



The Library Lookout

March 2001

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Wish List

We need appropriate comfortable and ergonomic furniture, both chairs and tables, for all the computers and related equipment. None of the tables and chairs we have were designed for computing. We are also looking for good educational software titles for the Children's room computers.



Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

Fiction

- Camber *In Sunlight, In a Beautiful Place*
Higgins *Edge of Danger*
Hunter *Candyland*
Perry *The Whitechapel Conspiracy*
Tan *The Bonesetter's Daughter*

Non-fiction

- Carter *An Hour Before Daylight*
Giddings *A Pocketful of Dreams* (bio of Bing Crosby)
Pagany *In My Brother's Image*
Gould *Tales from Rhapsody Home*

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Jim Foster

LIBRARY WEEK

In recognition of Library Week, the Friends are sponsoring a poetry contest for grades 7 and 8, and a poster contest for children in grades K through 6. Both the poetry and the posters will be judged after March 28, and winners will be invited to receive their awards at a Library Week Party on Saturday, April 7 from 11:30 to 12:30. At this event there will also be face-painting, crafts, refreshments, and special book displays of both children's room and adult recent acquisitions. In addition to the contests, we plan to have an exhibit of dioramas on display upstairs during Library Week. Children are encouraged to make dioramas about their favorite books and bring them to the Children's Room at the Library on Monday, April 2 between 3 and 5 PM. The dioramas will not be judged, but a special prize will be awarded to each child who brings one in for the exhibit. Come and join the fun on April 7, and be on hand to congratulate the young contest winners.

DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY OUTREACH

We are coordinating our efforts with members of the Dove Society by reading to school children on or near Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2. Volunteers from the Friends who are participating in this program are Maxine Russakoff, Christine Smith and Kathy Hughes.

MARCH 14 FOL MEETING

The Friends of the Skowhgan Free Public Library regular bimonthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 PM at the Library. Speaker for the evening will be Dr. Joseph Missbach, who will discuss Domestic Violence.

CHILDREN'S NONFICTION CAMPAIGN

Our goal of \$1000 has been realized! Kathy Hughes, chairperson, has ordered the books and hopes they'll be arriving soon. **THANK YOU**, Lions Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of

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Book Reviews *by Marcia Granville.*

The Magician's Tale

by David Hunt

Kay Farrow is a photographer with a difference. She is not only color-blind but also has extremely light sensitive eyes. Without her dark-red wraparound shades, she cannot see in bright daylight. The world turns white like the spots you see after staring at a light. Still, Kay is a talented photographer who does her best work at night.

The Magician's Tale is a murder mystery without any Hercule Poirot or Sherlock Holmes. The only sleuth here is Kay Farrow. Read the book to find out how a nearly blind photographer can solve a mystery-and stay alive while doing it.

Inadmissible Evidence

by Philip Friedman

Philip Friedman has written a series of novels revolving around the justice system in the United States. These are murder mysteries usually featuring New York City

prosecutor Joe Estrada. In *Inadmissible Evidence*, Roberto Morales is once again accused of murder. This time the prosecutor is determined that Morales will pay the consequences of his crime. Unfortunately, some of the evidence may be inadmissible. Does the justice system work this time or does a murderer get away with his crime?

Do You Promise Not to Tell?

By Mary Jane Clark

Although there seems to be no connection between Mary Jane and Mary Higgins Clark, they both tell a fast-paced, and compelling story. The background for *Do You Promise Not to Tell?* is the world of television. TV producer Farrell Slater has stumbled onto a story about a Faberge egg and what may be the scam of the century. The murderer silences his victims with dismemberment, fire and strangulation. What does he have in store for a TV newswoman who just can't keep her mouth shut?

CIPA Frequently Asked Questions

Maine Library Association February, 2001

Q: What is CIPA?

A: CIPA, the Child Internet Protection Act, is a law passed by Congress requiring schools and libraries to censor the Internet with blocking software (filters) in order to receive federal funding, including E-rate discounts.

Q: Why are library professionals concerned?

