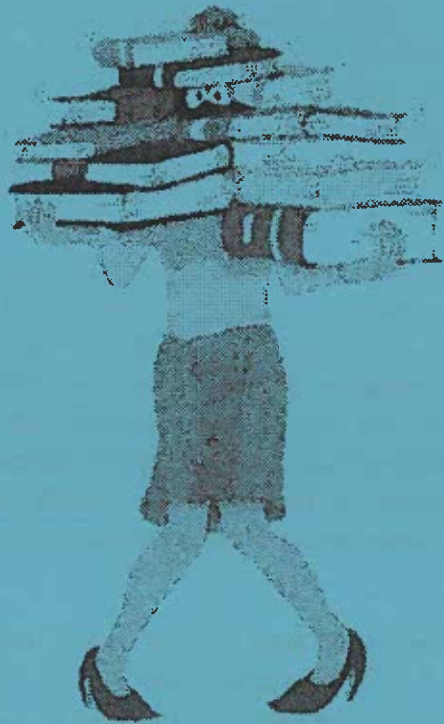




# The Library Lookout

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## ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The annual Book Sale will be held at the library from August 1 through August 8 during regular library hours. Donations of books are welcome, and may be brought to Françoise at the library any time up to the date of the sale. Friends of the Library have volunteered to help set up the sale on Tuesday, July 31, and to handle sales during the week. Please contact Marcia or Corrilla if you have a few hours to give. The money earned from this sale will go towards the purchase of new books and other materials.

## LATEST NEWS

*Compiled by Jim Foster*

### The Garden Tour

Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> turned out to be perfect for the Skowhegan Area Garden Tour sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Despite all fears, the event was blessed with warm sunshine with nary a rain cloud in sight. The tour maps and the wooden signs marking the gardens made them all easy to find. The hosts and hostesses were all friendly, many of them providing refreshments and cool drinks as well as lovely gardens to view. The Friends of the Library extend thanks to all the gardeners who participated. Shirley Bastien, Norman and Patricia Dickey, Val and Jeanette Dionne, Alan and Sheila Foxwell, Jim and Corrilla Hastings, Herb Paradis,

The Somerset Cooperative Extension Service and the wonderful members of the Bloomfield Garden Club who do such a great job at the History House and in Coburn Park.

The tour started at the Centenary United Methodist Church where luncheon and an art show were provided. Mary Turbyne and Eileen Seamans greeted guests, sold tickets and gave directions from 10:00 to 11:00. Elizabeth Payne and Margaret Payne-Burcher took the second shift. The day ran smoothly, in large part, due to these ladies.

When luncheon guests arrived, Robin Moore guided

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## Book Reviews

### *Serendipity and Synergy: The Story of My Life*

by Ida Russakoff Hoos

This memoir tells of her being born in Skowhegan into a family of seven, and her early years of school. She completed high school in Boston and graduated from Radcliff in 1933. The book describes her early career and work with Harvard social psychologists. She met her husband, Sid, who turned out to be a brother of Sarah Stern, in Washington. The memoir describes their life in the capital during the war, and later in California where Sid taught at the University of California and Ida got her PhD. It describes their life in Rome and Israel, where Sid was a visiting professor of Agricultural Economics. Ida went on to work as a research sociologist with the Space Science Administration. She later became a universal gadfly on nuclear waste disposal and earth sciences. She was a delegate to and speaker at many international conferences. She retired to Brookline, Mass. in the eightys, and still maintains an interest in global issues. Dr. Hoos is the author of many books, and a contributor to our library through the Cecil and Nina Russakoff Fund.

The memoir is available at the Library.

