



Library Lookout

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Assistant Library Director's Corner

By Katherine LeBlanc

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we thought that we would get a break after the busy Summer Reading Program, however, we have now found out that Fall can be just as busy. Blynn, can we slow down yet?

I would like to first of all thank Maureen Calder, Petra Prokop, Corilla Hastings, Tina Burns and Marcia Granville for all of their help during our Open House. The evening was enjoyed by 45 patrons and fellow Chamber members. It was exciting to see the reaction of some who had not seen the changes that have been made to the Children's Room. Now that we are on a roll, we will move on to the Adult area in November. Any painting volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

I have had a very busy first year. As most of you know, September 4th was the anniversary of my first year working for the Skowhegan Free Public Library. To say it was eventful would be an understatement! My goal was to change the look and perception of the Children's Room. Thanks to countless volunteers, the Skowhegan Friends of the Library and the Semper Fidelis Women's Group, I have accomplished my goal.

This year I am focused on making the public aware of what the Skowhegan Free Public Library has to offer. My goal is to make sure

That the schools know that we don't want them to bus our children to the Waterville Library when we have so much to offer them right here in Skowhegan. With that in mind, we have had an increase in field trips. This year, since school began, we have had six field trips. Thanks go out to Mary Stuart and Marilyn Renfrew, for getting the word out to their fellow teachers.

Our Halloween Painting Contest set for October 30th has seventeen children signed up, and the Halloween Parade has been the talk of the schools! Thanks to all the Downtown Businesses who have donated their windows, time and candy and helping to make this a very festive Halloween season in the Skowhegan area.

This month, through the Christmas holiday's, the Skowhegan Library will be exhibiting the art work of Elsa Apetz. Please stop by and see the beautiful work that she has shared with us.

As of this date we do not have enough recipes to complete our Skowhegan Library Lovers Cookbook. Unfortunately we will have to wait until next year to complete this fund raiser. Look for the cookbook to be published in the Fall of 2004.

Looking ahead to the Skowhegan Holiday Stroll, we hope to be participating in the Parade as well as having a Twelve Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt. More information will follow, and as always, all volunteers are welcome.

On November first we will be displaying our

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"Wishing Tree". This year we are asking Santa for an On-line Card Catalog system. Blynn and Lucille Currier have generously made the first donation of \$100.00. On our tree will be mittens with donation amounts ranging from \$1.00 to \$25.00. We hope to build a fund so that this item can be purchased by February 2004. We will keep you posted in the Library with the progress that we have made. Blynn, Francoise and myself, thank you in advance for any donation that you can make.

FOL Meeting November 12

Don't forget to attend the Friends of the Library meeting at 7:00 p.m., November 12th. We have an exciting program for you featuring Ruth Blood, who will speak on genealogy. She will explain how to get started on your own family tree and where you can find information. She will tell you what materials are available at the Skowhegan Free Public Library.

Next month in the *Library Lookout*, there will be notes from the FOML workshops on *Book Sales* and on *Fund Raising-What Works*. We will also have the secretary's report from the November Friends of the Library meeting.

New and Renewed Memberships from October
 Welcome to you all and thanks for being Friends of the Library. Shirley Bastien, Mary Stuart, Janet and Mickey Powers, Kathy and Bob Dorko, and Rhonda Dagget.

Recipes Needed!

Do you have a favorite recipe to share? We would love to publish it in the "Library Lover's Cookbook." Please make a clean copy and drop it off at the library desk.



This newsletter is



LIBRARY LUNCH SALE

Due to the effort of many willing volunteers, 179 brown bag lunches were delivered to Skowhegan businesses on October 24. All proceeds of this event, which amounted to \$788.21, will go to benefit the library. Our "crew" of workers included Thelma Butler, Marcia Granville, Kathy Hughes, Maxine Russakoff, Dina Jeannotte, Carol Jarvais, Christine Smith, Karen Moore, Lee Granville, Blynn Currier, Katherine LeBlanc, and Corilla Hastings. Thanks should also go to those who made homemade desserts to include with each lunch.