A: The measure requires libraries to violate the First Amendment rights of our patrons in order to receive this funding. Furthermore, it interferes with each library community's right and ability to local control--to establish those policies and procedures that work best for us in each of our unique circumstances. We have a great deal of experience with technology as a valuable-but limited-tool for information access; we are aware of its value, as well as its limitations. No software is a replacement for human judgement; it can at best only supplement the decision-making process of each individual. We are in the business of providing information-not deciding what is or is not appropriate for our patrons to access. We believe strongly that patron education, not censorship, is the answer to the challenges presented to us by the Internet.

Q. What is the Maine Library Association (MLA) doing in response to this?

A. MLA and the Connecticut Library Association are among those who have agreed to be plaintiffs for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to challenge this legislation in court. The ACLU will represent us.

Q. Won't that be expensive?

A. The ACLU does not charge us for this.

Q. What about the American Library Association (ALA)?

A. ALA is filing its own separate suit with private attorneys.

Q. Why didn't MLA join ALA?

A. MLA sees this action as one of independent support for ALA's position. We are all working for the same goal-fighting nationwide, government-imposed censorship. However, the MLA felt that being represented by the ACLU was a good way for Maine to make a strong statement on this issue.

Q. How can libraries help?

A. Maine libraries can help by speaking out and getting our patrons to speak out against censorship.

Further resources: <http://www.ala.org/cipa/>

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Isabella, Dove Society, Sunset Chapter OES, Semper Fidelis, Bloomfield Garden Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, and Skowhegan Rotary!

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

saferd bg njhy tryu fgyh rety gf huuiop. That is what this entire newsletter would look like if you were one of the 100,000 adults in Maine who have trouble reading. Literacy Volunteers of Franklin and Somerset Counties is a nonprofit, United Way supported organization which trains people to teach those who need help with their reading and writing skills. This is done on a one-to-one basis, is free to the student and is strictly confidential. Literacy Volunteers is offering an eighteen hour tutor training workshop at the Skowhegan High School from 5 to 8 PM on Tuesday afternoons March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, and 24. There is a \$15 charge for materials but scholarships are available. If you are interested in turning someone's life around, or for more information about LVA call 474-7553 or 628-5451.

THE PASSAGE OF TIME, THE MEANING OF CHANGE

A book discussion group sponsored by the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library and the Maine Humanities Council will be offered at the Library on three Tuesday evenings this spring from 6 to 8 PM. Entitled, "The Passage of Time, The Meaning of Change", the discussions will be led by David Richards, Assistant Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library. Dates are April 10, May 15 and June 12, and books to be read are *The Country of the Pointed Firs* by Sarah Orne Jewett, *As We Are Now* by May Sarton and *The Beans of Egypt, Maine* by Carolyn Chute. These books are available now at the Library where there is also a sign-up sheet for the program. There is no charge.

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WINTER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ADULT	1-8:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

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).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 14 Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Regular Meeting 7:00 PM at the Library.
(Program Joe Missbach on Domestic Violence)
- April 7 Library Week Party, 11:30-12:30 at the Library.
- April 10 Book Discussion Group, *The Country of the Pointed Firs*, 6:00-8:00 PM. at the Library.
- April 27 Bag Lunch fundraiser. Details will appear in the Lookout as we get nearer the date.
- May 9 Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Annual Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Library.
(Election of Officers. Program to be announced)
- May 15 Book Discussion Group, *As We Are Now*, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Library.
- May 19 Lawn Sale. All day at the Hastings.
- June 12 Book Discussion Group, *The Beans of Egypt, Maine*, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Library.
- July 21 Skowhegan Area Garden Tour, 10:00-5:00. beginning at Centenary United Methodist Church,
Dr. Mann Road.



The Library Lookout

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Free Public Library
c/o Skowhegan Free Public Library
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Your Librarians Are:

Helen Shaw,
Francoise Labonte,
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Your Library Trustees Are:

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,
Mary Davies, Betsey Hall,
Kathy Dorko,
Toni Jo Blaisdell and
Rick Anzelc

Friends Officers Are:

Corilla Hastings, Pres.;
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and Kathy Hughes, Treas.