



The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Renovations have started again! Please excuse the noise and dust – it's only Steve Dionne and his crew making a better and safer library for you. As I mentioned last month, areas of the library may be closed off temporarily. Please be patient. We'll get them open again as soon as possible. Here's a photo of the Mezzanine level where they'll begin work. This area hasn't been available to the public in decades, but will be after the renovations.



Town meeting is coming up June 13th at 7pm. We'll be voting again for the library's annual budget. We're so thankful for past year's support, but we're asking you to please donate one night of your time to come to the meeting and show your support for the library. We know that this will be a tough year tax wise but we want to remind you that we

do our best to try to keep costs down. Please mark this date on your calendar. Come to the meeting yourself, but also bring a neighbor. Thank you in advance for all your support.

Our annual Friends of the Library meeting was a lot of fun. Our own Angie Herrick was the guest speaker, and got us up to speed about things in the Children's Library world. It was very informative.

A special library renovation fundraiser will be held at Barbara Arnold's house on the Whittier Farm Road in East Madison on Saturday, June 4th. This open house will begin at 10am, and last until 2pm. Beautiful Tocara Jewelry will be showcased, and offered for sale. Come yourself, and bring a friend to help support the library renovation elevator project.

Don't forget, a representative from Senator King's office is here each month. Don't miss this chance to get your opinions, and concerns voiced.

If you've thought about being part of our "Let's Talk About It" book group but didn't get a chance this spring, then don't despair. The group will be meeting again starting in September. Look for info on what we'll be reading to be posted in August.

I'll leave you with this thought: "Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." John Quincy Adams

Until next month - Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!" summer reading program is gearing up and sign-ups will begin on June 13th. We are inviting all kids ages 2 -12 to participate. It's an 8 week long program that begins on June 27th and is aimed at keeping kids engaged in reading and learning all summer long. Registering your kids is as simple as coming in to the library to fill out a sign-up sheet. (The first 100 kids get a free bag with goodies!) The kids who sign up will keep track of their weekly reading all eight weeks, and for each week they fulfill their goal, they get a prize. It's that easy. Last year, our participants read 1,556 books. Let's see if we can beat that this year!

In addition to reading for prizes, we also offer weekly storytimes and weekly family programs. Our summer storytimes will be all about moving, playing, and being healthy. These storytimes will take place every Wednesday at 10:00. Our family programs are a lot of fun activities that are open and free to all. Some of the programs are here at the library and others are out and about in the community. All of these programs are on Tuesdays and the descriptions of them can be found on our website and on our Facebook page. Schedules of programs will be going out to Skowhegan kids in grades K-5 within the next couple of weeks or you can pick one up at the library when you register your child/children.

Because we have so much going on during the summer in conjunction with our summer reading program, we want to remind you that our Family Story Hour and Tween the Pages Book Club ended in May. These programs will pick back up in the fall.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Friends of the Skowhegan Library who funded all of our 8 Tuesday programs for the summer reading program, and to all the local businesses and people who have donated incentives to hand out to our young readers when they meet their weekly goals!

Also, if you have been in the children's library within the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed our new and exciting iPad center. Thanks to the Skowhegan-Madison Elks Club procuring an ENF Gratitude grant, they were able to give us the money to buy two brand new iPads, the crayon Kiosk, and 25 fun and educational apps. The apps are geared towards

preschool and elementary aged children. Come in and check it out – many kids have already had fun sitting and listening to an interactive story, coloring, doing puzzles, playing games, and more. We are very grateful to have this new and fun technology at the library. My sincerest thank you goes to all the Elks for making this happen.



Rob and Cathy Voisine and Carol Jarvais from the Skowhegan-Madison Elks 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

FOL PRESENTS \$5,000 DONATION FOR ELEVATOR ADDITION



At their Annual Meeting on May 11, the Friends of the Library presented a check for \$5,000.00 towards the Elevator Addition. Receiving the check from Co-Chairs Margo Reid and Jeanne Shay was Campaign Manager Patricia Dickey, who expressed her appreciation for all the work and support that the Friends group has contributed to the library.