MEET A VOLUNTEER

By Maureen Calder

A most gracious lady has recently joined the library family. Eleanor Veilleux spends her Wednesdays and Fridays assisting with any of the numerous duties at the Skowhegan Free Public Library. And, that's not all! This grandmother of five spends three evenings a week taking classes (Math, Keyboarding, and Intro. To Computers) towards earning her GED.

After being laid off from her employment of several years at Solon Manufacturing, Eleanor discovered that job hunting was not what it once was. Rather than becoming discouraged and frustrated, she discovered that through the National Council on Aging, she qualified for a program known as the Senior Community Service Employment Program. The program couples senior citizens who either want or need to work with a civic or nonprofit organization. Eleanor, wishing to work part time and always interested in learning new skills, finds that her twelve hours a week with the library really fits the bill. The remainder of her time is spent on class work, yard work at home in Norridgewock, being very active with her church and staying involved in the lives of her five grown children and grandchildren who are spread from here to California.

Eleanor says she is "pleased to help and willing to learn at the library because she appreciates the help she is receiving through this program."

We are certainly quite pleased and appreciative of her presence. If you are in the library on one of Eleanor's days, ask to meet her. Who couldn't help but be impressed with this lady's approach to challenges, hard work, and life long learning?

LIBRARY HOURS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10-6	10-6	10-6	10-7	10-6	10-2

BOOK REVIEW by Vi Ferland

Plainsong by Kent Haruf

This is a story of a sixteen year old girl, Victoria Roubideaux, who is a junior in high school. She gets pregnant and her mother throws her out of the house. She has no place to go, and a teacher, Maggie Jones, takes her into her home. After a while, Maggie decides to make a change and approaches two bachelor brothers, Raymond and Harold, to see if they will take Victoria to live with them. The brothers know nothing but the farm where they were born and raised. After much deliberation, they decide to take Victoria to live with them. All three of them have a lot of adjusting to do, especially since the men know nothing of women, and a pregnant one at that. Many characters enter into and out of Victoria's life. The father of the baby decides that he wants Victoria to live with him. She moves in with him but soon discovers she doesn't want to live his life style so decides she must go back to the farm with the brothers, Harold and Raymond. Victoria has a little baby girl and remains living with the bachelor brothers.

Friends of Maine Libraries Conference

Francoise LaBonte, Assistant Librarian and FOL members, Marcia Granville and Maureen Calder attended the conference. The short business meeting included the election of officers. Congratulations to our very own Corrilla Hastings. She is the new treasurer of the Maine Friends of the Library.

Workshop: Database:

Molly Larkin (Bangor Public Library)

http://libraries.maine.edu/maine_databases

This is a Maine InfoNet. The InfoNet prioritizes subject areas for the general public. The databases are free to Maine residents. Downloading is free. Searchable collections include: papers, journals, magazines, dictionaries, images, and encyclopedias. You can set up a free account through library-name (a pseudonym is okay.), library affiliation, and zip code. There is a direct link to a database for students k-12 (Searchasaurus).

There are many links available through the Maine InfoNet. You can access almost anything from international newspapers to Dunn and Bradstreet ratings, to Britannica Online to Magill book reviews.

For assistance you may e-mail Molly Larson at mlars@bpl.lib.me.us.

Workshop: Grant Winners 2002

1. *Norway Memorial Library-Children's Discovery Area* The discovery area is focused on ages 5-11. It is multisensory, including back-drop, craft, two activities and presentation. There is a different 'discovery' for each month, and some of them have been magnets, prisms, light, color, bugs, places, logic, communications and fantasy. Plans are made six months ahead and the props are stored for other occasions.

2. *South Portland Library-Year of the Sheep* This features an open house in the winter (Jan.-Feb.) with a variety of events and is centered around Asian populations with community involvement.

3. *King Middle School-The Choice is yours.* Student volunteers go on field trips to bookstores and choose books for the library. The day, three times a year, is made special by a visit to the "Thanks Alatte" Café.

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 Individuals, \$8 Seniors & Students, and \$15 for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings. (474-3949)

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Calendar of Events

- November 5 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- November 12 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- November 12 FOL Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the library Ruth Blood will speak on Genealogy.
- November 19 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- November 26 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- December 3 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- December 6 Holiday Stroll
- December 10 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- December 17 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- December 24 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- December 31 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room



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