



The Library Lookout

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I had an enjoyable evening on February 4th, when the Lions Club invited me to an awards dinner. The awardees were some of our own Middle School students who had participated in the "Peace Posters" contest promoted annually by the Lions. The library displays the posters for the month of November, and it's always a letdown when we have to remove the posters. They're so colorful.

The Lions Club is also underwriting the materials for an educational program that the library and the children from the Somerset Valley Academy will be collaborating on. This program will use books from Maine author Tim Caverly to learn about the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

I've been quite busy proctoring tests for college and high school students this month. Some of the tests are computerized, and some are old fashioned pencil and paper. I'm glad I can play a small part in these students' education.

The library has been in the midst of a book sale for all of February. Many great bargains were found, at rock bottom prices. It was nice to hear from some of the patrons that they found a book they had been looking for.

Work on the back staircase addition is proceeding nicely. The addition is close to being finished. The paint went up on the walls this week, and the door to the Mezzanine

section was installed recently. What a great job the contractors are doing.

Look for us at the FAB Fair on Saturday, March 2. The Friends of the Library and I will be sharing a table. Since the Fair is inside the Skowhegan Area High School, it's a great way to visit with businesses and non-profits in a warm and dry environment.

I'll leave you with this thought; "Just the knowledge that a good book is awaiting one at the end of a long day makes that day happier." Kathleen Norris

Until Next Month
Dale

THANK YOU, LEE

This month Lee Granville will officially resign from the Bloomfield Academy Trustees of which he has been a dedicated member since 2002. At different times during these eleven years, he has served as curator and president of Skowhegan History House, and Chairman of Bloomfield Academy Building Committee, the Heritage Council, and the Library Trustees. At the same time, although claiming "retirement", he is that smiling face we all know at Boynton's Greenhouses every spring when we shop for seedlings. He is a talented photographer, a gifted writer, a knowledgeable historian, and an especially nice person. (Does he really think people will let him retire?)

Thank you, Lee, for all you've done for the library. We greatly appreciate your steady dependability, wise advice, perseverance and optimism.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

February is the shortest month, but we packed it full of activities here in the children's library. We had our Valentine's "Craft"ernoon where families got to enjoy making homemade Valentine goodies together. It is always fun to see Moms and Dads getting into the projects with their kids! Then during February vacation, we had Pirate Night where the kids were busy chasing down their loot using treasure maps. The LC Bates Museum came in on Thursday and the kids really enjoyed learning about different birds from their own backyards. They also got to make and take home a bird feeder to help attract the birds to their homes. Then we ended the week with Bingo for Books when kids ages 3 and up played bingo and won books for prizes. This vacation week we saw about sixty kids come into the library for these programs.

Fun activities and programs are still on the horizon as we look ahead to March. March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day. This day is used to get kids excited and engaged in reading and is celebrated in schools and libraries all over the country. We will be celebrating by having Dr. Seuss Day at our library. We will be reading stories and doing Seuss - inspired activities and crafts. It should be a lot of fun and a great way to get kids excited about reading.



"Pirate Night" at the Library!

Important Announcement



Each year the Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters Most program offers a chance to earn \$1,000 or more for the Library. To do this we need YOUR help! Any Maine resident (no age minimum!) may cast a vote online by going to www.bangor.com/cmm or pick up a ballot at any Bangor Savings Bank. Simply write in **Skowhegan Free Public Library**

What a wonderful opportunity to help our library!

Voting closes on March 11, so please vote TODAY!

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

BOOK REVIEW

by Marcia B. Granville

The Search by Nora Roberts is a story with several layers. It could serve as an instruction manual for the new owners of puppies. The book shows, in some detail, how both the dog and its human can be trained to make an effective and happy team without detracting from the story or being at all preachy. It goes on to show how dogs can be very effective in search and rescue efforts. However, *The Search* is not a manual for dog training. It is a romance novel written in the classic Nora Roberts style with suspense built in.

Fiona, a dog trainer, has survived an attack by a serial killer. Now, someone is murdering young women again, using the same trademarks, even though the original killer is locked behind bars. Then one of those trademarks shows up in Fiona's mail!

Simon and his destructive puppy, Jaws, require a lot of Fiona's time and attention. Then, an intrusive reporter begins writing about the details of Fiona's life, even going so far as to describe her home. She has a source who is leaking facts that the police do not want the killer to know.

I enjoyed this book enough to read it again. I hope you will too.

RENOVATION COMMITTEE EVENTS

The Valentine's Day Bake & Craft Sale was a success thanks to those who created and those who purchased. Thank you!

We're now gathering items for the May 18th annual lawn sale at Hastings' barn. When you're cleaning out those closets, attics and basements, please save the "treasures" for this event. Small items may be left at the library, and larger donations may be brought to the barn any time. (Please call 474 3949)

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Barry, Dave/ *Insane City*
Benjamin, Melanie/ *The Aviator's Wife*
Berenson, Alex/ *The Night Ranger*
Binchy, Maevel/ *A Walk in Winter*
Block, Lawrence/ *Hit Me*
Chiaverini, Jennifer/ *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*
Cornwell, Bernard/ *1356: A Novel*
Crombie, Deborah/ *The Sound of Broken Glass*
Fluke, Joanel/ *Red Velvet Cupcake*
Gardner, Lisa/ *Touch & Go*
Jance, J.A./ *Deadly Stakes*
Kellerman, Jonathan/ *Guilt*
Kleypas, Lisa/ *Crystal Cove*
Patterson, James/ *Alex Cross, Run*
Perry, Martal/ *Home By Dark, LP*
Picoult, Jodi/ *The Storyteller*
Robb, J.D./ *Calculated in Death*
Stabenow, Dana/ *Bad Blood*
Woods, Sherry/ *After Tex, LP*

Non-Fiction

Brewer, Robert/ *2013 Writer's Market*
Houston, Cissy/ *Remembering Whitney*



Francoise and Linda at the Valentine's Day Sale

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

MARCH

March 2 See us at the FAB Fair, 10 to 3

March 2 Dr. Seuss Day at the Library, 10:30 to 12

March 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

March 9 Socrates Café, 11 to 1

March 11 & 25 Toddler Time, 10:30

March 13 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6PM

March 13 Transition Skowhegan, Backyard Sugaring, Cooperative Extension Office, 7 PM

March 16 St. Patrick's Day Story Hour 10:30

March 19 Lawyers in Libraries "Renters Rights and Responsibilities", 6 to 7 PM

March 19 Family Story Hour: Maple Fest! 4:30

March 21 Jazz Concert, 7 PM

APRIL

April 2 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

April 8 & 22 Toddler Time, 10:30

April 10 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM

April 13 Socrates Café, 11 to 1

April 15 Patriot's Day, library closed

April 16 Family Story Hour, 4:30

April 18 Puppet-making workshop, 1 PM

April 18 Jazz Concert, 7 PM

April 20 Art & Earth Day "Craft"ernoon, 10:30-12:30

April 24 History House Program "The Good Old Days -- Young Lives in the Civil War", 7 PM

Remember the Library when you recycle those bottles and cans

Just ask the clerk at EMTEEZ, 10 St. Mark St. or the Beverage Mart to retain the money for the library.