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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

The Skowhegan Free Public Library is celebrating the arrival of Spring with an indoor book sale on Friday March 17th from 1 pm-5 pm and Saturday 10 am-1 pm. We will have a large selection of second hand hardcover, paperback and children's books. Wear something green and pick out a free book from the book sale.

The Athena computerized catalog project is progressing nicely. We have 12,600 items in the system now. There are about 3000 left to upload. The new system should be up and running by the end of April.

In March we will begin offering the new Skowhegan Public Library card to adult patrons. This new card has a beautiful picture of the library and is bar coded to facilitate checking books in and out with the scanner. Patrons may decide if they would like to turn in their old numbers for a new bar coded card or keep their old card with their familiar number. We will be able to check out books with either card. It is entirely up to the patron what they would like to do. New patrons will automatically receive the new bar coded library cards. Children will continue to use the older cards.

Important date: March 6th at 7 pm is the Annual Town Meeting and we hope many people will turn out to support the library. The library is a wonderful educational and recreational resource for all the citizens of this town. In this computerized era many

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people may think that books are going by the wayside. I am happy to report that on February 21st more than 200 items were checked out. That is about 15 items for every hour that the library was open. Ruth Blood just finished teaching another session of her Genealogy course and it was very well attended. The library offers weekly story and craft times for children and a music Toddlertime program twice a month for younger children.

There is something for everyone at the library. Come in and check out some of our new books!

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

By Katherine LeBlanc

In the children's room we celebrated February vacation with a craft a day. It was a successful event with innovative crafts for the children to fill their time creatively during vacation.

Story hour still continues on Wednesday from 10-11. We seem to be having quite a crowd on those mornings. The word seems to be spreading. The more children we have, the merrier the story hour is..

Toddler time is also picking up participants. On the second and fourth Monday of each month Melissa sings and rhymes with the children in conjunction with KVCAP. What a great way to start the morning with the children. Each child receives a free book from the book bag which they get to take home.

In March, I will yet again be the Cat in the Hat at the Skowhegan Nursery School. If you see me running around in costume don't be sur-

prised!

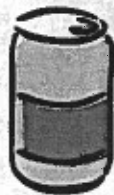
If you have not been able to meet some of our new volunteers, I will do a quick written introduction. Mary Hill and Corrilla Hastings have been busy bar coding the remainder of the adult collection for us. Although Corrilla has been assisting us for years, Mary has recently signed on for the task of bar coding and is on the Friends of the Library Executive Board. Dustin Tuttle is an ASPIRE worker who recently came on board. His family and he recently relocated from Florida, and we are very lucky to have him. He is working on our bibliographies of the Large Print and the DVD/Audio book collection. Esther Franklin will be a new reader for us starting in March. She is employed by Community Care and has volunteered for the soup kitchen for years.

Thank you to all our volunteer's for all your help and dedication in assisting the library with all our daily tasks.

LIBRARY LUNCHES

Once again the Friends will be offering LIBRARY LUNCHES to Library patrons and local businesses. Lunches, consisting of a choice of sandwich, chips, apple, homemade dessert treat and drink, will be delivered on Friday, April 7. You'll be able to place your order at the Library during the week of March 20. This fund raiser involves a lot of volunteer help so if you have a few hours to spare we'd love to hear from you.

Please call Marcia (474-7207) or Corrilla (474-3949).



NEW RELEASES

Fiction:

Brown, Rita Mae *Sour Puss.*
Brown, Sandra *Secret Splendor.*
Gabbay, Tom *The Berlin Conspiracy.*
Griffin, E.W. *The Hostage.*
Grimes, Martha *The old wine shades.*
Kava, Alex *A Necessary evil.*
King, Stephen *The cell.*
Parker, Robert B. *Sea change.*
Patterson, James *The 5th Horsemen.*

NON-FICTION:

Alexander, William *The \$64 tomato.*

BOOK SALE!

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Saturday, March 18, from 10:00 to 1:00

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Membership Renewals during February

Bonnie Chamberlain, Chuck and Dot Cleaver,
Chester Manuel and Robin Moore

Please note: The library will follow MSAD 54 weather alerts. If school is cancelled, the library will be closed for the day.

BOOK REVIEW

By Marcia Granville

Finding Moon by Tony Hillerman

In a rare departure from his tales of the Navaho Canyon country, Tony Hillerman takes us to Vietnam in April of 1975. Instead of Tribal Police, Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn, his main character is Moon Mathias who is the editor of a newspaper in Durance, Colorado.

Moon is dealing with his usual array of problems at the paper and in his personal life when he gets a phone call. His mother, who never leaves the bedside of her sick husband in Miami, was taken ill at the Los Angeles International Airport and was now in a hospital. She had been about fly somewhere on the Philippine Airlines.

This is the story of an ordinary man caught up in extraordinary circumstances. He soon finds himself sought after by people who believe he is quite different from the man he believes himself to be. His deceased brother, Ricky, had told them all about him. He had started out on a mission for his mother and soon has an entourage of three others with missions of their own.

Like all of Tony Hillerman's books, *Finding Moon* is well written, filled with suspense and has a satisfactory conclusion.

Young Adult Book Review

My name is Bianca Toolin and I am in the seventh grade. I am 13 years old and live in Skowhegan Maine. I read the book called *The Boy Called It*. The author of that book is David Pelzer.

This book was about David Pelzer's life and how he grew up as a kid. It was very sad but true. This book made me not stop reading. It was like the author was pulling me into the book. It was so cool. It is an emotional book, but I would recommend it.

I started reading this book when I began volunteering at the library. There are also other books in this series.

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LIBRARY LAWN SALE

Winter is the perfect time to take a look at that unused "stuff" in your attic, basement or garage, and to clean out those closets and cupboards! Please donate your unwanted items in saleable condition to the annual Library Lawn Sale. You may bring your donations any time to the the Library or to Hastings' barn on the Malbons Mills Road. We're looking for furniture, toys, games, tools, dishes, glassware, clothing (especially children's), baby equipment, books, hobby materials, decorations, etc. The date for the sale this year is Saturday, May 20, and as always, all proceeds will benefit the Library.

PREVIEW SALE

Cut out this coupon and come to the Hastings Farm on Malbons Mills Road. Help price and set up items for the Library Lawn Sale on May 19th to be eligible for the Library Lawn Sale Preview Sale. Helpers will be able to purchase choice bargains that night before the sale officially begins on May 20th.

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.

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Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Tel. # _____

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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities.

Calendar of Events

MARCH

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

March 6 Annual Town Meeting, 7:00 pm at the Opera House Library funding to be voted on

March 7 Library Trustee meeting, 6 pm The public is welcome to attend.

March 9 Knitting for the Heart and Soul 6:30 to 8:30

March 13 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

March 17 Book Sale 1:00 to 5:00 in the Library

March 18 Book Sale 10:00 to 1:00 in the Library

March 20 The first day that Library Lunches may be ordered at the library for delivery on April 7th.

March 27 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

APRIL

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April 4 Library Trustee meeting, 6 pm The public is welcome to attend.

April 10 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

April 13 Knitting for the Heart and Soul 6:30 to 8:30

April 24 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

The Library Lookout

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