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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I love fall! The leaves are starting to turn and there's that morning briskness to the air. Pretty soon, you see more leaves on the ground than on the trees. But that's all right, more to jump in!

The Longaberger Basket raffle has been going well. It's always fun to call someone up and give them good news. Plus, they've been such a good conversation starter. Folks always want to know why we're doing this.

Betty Cichocki was here on September 14th. She spoke about her new book "Things That Last", a spiritual book about life with her husband. Betty did a great job sharing the who, what and where of it.

We have a few folks out and about circulating the library petition. This petition is so that the library's request for town funds can be put on the warrant. It's to be voted on by the citizens of Skowhegan at the annual town meeting in June. If you're a citizen of Skowhegan and would like to help with this, please stop by the library and pick up a petition to circulate. We're looking to collect 500 signatures total.

We've also been busy working on cleaning up cataloging records in our catalog Destiny. With complete records, it's easier for us to find information that patrons request. It'll also help the patrons themselves in the future, in that after the renovations we'll be installing two patron catalog computers for them to search for items themselves.

This month I've been busy speaking with

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our contractor and architect concerning the renovations. We've finally received the completed blue prints for the project, and Steve Dionne has been speaking with other contractors who will be doing parts of the project such as plumbing, electrical, ventilation, etc. We should be starting to work on waterproofing the foundation soon.

And speaking of the library renovation; our Renovation Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm. We're always looking for new ideas to raise funds, and new people to help with them. Without your help, it'll be harder to raise the rest of the funds needed to complete the renovations.

Looking forward into October - Saturday hours resume on October 1st. We'll be open from 10-2. Jeff Evans will be here that same day to teach a resume writing class from 1-3. The folks from Thomaston Place Auction Galleries will be at Tewksbury Hall at the Federated Church on Friday, October 7th from 12-4. For \$5 per item they'll appraise your family heirlooms (limit of 5 items). The Socrates Café discussion group will meet at 11am in the Civil War Room on Oct 8th; we have a scrapbooking class from 10-12 on Oct. 15th; and Alder Fuller will speak about climate change during the Transition Group's monthly meeting at 7pm on Oct. 19th.

Before I sign off, I'd like to leave you with this quote.

"As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed all those books belonged to her." (Erma Bombeck - Author)

Until next month,

Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

by Angie Herrick

The weather is starting to cool down and leaves are beginning to show some signs of their autumn hues, busses are on the roads, and kids are on the fields—it's official; Fall is here! I don't know about you, but for my family, getting back into the routine of school can be quite stressful. Getting your kids to read shouldn't be part of that stress. Here are some ideas to help your kids succeed when it comes to reading:

- Read together as a family. Pick a book that might interest everyone in the family then take turns reading a chapter a night.
- Read on the go. Have your kids bring along some books for those long weekend trips, or even small trips around town. If reading in the car doesn't work for your child, waiting rooms and sibling's sport practices are also times when having a good book on hand will "kill some time."
- Offer an incentive program to get reluctant readers more interested. "Read for twenty minutes and earn twenty minutes on the computer" or "finish a whole book this week and get a later bedtime Friday night." Find whatever works for your family!
- Pick a special Library day once a month or every other week and let the child come in and pick out different types of books that interest them.
- Teach by being a good example! If you read, your child is more apt to read!

If you need any help finding materials for your children, come in to the library and any of us will be more than happy to help put a book in their hands. One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is when I recommend a book to a child and they come back in and tell me they loved it and leave with not one, but two or three more books!



Lee Granville, Francoise and Dale discuss some antiques in preparation for the Antique Appraisal Fair on October 7th, 12 to 4 PM at Tewksbury Hall.

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

Connie Connell
Margaret Lovejoy

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

Name _____
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City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
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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 Faleysha Seaman
age 16

The Ear, the Eye and the Arm: A Novel by Nancy Farmer

It was an awesome book! I almost felt like I was the main character (an over protective dad who doesn't let you leave the house). The only difference is they have to sneak out through an elaborate security system and they encountered strange and dangerous creatures.

