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NEWS FROM THE CIRCULATION DESK

By Bree Bussell-Fitzgerald, Adult Circ Librarian

October seemed to fly by in a whirlwind to us here at the library, but we always appreciate the beauty of Skowhegan, and Elm Street especially, as the colorful leaves, views of the river, and late autumn sun give us such joy and contentment. But as fast as it did go by, we were able to cram in a lot of fun goings-ons at the library.

Books and Brews started back up! This is a book club we run and host at Unwined on Water Street in Skowhegan. It's a relaxed group where we meet monthly to discuss a book we all read. Last month we read *The Invited* by Lisa MacMahon and had a wonderful discussion about the characters, the twists and turns of the plot, and some of our less favorite aspects as well. The book chosen for November is *Miss Cecily's Recipes for Exceptional Ladies* by Vicky Zimmerman. Copies have been ordered and will be available at the library on a first come, first serve basis. Any and all are welcome to join us!



Our first Books & Brews book club meeting was a success!

Our Fall Book Drive has ended and we are so excited that we were able to exceed our goal! You all managed to purchase and donate over 200 books for our library. We are so humbled by the support we always get from our community! Thank you to those who purchased

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books off our tree or from our online wish list. We appreciate the support and we KNOW that our readers will appreciate the new titles we are able to add to our collection. We will process and catalog them as soon as we can, so be on the lookout for them soon.



Some of the many books donated during the 2022 Fall Book Drive.

We had a great turnout for our program with Maine author Chris Packard as well. He gave a wonderful talk about his book *Mythical Creatures of Maine* as well as some local folklore and legends about things that go bump in the night. If you are interested in the topic, but missed the program, we do have his book here at the library, so come check it out.

We have some more exciting things in store for the upcoming months as well. On December 3rd from 3:00 - 7:00pm we'll be teaming up with the Central Maine Ghost Hunters once again to explore the paranormal side of the library. This is a free event however space is limited. There is a 25 person limit to this event so pre registration is required. Registration begins November 28th at 10:00am and folks must sign up in-person at the library! First come, first served! We will be helping them collect toys for some local families this holiday season! Stop by, bring a toy to donate and stay for some ghosts!

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S FLOOR

By Angie Herrick, Director

The Children's Library has been a busy place again. It is great to see a return to "normal" as families and little ones make their way back to the library for storytime, STEM Lab, Lego Club, book clubs, and just for visiting and browsing the books.

Thanks to the creative idea of one young library patron, we started a NEW club at the library. Our first session of Kid's Comic Club was held in October and we had 10 eager participants. Not only did Zac come up with the idea for the comic club, he also ran the club. The library's only job was to provide supplies and a space. They watched a short tutorial, then began creating. At the end all the participants voted for the "C.O.W." or "comic of the week." Colton was the first to receive the award with his frog comic. Comic club will meet at the library on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3:45 – 4:15 and it is open for any kids in grades 3rd-6th.



Comic Club founder Zac awarding Colton with the first "Comic of the Week" trophy

Our Tween the Pages Book Club met and talked about the power of positive words and affirmations, so of course we had to spread some kindness. They created postcards that we mailed to different organizations that give support and resources to children. We also painted rocks and hid them all around Coburn Park. It was a great reminder for all of us that kindness costs nothing but means everything. Our book club meets the first Tuesday of the month and is open to any 7th and 8th graders. Please contact us if you have any questions or are interested in your child joining.

November is family literacy month AND picture book month! We encourage all of you with young kids in your

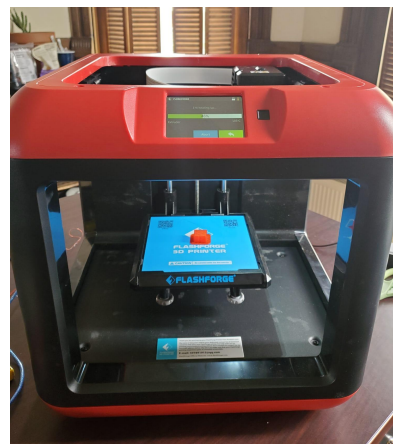
lives to make time for reading together. There is nothing better than sharing stories and watching kids engage as you read. Library cards are free for any student who lives in or attends school in the MSAD 54 district. Come get a card, get a book, and get reading!

NEWS FROM THE TECHNOLOGY DEPT.

By Josie Pease, Technology Librarian

Some quick housekeeping from the tech department – LEGO Club will be on the third Thursday of the month this month (11/17) instead of the last Thursday, as we'll be closed for Thanksgiving break, and there will be no LEGO Club during the month of December (but don't worry, we'll be back to building come January!)

Our 3D printer is ready for all those little projects you've been dying to try creating! You can find all the information you need on fees and requirements on our website at skowhegan.lib.me.us/services-7. And even if you just want to try it out but have no idea how to create the necessary .stl files yet – though we've got resources for that too – you can find a ton of fun, creative ideas already designed for you on sites like thingiverse.com (my personal favorite). You're always welcome to come in and chat with me about your options, resources to take a look at, or help getting started with the design process. I look forward to seeing what you can come up with!



Also, beginning in January, we'll be sending out this newsletter and our "new book" brochure via email to anyone who wants to be added to the mailing list! If you'd like to be kept up to date on upcoming events, monthly new book lists, and other library news just let us know and I'll get you added to the list.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

It's time for our annual Basket Raffle fundraiser, hosted by the Friends of the Skowhegan Library! This year we have just one great big basket full of SO MANY goodies, including over \$400 worth of gift cards and another \$500 worth of other items from the local community. Tickets cost \$5 each and can be purchased at the Skowhegan Library, the Friends of the Library Shop on Water St., or by calling Pat Dickey at 431-2328. The winner will be drawn at noon on Saturday, December 3rd at the Friends of the Library Shop.



DID YOU KNOW?

The library has a ton of games and puzzles available for checkout, including some brand new ones! Take a peek at our game and puzzle closets next time you're in, and see what fun you could bring home for those upcoming cozy winter nights!

STAFF PICKS OF THE MONTH

Angie - *The In-Between* by Rebecca Ansari

Bree - *A World of Curiosities* by Louise Penny

Josie - *Foundryside* by Robert Jackson Bennett

Lydia - *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

11/1 – Tween the Pages @ 4:00 – 5:30

11/2 – Storytime @ 10:30

11/4 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

11/8 – Kids Comic Club @ 3:45 – 4:15

11/9 – Storytime @ 10:30

11/11 – LIBRARY CLOSED for Veterans' Day

11/15 – Coding Club (ages 6-8) @ 3:30 -- 5:00

11/16 – Storytime @ 10:30

11/16 – Coding Club (ages 9-12) @ 3:30 – 5:00

11/17 – LEGO Club @ 3:30 – 4:30

11/18 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

11/22 – Kids Comic Club @ 3:45 – 4:15

11/23 – Storytime @ 10:30

11/24 & 11/25 – LIBRARY CLOSED for Thanksgiving

11/30 – Storytime @ 10:30

December

12/2 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

12/6 – Tween the Pages @ 4:00 – 5:30

12/7 – Storytime @ 10:30

12/9 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

12/14 – Storytime @ 10:30

12/16 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

12/20 – Coding Club (ages 6-8) @ 3:30-5:00

12/21 – Storytime @ 10:30

12/21 – Coding Club (ages 9-12) @ 3:30-5:00

12/23 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

12/24 through 1/2 – LIBRARY CLOSED for Winter Break