



The Library Lookout

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

January might be the New Year, but I've spent much of it jotting down what happened in the preceding 12 months. It seems that everyone wants some type of report. February should be calmer, though tournaments are just around the corner.

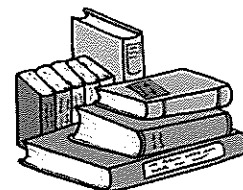
We've installed two new computers in our Genealogy Room. They were given to us by the State. They're used by folks looking to have a quieter area to work on job applications, resumes, job training, educational classes, taxes, genealogy research, etc. Anyone can use one, just check at the Adult Circ desk to see if one is available.

If you've never been to one of the "Transition Skowhegan" meetings at the library, please do so. The Transition Movement is a worldwide initiative to help communities equip themselves to deal with the challenges of declining oil reserves, changing weather patterns, and economic uncertainty. This month's topic of discussion will be "Local Economy - How to Make it Happen". Don't miss this interesting discussion on February 15th at 7pm. The Socrates Café discussion group will meet on Saturday, February 11th from 11-1. This month's topic of discussion is "Gradual Change." It's open to the public, just bring your thinking caps and opinions. We'll be having another Jazz Concert on February 16th at 7pm. What a great way to get out of the house on a cold winter's

night and listen to some great music. If you're a Jazz buff, don't miss it. And don't forget to bring your sweet tooth. Our Friends Group always has plenty of baked goods on hand for each concert. And speaking of sweet "tooths", we'll be having a bake sale on Valentine's Day. Stop by for some great treats. Proceeds benefit the library renovation. On March 1st at 6pm, we'll be showing the film "Windfall". This thought provoking film talks about wind energy development.

Since our library is currently going through renovations, we have a committee that devises ways to raise the funds to pay for them. We're always looking for folks to work on the projects, and also to bring fundraising ideas to the table. If you're interested in helping with this worthwhile endeavor, please stop by the library on February 8th at 6pm. Who knows, your ideas might be the ones that help us reach our fundraising goals. By the way, if you're interested in seeing what's been going on for the renovations, I put together a short video on our webpage. Just click on the button that says "Renovation Slideshow." I'll be updating these videos as time permits. Please check back occasionally for the latest one.

And now I'll leave you with this quote: "I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book." Groucho Marx

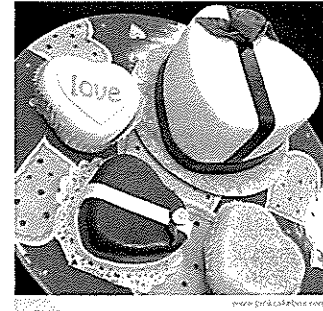


CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick

Starting this month in the children's library, you will start to see some subtle changes. We are doing some re-cataloguing and re-organizing of the books in our collection. Currently, all the books are lumped together and labeled as "Y" for youth. We decided that it may be easier for our patrons if we could split Y up into three categories: "YA" (Young Adult) will be all materials for our readers in grades 7-12, "Y" (Youth) will be all materials for our middle readers in grades 3-6, and "J" (Juvenile) will be for our youngest readers, infant – to grade 2. This of course, will take some time, but we hope it will be worth it, as it will help our patrons make easier book choices.

January is always an exciting time in the world of children's literature world. This is when the Caldecott and Newbery books are announced. The Caldecott award is awarded annually by the American Library Association, to the illustrator of the most distinguished American picture book for children, and the Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children—so basically, the winner of these two awards are the best picture book and fiction book of the year! This year's winner of the Caldecott was A Ball for Daisy, written and illustrated by Chris Raschka and the winner of the Newbery Medal was Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos. Both of these books have been ordered for our library and will be on our shelves shortly! I am very excited to read them and hope that you come in and check them out too!



VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE
FEBRUARY 14
AT THE LIBRARY
10 AM ON.....

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

MEET A FRIEND

By Marcia B. Granville

Margaret Reid retired from teaching English in the Skowhegan Area High School in 2001. She recently left the History House Board where she had served since Ed Kimbal asked her to join some years ago. "Sometimes, you just have to do something different," she says. "I may go back."

