



The Library Lookout

June 2000

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Wish List

Donations towards the cost of our new printer and software for our new computers.

We're half way there.



Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

Fiction

- Brown *Standoff*
- Clark *Before I Say Good-bye*
- Klein *The Running Mate*
- Sanford *Easy Prey*
- Woods *The Run*

Non-Fiction

- Eggers *Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*
- Fitzgerald *Way Out There in the Blue*
- Hazzard *Greene on Capri*
- Love *The Bob Love Story*
- Poitier *The Measure of a Man*
- Kayson *Girl, Interrupted*

Children

- Jarrett *Heroines of the American Revolution*
- Rey *Curious George Goes to the Hospital*
- Rey *Curious George Learns the Alphabet*
- Rey *Curious George Flies a Kite*
- Paulsen *Tucket's Gold*

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster

Lawn Sale

The weather was perfect for the lawn sale held by the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library on May 20th. Jim and Corrilla Hastings assisted by Bill Laney and Marcia Granville began setting things up at their home on the West Ridge Road at 6:30. Before it was 7:00 o'clock they had their first customer. He was followed by droves of bargain seekers who were visiting each location of Cornville's "Six-Mile Lawn Sale." The help of Dottie LaCasse and Wilma Tilton as sales people was invaluable. High school students Meredith Moore and Fiona Reardon, arrived at 9:00 a.m. to cook and sell hotdogs and other foods. Almost before the griddles were hot, a line was forming at their station. The cooks went home, exhausted, at 2:00 p.m. after selling all but a few sandwiches and a mere six hotdogs. Those six were gone before another half hour had passed. Thanks to the generous donations of goods and labor, the Friends earned \$1100 for the Building and Renovations Fund.

Annual Meeting

Congratulations to new President Corrilla Hastings and Vice-President Jim Foster. They were elected at the Annual Meeting on May 10. They each put in a great deal of effort to help the library and this is one more task. They are proving the adage, "If you want something done, ask a busy person". Following the business meeting, a series of Book Reviews were presented by Priscilla Bilodeau, James & Rachael Bourassa, Alan Foxwell, Ivor Lovfing, Meredith Moore, Amy Russakoff and Phil Russakoff. We got a dandy list for summer reading. Thanks to Cathy Hughes for delicious sweets. Meetings will resume in September.

Friends of Maine Libraries

The Friends of Maine Libraries (FOML), the statewide umbrella group for Friends of Libraries, which we belong to, has been very active recently. By

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Book Review

by Marcia B. Granville

Dick Francis is one of my all time favorite authors. He is a master at getting his reader's attention. The first sentences in his books are prime examples. "I picked up four of them at White Waltham in the new Cherokee Six 300 that never got a chance to grow old." from *Rat Race*. "I had told the drivers never on any account to pick up a hitchhiker but of course one day they did, and by the time they reached my house he was dead." from *Driving Force*. And my favorite, "I despised my father's fifth wife, but not to the point of murder." from *Hot Money*. Once he has your attention, he holds it throughout the book. Any of the many stories he has written since retiring from his career as a jockey is a mystery, but not always a murder mystery. There is none of the shoot-em-up violence so often seen in books today. And there are no graphic bedroom scenes. Whether written in the late sixties or the late nineties, the stories are always current in their depiction of the human spirit.

Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Program for children age 4 and up will be from June 26 to August 4. Children are required to read and give oral or written reports on 12 books during the six week period. Books should be at the child's own reading level. Those completing the program will be treated to cake, ice cream and miniature golf. Summer Wednesday afternoon programs for children of all ages. All programs will be at 2 PM at the library:



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 Corilla Hastings (474-3949) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

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ADULTS	1-6:30	10-4	10-6	1-6:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-6:30	10-6:30	10-6:30	3-6:30	3-6:30	10-2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 5

Living Treasures from the Sea by Kristine Rinaldi



July 12

Amazing Feathered Friends by Somerset Cooperative Extension



July 19

Discovering Pond Life by Warren Balgooyen



July 26

A Magic Show by Joe Scozzafava



August 2

Who's Afraid of the Wolf? Not Us! by Jodi Renshaw, Maine Wolf Coalition



August 9

Tour of History House followed by games and refreshments from the 1840's



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Helen Shaw,
Francoise Labonte,
Lois Moody
and Thelma Butler

Your Library Trustees Are:

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Mary Davies, Betsey Hall,
Kathy Dorko,
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Rick Anzeic

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