



The Library Lookout

November 2019

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Library Hours: Mon.–Thurs., 10-6, Friday 10-3

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

As October comes to a close we would like to thank everyone who attended our Second Annual Ghost Hunt and especially the **Central Maine Ghost Hunters** who make this program something we look forward to all year long. We contacted some ghosts in the library, saw some footage of unexplainable events and even heard some disembodied voices.

Whatever lurks in the shadows of this 130 year old building made an appearance the weekend before Halloween. Be sure to join us next year to experience the fun!

November will be a busy month, full of great programs. On November 6th at 6:00pm **Author Ed Robinson** will be here to talk about his lovely book ***Nature Notes of Maine***. Ed will show us some amazing photos and tell us some of the highly entertaining stories of wildlife encounters. Be sure to join us for a wonderful evening.

November's meeting of **Books & Brews** will be held on **Tuesday, November 12th**, the day after Veterans Day. We read ***After the Eclipse*** by Sarah Perry and are excited to hear what everyone has to say about this Maine non-fiction. There's still time, pick up your copy today! As always, this book club is free and open to everyone. We encourage you to join us at Bigelow Brewing and read some books you may not have otherwise chosen.

Monday, November 18th we will be closed until noon because we are hosting the annual Region 5 meeting while other local libraries attend. We will post signs to remind patrons of this and we will be happy to serve you beginning at noon! Thank you for understanding.

This holiday season the library will be closed for both **November 28th and 29th**, Thanksgiving Day and the day after. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday with cherished friends, family and traditions.

October was the start of our **Fall Book Drive** and we have had such an amazing response. We have received the books we would have otherwise purchased ourselves in both the children and adult departments! We couldn't have done it without you, our wonderful patrons and community. Our book tree and the Amazon Wish List are both still up and running and we're asking for your continued support as we navigate these unexpected budget shortfalls. If you have questions please be sure to contact any of the librarians.



Smart Cookies Book Club participants learned about the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos, and made sugar skull masks.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

What a fantastically colorful fall we have had the pleasure of experiencing this year. Unfortunately, most leaves fell off quickly due to rain, and now the sun is sinking lower and lower giving us many more hours of darkness, but what a perfect time to pick up a book, pop in a DVD, or play a board game. We have all of those things that can be checked out from our library. Come browse our diverse selection!

On October 1st, all of the staff went to the Maine Library Association Conference at Sunday River. I was on a panel of speakers where I had the opportunity to share our coding club that we started this past fall. We are still in the learning processes along with the kids as we develop this coding club. We have completed one full session with some very eager learners. They went from knowing very little to writing code to make our robots complete challenges from a national competition. If you have a student in 2nd-4th grade that is interested in learning to code, we have a few more series scheduled for this school year, so please call to get more information!

We had a busy October in the children's library. We had a 4th grade field trip where they participated in a scavenger hunt, a visit to Bloomfield Elementary where I was the guest reader, Lego Club where we built catapults to launch pumpkins, Tween the Pages Book Club where we discussed the book *Breakout* and then did a breakout room, Smart Cookies Book Club where we learned about Dia de Muertos and made our own sugar skull masks, and a High School Regression Session where we had a zombie themed Halloween night. But my FAVORITE night of October was our 2nd annual Harry Potter Trivia and Treats Night. It was a super close game, but in the end, Hufflepuff pulled out the house cup win! We had a photo booth, wand making, cupcakes that sorted us into the different houses, and even Bertie Botts Every Flavor Beans – which I do not recommend you try! It was a fantastic night for adults and kids alike to celebrate all things Harry Potter.

November and December seem to go by so quickly with lots of holiday celebrations. The best way to keep track of what is going on at the library for kids and teens is by "liking" our Facebook page. And as always, if you have questions about our programs don't hesitate to call and ask.



Harry Potter and Hermione Granger are answering a question in our 2nd annual Harry Potter Trivia and Treats Night.



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The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library is a not-for-profit organization that helps promote and improve the Library's resources and facilities. Your membership in the Friends provides critical support to our Library. Suggested dues are \$24 for individuals and \$36 for families. Many give even more. Please consider the role that our Library plays in our community, and choose a level of support that's right for you. Whatever you decide, you can be sure that any amount is gratefully received and much needed.

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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

FOL FUNDRAISERS

The annual **Library Lunches** fundraiser was a great success thanks to Jeanne Shay and her group of twenty-one volunteers. Thanks also go to the forty-four businesses that participated by ordering lunches, to North Star Orchards for donating apples, and to both Geroge's Banana Stand and SAMS for gift certificates. This was truly a "community event"!

There were 241 lunches sold with a profit of \$1,683.57 which will go towards the purchase of much needed items for the library

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The next FOL fundraiser is the annual **Holiday Bazaar** scheduled for December 6 and 7 at the Library. This event will be chaired by Bonnie Chamberlain who will be looking for volunteer workers to set-up and price, and/or to sign up for a two-hour stint to sell on either of the two days.

The Bazaar will feature holiday gifts and decorations along with "delectable" homemade baked goods! If you have items to donate, would like to create something special in your kitchen, or help with this event, please contact Bonnie.

Tickets for the **Circulation Desk Raffle Baskets** are still on sale at the Library circulation desk. Be sure to purchase your ticket to win one of the four prize-filled baskets! (Winners' names will be drawn on the second day of the **Library Holiday Bazaar** on December 7th.)