ANNUAL LAWN SALE

The Annual Library Lawn Sale held on May 20 and 21 brought in just under \$2,000.00 for the Elevator Addition fund! Special thanks go to these volunteer workers:

Dottie LaCasse Lynda Quinn
 Judy Whittemore Pat Dickey
 Bonnie & Richard Chamberlain
 Judy & Jeff Bowzer
 Corrilla & Jim Hastings

and All the generous donors of sale items
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

TOCARA JEWELRY FUNDRAISER

Open House at Barbara Arnold's home
 164 Whittier Farm Rd, East Madison
 Saturday, June 4th from 10 AM to 2 PM
 Proceeds to benefit the Elevator Addition

Come and bring a friend!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

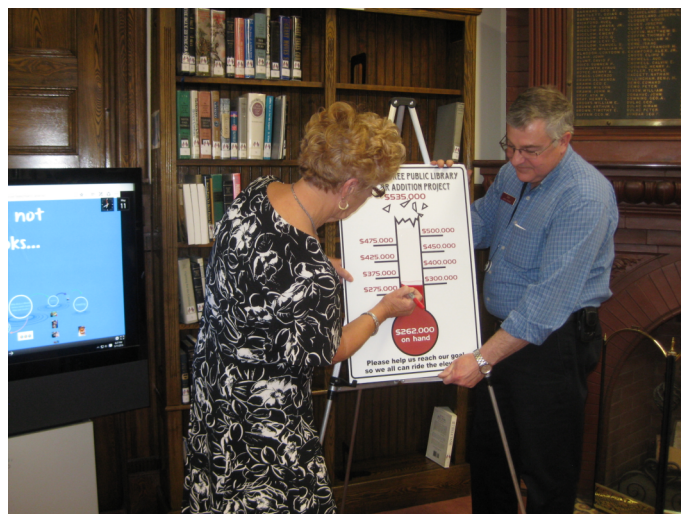
Atkins, Ace/ *Robert B. Parker's Slow Burn*
 Andrews, Mary Kay/ *The Weekenders*
 Boyle, Gerry/ *Straw Man*
 Brown, Rita Mae/ *Tall Tale*
 Cussler, Clive/ *The Emperor's Revenge*
 Fuller, Kathleen/ *A Reluctant Bride*
 Johnson, Craig/ *The Highwayman*
 Jordan, Neil/ *The Drowned Detective*
 Kelly, Elizabeth/ *The Miracle on Monhegan Island*
 Martini, Steve/ *Blood Flag*
 McCrumb, Sharyn/ *Prayers the Devil Answers*
 Patterson, James/ *5th Affair*
 Russo, Richard/ *Everybody's Fool*
 Sandford, John/ *Extreme Prey*
 Steel, Danielle/ *The Apartment*
 Thayer, Nancy/ *The Island House*
 Woods, Sherry/ *Destiny Unleashed*

NON-FICTION

Ellwood, Robert/ *Frodo's Quest*
 Schaeffer, Rachel/ *Yoga For Your Spiritual Muscles*

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

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| Anna & Ron Wilbur | JoEllen Gifford |
| Jeanne & Warren Shay | Janet Daigle |
| Jen & Rick York | Darla Pickett |
| Janet & Allen Mayhew | Constance Connell |
| Bob & Gloria Nicholson | |
| GFWC Semper Fidelis Club | |



Pat and Dale raise the level on the fundraising thermometer for the Elevator!

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

Your Library Trustees:

Toni Jo Blaisdell,
Corrilla Hastings, Carol Jarvais,
Hannah Luce, Lynn Perry,
Lynda Quinn, Warren Shay
Ex Officio: FOL Chair

Friends officers:

Co Chairs: Margo Reid and Jeanne Shay
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

JUNE

June 2 Transition Skowhegan Discussion Group, 6 PM
June 4 Renovation fundraiser: Open House at Barbara Arnold's to showcase Tocara Jewelry, 10 – 2
June 7 Your Gov't., Your Neighbor. Meet with a representative from Senator King's office, 10 AM
June 7 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
June 8 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM
June 13 Registration for Summer Reading Program begins
June 13 Skowhegan Town Meeting, 7 PM. Please come join the library family to vote for our budget.
June 17 Teen Regression Session 4 to 6 PM (for High School Students only)
June 27 Summer Reading Program begins
June 27 Let's Talk About It book discussion group, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
June 28 Kick-off Concert at Coburn Park with Rob Duquette, 12 o'clock

JULY

July 4 Library closed for Independence Day
July 5 Silly Swimmers at the LC Bates Museum at 10 AM
July 5 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
July 12 Ready Set Fly with Sparks' Ark Live Animal Program, 1:30 PM
July 13 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
July 19 Fuel Your Engines with Ms. Jenn and the Nutrition Detectives, 4:30 PM
July 26 Maine author/illustrator visit, Chris Van Dusen at Lake George Regional Park at 3:30 (books will be on sale at the event)