.

Steve Nichols, President of the Maine Library Trustees Association will present the keynote address.

The three District Consultants will host a What We Do session to describe the services their offices provide. Linda Lord will present a State Library Report.

There will be six workshops presented throughout the day. There is a choice of three in the morning. Writing Winning Grants will be chaired by Lila Duffy. Friends will share their experiences with the Latest Booksale Techniques. Molly Larson will present recent and some imminent - changes in Maine databases. Mave! Maine Database Update.

After lunch, three more workshops present a

difficult choice. Beth Edmonds, State Senator and School Librarian will talk about local and state-level advocacy in Advocating For Your Library. Last Year's Grant Winners will explain their winning projects. Friends groups from around the state will share What Works in membership, fundraising and programs.

For information call (207 947-4051) or visit the website: www.friendsofmainelibraries.org.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

Marjorie Fletcher Quirion

Kathy and Jeff Evans

Shirley Bastien

Janet and Elton Powers

Rhonda E. Daggett

Oto and Petra Prokop

Thank You!

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.

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

September 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 4 pm at the Library The public is welcome to attend.

September 7 Final bids for the Empire Falls Quilt will be accepted.

September 15 Reception featuring foods from "Readers' Recipes" and signing by authors of the stories in the cookbook 7:00 at the Library

September 24 Friends of the Maine Library meeting in Augusta Details available at the Library

OCTOBER

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

October 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 4 pm at the Library The public is welcome to attend.

October 21 Library Lunch orders and money picked up

October 29 Library Lunches delivered



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