



The Library Lookout

December 2016

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat. 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. I was fortunate that most of my family was at the table with me. As each year goes by, I hold more dearly the time I get to be with them. I hope I never take it for granted.

If you're in Hannaford in December, why not show your support for the library by purchasing a blue Karma reusable bag. With each bag you purchase, \$1 goes to the library. This is a great program that Hannaford offers to help non-profits like ourselves. These sturdy, attractive and reusable bags are just the ticket to haul your groceries in. Don't stop at just one, buy two or three!

Take a stroll with us December 2nd as we march in the holiday parade. Nothing fancy, just show your support for the library by walking behind our library banner and saying "hi" to all of your friends and family along the way. Please remember to dress warmly though.

The library's annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Dec. 2nd from 10am to 6pm, and Dec. 3rd from 10am to 2pm. We'll have lots of gifts, crafts and goodies for you. Proceeds from the sales go to the renovations of the library.

Don't forget, the next meeting of the book club will be at 6pm on Dec. 12th at the Margaret Chase Smith Library. We have

some very lively discussions. This is a free program, and books may be picked up at the library.

My thanks to all of you that signed our budget petition in the last couple of months. These signatures allow us to get on the docket at the June town meeting to discuss and vote on our budget request. My thanks also to those that went out to get signatures. We couldn't have done it without you.

The building of the elevator tower is progressing smoothly. The brick walls have been completed, and the glass windows and doors are being installed. Stay tuned here for info on the latest improvements.

When you see Pat Dickey out and about, congratulate her on winning the Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce Alton W. Whittemore award for outstanding service. All who know Pat, know that she is well deserving of the honor.

I'll leave you with this thought; "balance is not something you find, it's something you create" Jana Kingsford.

Until next month – Dale



CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The Holiday season is upon us already! Lights are twinkling in the store fronts downtown, the Holiday Stroll is coming and the kids are getting excited for Santa. This time of year is always so busy. We try to fit every party, event, and tradition into our schedules. Don't lose sight of what really matters, being together with your family, making memories, and sharing love and kindness. It is my hope that you spend quiet moments together as a family reading holiday stories, snuggled under warm blankets and sipping hot chocolate with those you love.

During our annual Holiday Stroll, the Children's Library will be hosting Canaan York, a Maine children's author. He will be reading his story *The Christmas Tree* and then we will be making an edible Christmas tree craft. Mr. York will have his books available for purchase. As always we are also doing the Book Giveaway with kids. Each child who comes in will get to take home a free, new book of their choice. This event will be on Saturday from 11:00 – 1:00, so don't miss out!

We will be hosting an after-hour high school Christmas Party for this month's Teen Regression Session on Friday, December 9th from 6:00 – 8:30. There will be food, painting, an ugly sweater contest, and a Yankee Swap for all high schoolers in attendance. There are limited spaces, so any high schoolers interested will have to register for this event with Miss Angie.

Also in the name of holiday fun, we will celebrate Christmas for our December Family Story Hour. Please bring the kids out on Tuesday, December 20th at 4:30 for the Magic of Christmas.

If you are out and about shopping this month and see and good deals on stocking stuff type items, it is never too early for us to begin collecting for the summer reading program prize box.



Gavin and Bryson designed, built, and then erupted their Lego volcano during Lego Club.

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

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



The "almost finished" elevator tower!

“First Friday Sweet Treats!”

The Renovation Committee is planning a new fundraiser to bring smiles to the faces of winter-weary residents! On the first Friday of each month there will be different varieties of homemade goodies for sale at the library. All day long (while the supply lasts!) on January 6, 2017, there will be delicious chocolate chip cookies available in packages of four or six to take home for your hungry family and friends. All proceeds will go to the library renovation fund.

If you'd like to help with this event by donating your home-baked creations, please contact Jayne Hart at 474 9248 or 431 6246 or jhart@beeline-online.net.

Watch for the announcement of more **“First Friday Sweet Treats”** on February 3 and March 3!

Bottles & Cans

Remember to donate your refunds for returnable bottles and cans to the Library. Those nickels make a difference!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Archer, Jeffrey/ *This Was a Man*
- Baldacci, David/ *No Man's Land*
- Chabon, Michael/ *Moonglow*
- Child, Lee/ *Night School*
- Clark, Mary Higgins/ *The Sleeping Beauty Killer*
- Coelho, Paulo/ *The Spy*
- Connelly, Michael/ *The Wrong Side of Goodbye*
- Cornwell, Bernard/ *The Flame Bearer*
- Cornwell, Patricia/ *Chaos*
- Cussler, Clive/ *Odessa Sea*
- Evanoivich, Janet/ *Turbo Twenty-three*
- Groom, Winston/ *El Paso*
- Gross, Andrew/ *The One Man* (LP)
- Hoffman, Alice/ *Faithful*
- King, Stephen/ *Six Scary Stories*
- Krentz, Jayne Ann/ *When All the Girls Have Gone*
- Lamb, Wally/ *I'll Take You There*
- Meyer, Stephanie/ *The Chemist*
- Miller, Judith/ *A Patchwork Christmas*
- Moore, Graham/ *The Last Days of Night* (LP)
- Patterson, James/ *Cross the Line*
- Perry, Anne/ *A Christmas Message*
- Rice, Anne/ *Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis*
- Smith, Zadie/ *Swing Time*
- Steele, Danielle/ *The Award*
- Taylor, Andrew/ *Fireside Gothic*

NON-FICTION

- Bareilles, Sara/ *Sounds Like Me*
- Kendrick, Anna/ *Scrappy Little Nobody*

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

- Ann and Jerry Lynch
- Sandi and Walter Hight

BAKED GOODS NEEDED

December 2nd and 3rd Holiday Bazaar.

Baked goods will be welcome for the annual Holiday Bazaar - wrapped and labeled cookies, squares, candy, quick breads, etc. Please bring your creations to the library on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. THANK YOU!

Don't miss the Library Tree at Redington Memorial Home this year - thanks go to Pat Dickey and Judy Bowzer for decorating it.

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Library Staff

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

DECEMBER

Dec. 1 Transition Skowhegan, 6 PM
Dec. 2 & 3 Holiday Bazaar, 10 to 6 on Friday, 10 to 2 on Saturday
Dec. 2 Holiday Stroll Parade, 7 PM
Dec. 3 Author visit from Canaan York and Free book giveaway, 11 to 1
Dec. 6 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Dec. 7 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30
Dec. 9 Teen Regression Session, 6 to 8:30. Must be a high school student and registration is required.
Dec. 10 Socrates Cafe Discussion Group, 11 AM to 1 PM
Dec. 12 Let's Talk About It book discussion group, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
Dec. 13 Lego Club Jr., 3:15 to 4:15
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Dec. 14 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
Dec. 20 Family Story Hour: The Magic of Christmas, 4:30 to 5:30
Dec. 24, 25 & 26 Library Closed
Dec. 28 No Storytime

JANUARY

Jan. 1 & 2 Library closed for New Years Holiday
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