She has been going to the Skowhegan Free Public Library since she was a baby. She went from just borrowing books as a child and as an adult to serving on the Book Selection Committee from 1980 until 1990. Then she received an invitation to attend a meeting of the Executive Board of the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library in 2010. She did go to the meeting and joined the Board. She says, "I really enjoy it. Last year was the first time I worked on the Library Lunch. That was a lot of fun. It is a good way to earn some money." Library Lunches will be delivered this year on April 13.

Margaret does more than just enjoy her membership on the Executive Board. She has worked on the revision of the Friends of the Library by-laws and is currently working - as a committee of one - to update the Friends membership list. Friends of the Library should be prepared to receive a phone call or e-mail to confirm addresses, phone numbers, membership status, etc. In addition to this job, she has just agreed to take on the duties of Secretary, taking the place of Pam McDermott who is unable to continue her work on the Executive Board at this time.

Of the work being done at the library, she says, "The improvements are amazing. The windows are beautiful." She also is enthusiastic about the programs being held at the library. "I like the fact that we were able to hold an event for the History House at the library. The Jazz Concerts are great."

BOOK REVIEW

By Judy Bowzer

I am currently reading the *Outlander* series by Diana Gabaldon. The story begins in the 20th century when Claire Randall, a combat nurse, steps between two Stonehenge type monoliths and "teleports" to early 18th century Scotland where she meets Jamie Fraser. The book then takes the reader along on the colorful, and sometimes frightening adventures of Claire and Jamie as they travel through Scotland. *Outlander* entices the reader to move on to *Dragonfly In Amber*, the second book of the series.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Barr, Nevada/ *Rope: an Anna Pigeon novel*
Brunstetter, Wanda/ *Healing*
Copeland, Lori/ *Love Blooms in Winter*
Cornwell, Bernard/ *Death of Kings*
Crais, Robert/ *Taken*
Espinasse, Kristin/ *Blossoming in Provence*
Evanovich, Janet/ *Love in a Nutshell*
George, Elizabeth/ *Believing the Lie*
Grippando, James/ *Need You Now*
Hannah, Kristin/ *Home Front*
Higgins, Jack/ *The Devil is Waiting*
Kellerman, Faye/ *Gun Games*
Krentz, Jayne Ann/ *Copper Beach*
Leonard, Elmore/ *Raylan*
Lescroart, John/ *Hunter*
Paretsky, Sara/ *Breakdown*
Parker, T. Jefferson/ *Jaguar*
Patterson, James/ *Private: #1 Suspect*
Preston, Douglas/ *Gideon's Corpse*
Sawyer, Kim Vogel/ *Whisper of Peace*
Umrigar, Thrity/ *World We Found*

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Friends officers:

Darla Pickett, pres.
Peggy Lovejoy, vice pres.,
Pam McDermott, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Children's Story and Craft Hour every Wed. at 10 AM

FEBRUARY

Feb. 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM.
Feb. 8 Library Renovation Meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 11 Socrates Café, Topic: "Gradual Change", 11 - 1
Feb. 13 & 27 Toddler Time, 10:30 AM
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Bake Sale, 10 AM on.....
Feb. 15 Transition Group, Topic: Local Economy; How to Make it Happen, 7 PM
Feb. 16 Jazz Concert, 7 PM
Feb. 20 Library closed for President's Day
Feb. 21 Family Story Hour, "Reading is Out of the This World!", 4:30 to 5:30.
Feb. 25 Super Science Saturday, LC Bates presents "Rocks, Rock!", 11 AM.

MARCH

March 1 Movie, "Windfall", 6 PM
March 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
March 10 Socrates Café, Topic: "Silence is Golden", 11 - 1
March 12 & 26 Toddler Time, 10:30 AM
March 14 Library Renovation Meeting, 6 PM
March 15 Jazz Concert, 7 PM
March 19 Pen Pal Club 3:30
March 21 Transition Group, 7 PM