### *World's Fair*

by E. L. Doctorow

E. L. Doctorow's *World's Fair* is set in the Bronx just prior to World War II. He paints delightful word pictures of city street life at that time. One can see the ragman, fruit sellers and the hot potato man among others. The story offers a fascinating insight into the thought processes of a small boy. He knows that chickens are Jewish because of the Hebrew letters on the chicken market window. A story that tells of a family's struggles in the thirties, *World's Fair* will hold its appeal for generations to come.

reviewed by Marcia Granville

## Latest News

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them to their tables. The luncheon plates of gourmet chicken salad dressed up with parsley and nasturtium blossoms was well received. Herb breads, cucumber slices, wedges of watermelon and home made dessert squares rounded out a delicious meal. There was hardly a scrap left on anyone's plate. Florence Sterns and Maxine Russakoff baked the bread, Corrilla Hastings prepared all the chicken and Dottie LaCasse rounded up the desserts. Corrilla, Dottie and Marion McLaughlin kept the kitchen running smoothly while Katrina Lyons, Toni Gammon and Jenna Goodell did a superb job as waitresses.

Kathy Evans did a terrific job of gathering local artists to display their work. There were quilts, works in oil, watercolor and pastels, even some computer generated art. There were also several kinds of photographic art. People were heard to comment, "I didn't know there was so much talent in the area." The general positive feelings of the artists and of the viewers bode well for future events of a like nature.

The door prize basket was won by Nona Young of New Portland. The contents of the basket were all donations from local merchants. Thanks to Agway, Aubuchon, Blueberry Cupboard, Club Tan, Deck Copy, Holt Hair and Skin Care, Lynette's Cards and Gifts, the Paper Klip, Quinn True Value Hardware, Skowhegan Fleuristes, Town of Skowhegan and Variety Drug Store. The difficult task of rounding up the articles was done by Lynda Quinn.

Although all the figures are not yet in, The Friends of the Library have added at least \$1400 to the building renovation/restoration fund. Everyone involved did a wonderful job. We thank you.

### Skowhegan Friends to Give Workshops at FOML Conference

Skowhegan Friends President Corrilla Hastings and Vice President Jim Foster will be speaking at workshops at the Tenth Annual Friends of Maine Libraries Conference, to be held at the Senator Inn in

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Augusta on September 28th. Corrilla will be speaking on fundraising, with special reference to the "Mystery Theater" evenings which have been given successfully twice by the Friends of Skowhegan Free Public Library, with scripts written by Corrilla and Marcia Granville.

Jim, who edits the present newsletter, as well as the Friends of Maine Libraries newsletter, and maintains our website, will be co-chairing a workshop on Communications and Publicity, along with FOML Past President Stephanie Kumble from the Friends of Rockport Public Library.

Other highlights of the Conference will include a keynote address by Maine author and philanthropist Tabitha King, and a poetry reading by Maine Poet Laureate Baron Wormser.

Skowhegan Friends interested in attending can contact Jim Foster at 474-2589 for further information.

## Coming in Next Month's Issue

*Results and Descriptions of the Book Sale, Log Days Parade Float, and Summer Programs*

*Update on the New Computers and the Preparations for their Arrival in Late September or Early October*

*A New Improved Web Site at a New Address*

*Many Ways You Can Volunteer to Help the Library*

*... and Much More*

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### SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ADULT	1-5	10-5:30	10-5:30	1-5:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	1-5	10-5:30	10-5:30	1-5:30	1-5:30	10-2

## 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. individuals, \$8. Seniors & Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings (474-3949).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 1-8** ANNUAL BOOK SALE. At the Library during regular hours.
- August 1** Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room  
Skowhegan Children 100 Years Ago, 2:00 in the Children's Room
- August 7** Library Trustees Meeting, 4:00 at the Library. Open meeting.
- August 8** Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room  
Beavers, Furry Wetland Engineers, 2:00 in the Children's Room
- August 15** Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room  
Crafting with Wonderful Stuff, 2:00 in the Children's Room
- August 22** Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room
- August 29** Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room
- September 4** Library Trustees Meeting, 4:00 at the Library. Open meeting.
- September 5** Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room
- September 12** Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room  
Friends of the Library Meeting, 7:00 pm at the Library



**Your Librarians Are:**

Helen Shaw,  
Francoise Labonte,  
Lois Moody  
and Thelma Butler

**Your Library Trustees Are:**

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,  
Mary Davies, Betsey Hall,  
Kathy Dorko,  
Toni Jo Blaisdell and  
Rick Anzelc

**Friends Officers Are:**

Corilla Hastings, Pres.;  
Jim Foster, V.P.,  
Marcia Granville, Sec.  
and Kathy Hughes, Treas.

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