



The Library Lookout

June 2012

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Library Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6; Sat. 10–2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I'm sitting here looking at my calendar for May, and remembering what a busy month it's been. I won't bore you with the details, but it would have helped to have another copy of me to help with the work load.

We're right in the midst of having a Paddle Art Silent Auction to help raise funds for the renovations. 15 area artists have painted nature scenes on canoe paddles. The paddles can be viewed at the library, or online at www.skowhegan.lib.me.us. They've done great work. Any paddle would be suitable for collecting, displaying or gift giving. Starting bid on any paddle is \$35; any further bids must be in increments of \$5. The winning bidders will be announced on June 29th after the library closes at 6pm. Don't hesitate, make your bid today!

Ruth Blood's Beginning Genealogy class has been going well. Ruth has been teaching the class every Tuesday at 1pm. Folks new to the Genealogy scene, and those well versed in where to look, have been helped. Though the classes were done in May, I'm hoping to get Ruth back in the future. Stay tuned.

Our Friends of the Library Annual Meeting was well attended. Current, and past Friends as well as guests got a chance to meet with the Executive Board, help vote in the new bylaws, snack on wine and cheese, listen to me speak about the renovations and make a slide presentation, and enjoy a great time of fellowship with each other. We also said goodbye to Darla Pickett as the President of the Executive Board. I've only known Darla for a little over a year; but I recognized in her, at our first meeting, a real love for the library. Darla's leadership shall be missed, but I have great confidence in the new leaders of the Friends. They're all wonderful folks.

A special thank you also to the Skowhegan Woman's Club, the Semper Fidelis Club, and The Dove Society for banding together to raise \$10,000 for the library renovations. I was privileged on May 5th to join these three groups at their Kentucky Derby party at Redington Memorial Home. There, a presentation of a check for \$10,000 was made to Pat Dickey and me. A tip of my hat to these hard working ladies of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

And speaking of library renovations; the library is hosting a golf tournament at the Lakewood Golf Course on Route 201 in Madison on July 21st at 1pm. Cost is \$40 per person which includes golf, lunch and prizes. One of the prizes will be a new car for a "hole in one" donated by Hight Chevrolet, Buick GMC. Registration forms can be printed from our website www.skowhegan.lib.me, or picked up at the Adult Circ Desk at the library. If you're a golfer or know one, please join in the fun, and help the library.

I'll leave you with one more thing; town meeting is scheduled for June 11th at 7pm. We need you to come out and vote for what the library will be requesting for its 2012-2013 operating budget. If you're not a resident of Skowhegan, please pass this on to a friend that is. As I tell our folks here, it's one night out of 365 that can change someone's life. Please vote for our budget. Thank you.



Women's Clubs present \$10,000 to Library Renovations.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick

June has always been one of my favorite months: the cold weather is truly gone, camps and summer homes are opened again, ice cream stands have long lines of customers, school is drawing to an end, and the Summer Reading Program is gearing up at the library! This year's theme is **A Summer of Maine-ly Reading** and we will try to expose kids to Maine themes while having lots of fun! Registration will begin June 4th, so look for information to come home with all the kids through the schools this week or stop by the library to pick up a copy of the brochure.

In addition to the Summer Reading Program, we are also having a **Bucks for Books Book-A-Thon** this year. Any child who is interested can help the library raise money for renovations. Every little bit helps and kids often like to feel they are part of something important. So by simply asking a few family members or friends to sponsor a child, we can come together to support the library!

Over thirty people came out to put their mark on the history of the library. We now have a time capsule "buried" in the ceiling of what will be the new genealogy room in the library's basement. The capsule contains business cards, a library medallion, 2012 stamps, a letter from the Town Manager, John Doucette, Skowhegan postcards, a Margaret Chase Smith pencil, a poem by Jeffrey Bowzer, a newspaper comic about libraries, NY Times bestsellers list, two small, popular toys, and a short questionnaire filled in by each child. The plan is that in 50 years (or more) the children will be able to come back, open it, and remember the library as it was in 2012!

The library will be a busy place this summer with special programs happening every week (on top of our regular programs of Storytime and Toddlertime) so please, check out calendar located on our website: <http://www.skowhegan.lib.me.us/> or "like" the Skowhegan Free Public Library's Facebook page to be kept abreast of the library's goings-ons. Either way—don't miss out!



Young library patrons fill the Time Capsule

New and Renewed Members

Tina and Rick Anzelc
Anna and Ron Wilber
Marge and Will Reid
Kathy and Jeff Evans
Carol Ann Lam
Oto and Petra Prokop
GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
Mary Stewart
Constance Connell
Marcia Granville
Judith McCarthy
Kathleen Littlefield
Davida and Albert Barter

Golf Tournament

There will be a Library Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 21 at 1 PM at Lakewood Golf Course in Madison. All proceeds will benefit the Skowhegan Free Public Library Renovation Project. Cost: \$40.00 per person (includes golf, meal, and prizes)

Registration forms available at:

- Lakewood Golf Course
- On line at www.skowhegan.lib.me.us
- Skowhegan Free Public Library

Registration deadline: July 6, 2012

Come try to win a car donated by Hights' Chevrolet-Buick-GMC Inc. in a "Hole in One Contest", and many other exciting prizes!

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

Prizes!

Skowhegan Free Public Library

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Golf Tournament

at

Lakewood Golf Course

Rt. 201 Madison Maine

Saturday July 21st 2012 1pm

Win a Car
From Hight
Chevrolet
in a "Hole
In One
Contest!"

All proceeds to benefit the Library Renovation Fund

To Register - please fill out and mail to:

Cindy Manuel
51 Crescent St.
Skowhegan, ME 04976
Phone: 207-474-3851

or email form to
cxcmanuel@gmail.com

Name	Company	Phone #	Amount \$	Member of Lakewood Golf Course? yes/no
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2.				
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4.				

