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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

It's hard to believe it's August already. Where does the time go? Here at the library we're enjoying seeing our patrons each day. While the children's Summer Reading Program has come to a close, the adult SRP is still underway! It's not too late to read *Mill Town* and *Mainly Power* for the chance to win a gift card to a local business! Who doesn't love prizes?!

The library is undergoing another small, but hugely necessary, renovation: new flooring! The terracotta/rust colored carpeting on the main floor has served its purpose and it's definitely time for something new and updated. Here's a little fun fact - the current carpet was given to the library when the Skowhegan Savings Bank decided to renovate their own flooring back in the '80s! To say the staff is excited would be an understatement! We are also redoing the wood flooring in the stacks on the main floor along with redoing the flooring in the Children's section.

With the generous donation of \$20,000 from the Stephen and Tabatha King Foundation we are so close to our goal of \$90,000 for this project! We have roughly \$87,000 so far! If you are interested in helping us reach our goal we are selling stickers and bookmarks designed by local small business Crown & Root! They are \$5 each and all This month we are holding our Book Giveaway on August 16th through the

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20th. We will have tables of free books in the front walkway for anyone and everyone to take home! These books are free, free, free! We would love to see these books go to loving homes but any leftovers will be recycled to make new books so it's really a win-win situation! Stop on by and take home as many as you'd like, you can never have too many books. Happy reading!



All smiles after picking up this week's activity kit: dinosaur fossils!

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S FLOOR

By Angie Herrick, Head Librarian & Youth Services

The Tails & Tales summer reading program is winding down. We have had a reading challenge with about 90 participants who have agreed to try and read 100 minutes a week. On Wednesday morning we have been posting a virtual Storytime on Facebook that goes along with that week's take-home activity kits. About 50 kids are coming in each week to get these kits! We have made paper peacocks, a whale, a bean mosaic puppy, a cardboard tube unicorn, and dinosaur fossils, and we have also dissected owl pellets. Although kids are not doing these activities at the library, many have been sharing photos of the finished projects! It has been fun to see kids still enjoying the activities, even if right now it is being done from their homes.

Even though the six week program technically has ended, we will keep the prize box out for the next week or two. All participants who completed the activity kits will be getting a Bookie Cookie Coupon that can be redeemed at the Bankery, and for kids who reached their weekly goal of 100 minutes we have the prize box. Make sure to come in and claim those last rewards for all of the reading!



Louise picks out a prize from the prize box after completing 100 minutes of reading for the week.



We love seeing the kids share their finished activities. Ali is showing off her bean mosaic puppy picture!

We are excited that the children's library has been able to bring some of the toys back out for kids to play with. Right now we have only toys that can easily be cleaned and wiped down. We were also given a donation for some new toys which we used to purchase a brand new dollhouse with dolls and furniture, new trucks and other vehicles, and new magnetic blocks. So far these toys have been a big hit with the little ones.

Other great news is that we once again had our annual visit from Kristine Rinaldi. She is an amazing benefactor for the children's library and brings boxes and boxes of new books for us to add to our shelves or to give away for different activities. Kristine used to live right up the street from the library but now resides in Texas where she works part-time for Scholastic. This job allows her to donate books and goodies to our library along with a couple of others. We are so thankful for her years and years of support. Her new books will be hitting the shelves soon, so keep an eye out!

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY STORE

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Adams, Sara Nisha/ *The Reading List*
 Blau, Jessica Anya/ *Mary Jane*
 Gelman, Laurie/ *Yoga Pant National*
 Graham, Heather/ *The Forbidden*
 King, Stephen/ *Billy Summers*
 Luesse, Valerie Fraser/ *Under the Bayou Moon*
 Macomber, Debbie/ *It's Better This Way*
 Miranda, Megan/ *Such a Quiet Place*
 Murphy, Julie/ *If the Shoe Fits*
 Oke, Janette/ *Sustaining Faith*
 Patterson, James/ *The Shadow*
 Reichs, Kathy/ *The Bone Code*
 Silva, Daniel/ *The Cellist*
 Slaughter, Karin/ *False Witness*
 Thor, Brad/ *Black Ice*
 Wendig, Chuck/ *The Book of Accidents*
 Wiseman, Beth/ *Listening to Love*
 Woods, Stuart/ *Class Act*

NON-FICTION

Barnett, Rob/ *Next Job, Best Job*
 Diangelo, Robin/ *Nice Racism*
 Gordon-Reed, Annette/ *On Juneteenth*
 Mayer, Catherine/Bird, Anne Mayer/ *Good Grief*
 Milligan, Benjamin H./ *By Water Beneath the Walls*
 Moore, Kate/ *The Woman They Could Not Silence*

Friends of the Library BASKET RAFFLE

Four baskets filled with a variety of treasures along with area gift certificates will soon be on display at the Library Store. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at both the store and the library circulation desk with all proceeds going to library programs and projects.

Drawing for the four lucky winners will be held during the December Holiday Stroll.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE

The Friends of the Library expect to report a great success at their "Christmas in July" sale on July 31 at 351 West Ridge Road in Cornville! If this issue of the Library Lookout reaches you in time, be sure to stop by to add a new item to your holiday cheer! (9 AM to 1 PM)



Currently, a festive collection of Christmas articles greets shoppers near the front of the shop.



Furniture is very popular at the store.



Karen is looking for one or two additional volunteers to commit to one day a week at the store.