



The Library Lookout

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

by Bree Bussell-Fitzgerald, Adult Circ Librarian

Recently we experimented with a few program ideas to get back into the swing of things after being unable to host in-person programming for so long. As expected, we had an absolute blast. We tried our hand at making bath bombs which was a delightfully scented, fun and fizzy program! Participants were excited to mix their own colors, scents and choose the shapes of their bath bombs. The most interesting scent combination was banana and s'more! We also had our first STEAM Lab of the year where we made the cutest seed bombs and planters for a lovely pop of color this spring.



The Girl Scouts came and toured the library with Miss Angie, learning that a library is so much more than a place to borrow books from, listening to a story and then even crafting their own library lions to take home.



Staff also attended Skowpendous where we showcased the children's Summer Reading Program. We dug for buried treasure, played ring toss with a dolphin and our Library Shark and Pufferfish got to meet so many new friends. Don't worry if you missed these silly sea creatures though, we have a feeling they'll swim by the library from time to time this summer!



NEWS continued

On May 5th at 3:00 we have a Mother's Day program scheduled where we will be making sugared flower scrub bars, a perfect gift for any mom or other motherly figure in your life! We all need a little extra self-care from time to time and this is the perfect handmade gift to give to mom for Mother's Day, or bring her along and you can make them together! Registration is required.

May 17th at 4pm we will have our second STEAM Lab. This program will be for kids aged 7 and up, and will focus on learning how to build our own electric circuits!

On another note, SFPL is thrilled to be part of the new telehealth pilot program being rolled out by the Maine State Library's "Libraries Health Connect." We will now have the ability to host appointments between you and your health care professionals right from our library. (Types of care that can be provided through the Maine Libraries Health Connect Program include wellness visits, requesting or renewing prescriptions for medications, follow-up appointments, consultations with specialists, nutritional counseling, mental health counseling, and other non-urgent conditions.) This new program will make it easier and more efficient for people in our community to be able to receive the quality health care that we all deserve. Call us if you have any questions or would like to reserve an appointment time.

As many of you may have heard, Angie has officially taken the position of Director of the Skowhegan Library. This means we are in search for a new Youth Services Librarian! This position is well suited for someone who is passionate about serving the community and creating a welcoming environment where youth of all ages can explore, discover, create, learn, and have fun. For more information on the job and how to apply, please see the Employment Opportunities page on our website at: <https://www.skowhegan.lib.me.us/employment-opportunities>.



NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Andrews, Mary Kay / *The Homewreckers*
Carr, Robyn / *A Family Affair*
Clipston, Amy / *Foundation of Love*
Coben, Harlan / *The Boy from the Woods*
Corbett, Ron / *The Sweet Goodbye*
Giacco, Francesca / *Six Days in Rome*
Glass, Julia / *Vigil Harbor*
Guillory, Jasmine / *By the Book*
Masterton, Graham / *Ghost Virus*
Mcbrayer, Lauren / *Like a House on Fire*
McMahon, Jennifer / *The Children on the Hill*
McTiernan, Dervia / *The Murder Rule*
Michalski, Liz / *Darling Girl*
Parker, Robert B. / *Revenge Tour*
Patterson, James / *22 Seconds*
Patterson, James / *Death of the Black Widow*
Patterson, James / *Steal*
Roorbach, Bill / *Lucky Turtle*
Thayer, Nancy / *Summer Love*
Weiner, Jennifer / *The Summer Place*
Worth, Lenora / *Secrets in an Amish Garden*

NONFICTION

Gehring, Jamie/ *Madman in the Woods*
Minetor, Mandi/ *Historic Disasters of New England*
Rinella, Steven/ *Outdoor Kids in an Inside World*
Rudd, Kevin/ *The Avoidable War*



Staff Book Picks

Angie – *All You Knead is Love* by Tanya Guerrero
Bree – *The Sweet Goodbye* by Rob Corbett
Josie – *Darling Girl* by Liz Michalski
Heather – *Crescent City* by Sarah Maas
Lyn – Meredith Summers' *Lobster Bay Series*

SKOWHEGAN FOL: A BRIEF HISTORY

Did you know that the Skowhegan Friends of the Library will celebrate its 24th birthday in July? It was started by two outstanding volunteers who no longer live in Skowhegan: Mary Davies and Jim Foster.

Mary took care of initially registering our Friends with the Maine State Library and writing our first by-laws. She made many visits around the state to other libraries that already had such groups to learn about their experiences and projects. During its first year, one of Jim's and Mary's projects was to write and publish the monthly "Library Lookout". Jim continued in this role until he moved to Utah in 2003 when Marcia Granville, and more recently Corilla Hastings, took on this responsibility. Jim also played a very active role in bringing the first computers to the library for patrons to use. He served as vice president of the Skowhegan Friends, and president of Friends of Maine Libraries in Augusta.

Since that time many people have generously volunteered time and effort as members of the Skowhegan Friends. A great many projects and programs have been generated by this group from book and food sales to larger occasions such as: Town-wide bag lunches, garden tours, lawn sales, play productions, cookbook publication, auctions, golf tournaments and many, many more. During the recent "Covid years" activities have necessarily been reduced with the exception of the amazingly successful Friends of the Library Shop on Water Street. Funds from all these programs have been dedicated to Library programs and/or materials from which all of us who use the library have benefitted.

THANK YOU, Friends of the Library members, for all you do!

Note: At this time the Skowhegan FOL Executive Board members are Bonnie Chamberlain, Pres., Maureen Davis, Jeanne Shay, JoEllen Gifford, Karen Lewia, Margo Reid and Mac Watts. If you are interested in also becoming a member of the Board, please contact Bonnie at bkchamberlainme@myfairpoint.net>.