This book is really engaging and worth reading!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Archer, Jeffrey/ *Only Time Will Tell*
Boyle, Gerry/ *Port City*
Brown, Sandra/ *Lethal*
Connolly, John/ *The Burning Soul*
Cussler, Clive/ *The Race*
Francis, Felix/ *Dick Francis's Gamble*
Hamill, Pete/ *Tabloid City*
Howard, Linda/ *Prey*
Lewis, Beverly/ *The Mercy*
Lippman, Laura/ *The Most Dangerous Thing*
Neggars, Carla/ *Saint's Gate*
Parker, Robert B./ *Killing the Blues*
Robb, J.D./ *New York to Dallas*
Truman, Margaret/ *Monument to Murder*
Woods, Stuart/ *Son of Stone*

NON-FICTION

Fey, Tina/ *Bossypants*
McCullough, David/ *The Greater Journey*
Mann, Charles/ *1493*

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THANKS

Thank you to all of you who have made donations for "Nana-2-U" sales for the Renovation Fund!

REMEMBER!

Antique Appraisal Day: Friday, October 7, 12 to 4 at Tewksbury Hall (behind the Federated Church).

Meet a Friend

By Marcia B. Granville

Peggy Lovejoy came to Skowhegan to teach school in 1970. She had been teaching Special Ed in the rough neighborhoods of Philadelphia's inner city. She continued with Special Ed in Skowhegan, then taught kindergarten and first grade in Park School, then in the Bloomfield and the North Elementary schools.

Ms. Lovejoy has been retired from teaching for six years but finds herself as busy as ever. She attends a sewing class, tutored a gifted child in math for five years and continues to contribute to the education of our children by serving on the School Board.

She has always been interested in the Skowhegan Free Public Library and, when asked to do so, was happy to serve on the Friends of the Library Board. A valuable member of the Friends, she has priced objects for the Library Lawn Sale, helped with the Library Lunch, participated in the Jazz Concerts, and worked on the Friends of the Library by-laws in a sub-committee. Currently she is the Vice President.

Peggy believes that it is important to support the library and the park at the town meeting. These are two places in the town that are really enjoyable. The summer concerts in the park are free as are the jazz concerts and other events at the library. In this day and age, it is very important to have a library where you can obtain books to read without having to buy them all. It is important to have places like this in town to make it an interesting and viable place to live. It is wonderful that the library is being renovated to bring all systems up to date and handicap accessible.

"The library has the potential for being a very vibrant part of the community. The library is representative of old-fashioned values. I hope people never lose them."

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Calendar of Events

Children's Story and Craft Hour every Wed. at 10 AM

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 Saturday hours begin, 10 AM to 2 PM
Oct. 1 Resume Class by Jeff Evans, 1 to 3 PM
Oct. 4 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 7 Antique Appraisal Day at the Tewksbury Building, 12 to 4 PM
Oct. 8 Socrates Café, 11 AM
Oct. 10 & 24 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
Oct. 12 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 15 Scrapbooking, 10 to 12
Oct. 18 Family Story Hour and Pumpkin Party, 4:30 to 5:30
Oct. 19 Transitions Group, Dr. Alder Stone Fuller will speak on Climate Change, 7 PM
Oct. 29 Downtown Halloween Parade (meet at Federated Church) 10:30 AM

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 8 Author T.R. Reid on "Comparative Health Systems", BTOP system, 5:30 PM
Nov. 9 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 10 Friends of the Library Executive Board meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 12 National Gaming Day, 10 to 4
Nov. 12 Scrapbooking, 10 to 12.
Nov. 14 & 28 Toddlertime, 10:30
Nov. 15 Family Story Hour, 4:30 to 5:30
Nov. 16 Transitions Group, "Skills we have for Transition", 7 PM