SPECIAL THANKS to:

the many members of the community who give so generously to Library fundraisers! Both individuals and businesses donate funds, time and talent to make it possible to acquire much needed items and equipment. With these purchases, our library is able to offer the materials and programs that our patrons deserve.

NEW BOOKS

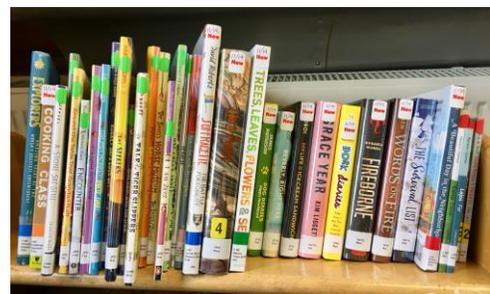
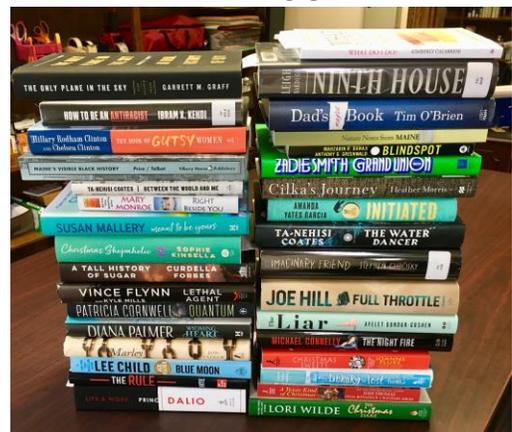
FICTION

Bardugo, Leigh/ *The Ninth House*
 Chbosky, Stephen/ *Imaginary Friends*
 Coates, Ta-Nehisi/ *The Water Dancer*
 Connelly, Michael/ *The Night Fire*
 Cornwell, Patricia/ *Quantum*
 Flynn, Vince/ *Lethal Agent*
 Forbes, Curdella/ *A Tall History of Sugar*
 Gundar-Goshen, Ayelet/ *The Liar*
 Kinsella, Sophie/ *Christmas Shopaholic*
 Monroe, Mary Alice/ *Right Beside You*
 Morris, Heather/ *Cilka's Journey*
 Smith, Zadie/ *Grand Union*
 Strout, Elizabeth/ *Olive Again*

NON FICTION

Calabrese, Kimberly/ *What Do I Do?*
 Graff, Garrett/ *The Only Plane in the Sky*
 Kendi, Ibram/ *How to be Antiracist*
 O'Brien, Tim/ *Dad's Maybe Book*
 Robinson, Ed/ *Nature Notes From Maine*
 Yates-Garcia, Amanda/ *Initiated: Memoir of a Witch*

THANK YOU!



These are all the books that were donated to the Library during the month of October: Adult's on the top, Children's on the bottom.

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Library Staff

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM **Sit & Knit: Every Friday, 1:00 – 3:00**

Nov. 4 Robotics and Coding Club (for students in grades 2 – 4. Pre-registration is required), 3:30 – 5:00
Nov. 6 Tween the Pages Book club, 4:00 -5:30 PM
Nov. 6 Ed Robinson, author Talk, 6:00
Nov. 6 Library Trustee meeting, 6:00 PM
Nov. 7 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00
Nov. 11 Library closed in observance of Veterans Day
Nov. 12 Lego Club, 3:30
Nov. 12 Books & Brews Book club at Bigelow Brewing Company, 6:30 – 7:30
Nov. 13 Smart Cookies Book Club, 4:00 – 5:00
Nov. 13 FOL Executive Board meeting, 4:00 PM
Nov. 14 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00
Nov. 18 Robotics and Coding Club (for students in grades 2 – 4. Pre-registration is required), 3:30 – 5:00
Nov. 21 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00
Nov. 25 Robotics and Coding Club (for students in grades 2 – 4. Pre-registration is required), 3:30 – 5:00
Nov. 27 No Storytime
Nov. 28 and 29 Library CLOSED for Thanksgiving
Dec. 2 Robotics and Coding Club (for students in grades 2 – 4 and pre-registration is required), 3:30 – 5:00
Dec. 3 Library Trustee meeting, 6:00 PM
Dec. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:00 – 5:30
Dec. 5 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00
Dec. 6 Holiday Bazaar – GIFTS! DECORATIONS! BAKED GOODS!
Dec. 6 Author visit: Lynn Plourde Storytime and Book Signing, 4:40 – 5:30
Dec. 7 Holiday Bazaar - GIFTS! DECORATIONS! BAKED GOODS! - Basket Raffle winner to be announced at noon!
Dec. 7 Children's Book Giveaway, 10:00 0 2:00 (or while supplies last)
Dec. 9 Books & Brews Book Club at Bigelow Brewing Company, 6:30 – 7:30
Dec. 11 Smart Cookie Book Club, 4:00 – 5:00
Dec. 12 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00
Dec. 13 High School Regression Session, 6:00 – 8:30 (Pre-registration is required)
Dec. 23 – 27 Library closed for holiday break
Dec. 30 Library closes at 4:00
Dec. 31 Library closed for New Year's - HAPPY 2020!