Total: _____

- Cost **\$40.00 per person** which includes golf, meal and prizes
- Please send form by mail or email **ASAP**
- Please make checks payable to Skowhegan Free Public Library
- Deadline for registration **7/6/12**
- Carts are optional - cart rental is \$18.00 per person. If you wish to rent a cart, please call 474-5955 before 7/6/12 to reserve one. Fee for cart is payable at golf course the day of the event (cash, check or credit card accepted)
- On behalf of the Skowhegan Free Public Library your continued support is greatly appreciated

Meet a Volunteer
By Marcia B. Granville

Linda Betts and her family used to live in Massachusetts. When her husband had the opportunity for a good job in the area, they moved to Maine and were able to buy their first home. Linda soon became a regular patron of the Skowhegan Free Public Library. She was in the library so often that former Library Director, Melissa Gaspar, asked if she would like to become a volunteer.

Linda's answer was, "Yes." Now, anytime you are in the library, you are likely to see her working somewhere in the background; at the computer behind Francoise's desk, in the small office next to the genealogy room, or shelving returned books in the stacks. She calls herself a jack-of-all-trades since her job is so varied. She does whatever is needed. When a few older books begin to fall apart, she repairs them. She puts the plastic covers on new books, puts the spine labels on them, and enters them into the computer system. She works at cataloging, helping to bring the library system up to date. When Francoise has the day off or is on vacation, Linda often sits at the desk.

All those jobs are just a fraction of what Linda does, but she doesn't mind. When asked how she likes working at the library, she said, "I love it. I love the people I work with."

She thinks the library is moving in the right direction with new programs and talks by authors, and with the ITV video conferencing. She also approves of the renovations being made to the library. So far, most of the work has been done in the basement and outside of the building. There is much more to be done on the interior before an elevator can be installed. Linda says, "I can't wait until they're done."

Linda provides a valuable service to our library and our community. The many tasks that she and other volunteers perform could not be done without their help. We appreciate all their good work.

YOUR vote is needed! Please come to Town Meeting on Monday, June 11 at 7 PM and vote for the annual library funding. Help keep the library doors open and ensure that our wonderful staff can continue to serve the community!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Archer, Jeffery/ *Sins of the Father*
Balogh, Mary/ *Proposal*
Berry, Steve/ *Columbus Affair*
Bond, Larry/ *Exit Plan*
Coonts, Stephen/ *Sea Witch*
Evans, Richard Paul/ *Road to Grave*
Freeman, Brian/ *Spilled Blood*
Gerritsen, Tess/ *Presumed Guilty*
Graves, Sarah/ *Dead Level*
Henshaw, Mark/ *Red Cell*
Lowell, Elizabeth/ *Beautiful Sacrifice*
McGarrity, Michael/ *Hard Country*
Moore, Christopher/ *Sacre Bleu*
Morrison, Toni/ *Home*
Page, Katherine Hall/ *Body in the Boudoir*
Parker, Robert B./ *Lullaby*
Patterson, James/ *11th Hour*
Roberts, Nora/ *Last Boyfriend*
Sandford, John/ *Stolen Prey*
Shaara, Jeff/ *Blaze of Glory*
Sheldon, Sidney/ *Angel of the Dark*
Theroux, Paul/ *Lower River*
Tilghman, Christopher/ *Right-hand Shore*

NON-FICTION

Brady, Tim/ *Twelve Desperate Miles*
Walsh, Barbara/ *August Tale*

Annual Library Lawn Sale

What a tremendous team of willing volunteers the library has! More than 15 people contributed their time to the success of the annual Library Lawn Sale that resulted in \$1,000 for the Library Renovation Fund. Marcia's hot dogs (the very best in town!) helped attract the crowds who bought the dishes, furniture, clothing, books, toys, etc. generously donated by library friends and patrons. Volunteers met two days before the sale to unpack, arrange and price the many items. Sales on May 19th were handled by a team of efficient and persuasive sales people, and another group took care of the clean-up and repacking process. Unsold items were donated to charity or will find their way to the library shelf at Nana-2-U.

THANK YOU to all!

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

Your Library Trustees:

Toni Jo Blaisdell,
Lee Granville, Corrilla Hastings
Carol Jarvais, Sara McCabe
Lynn Perry, Warren Shay
Ex Officio: FOL Chair

John Doucette

Friends officers:

Co Chairs: Margo Reid, Kathy Evans, Jeanne Shay
Peggy Lovejoy, vice pres.,
Margo Reid, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

Playgroup: Every Tuesday, 10AM

JUNE

June 2 Landscaping Rain Date
June 4 Summer Reading Program Registration begins
June 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
June 9 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
June 11 Town Meeting, 7 PM. Vote on Library budget.
June 11 & 25 Toddler Time, 10:30
June 13 Library Renovation Meeting, 6 PM
June 13 Transition Skowhegan, "The Crash Course", Part II, 7 PM
June 17 Reskilling at Tessiers' Farm
June 19 Family Story Hour: Summer Reading Program Kickoff, "Maine-ly Places!", 4:30
June 28 "Business After Hours" at the Library, 5 PM
June 28 Skowhegan Pottery, making Maine plates, 10 AM & 2 PM (pre-registration required)
June 29 Paddle Auction Ends; Winning bidders notified. 6 PM

JULY

July 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
July 4 Library closed for Independence Day
July 5 Library Book Bags with Kristine Rinaldi, 3 PM
July 9 & 23 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
July 11 Library Renovation Meeting, 6 PM
July 11 Transition Skowhegan; Topic: "The Crash Course" Part III, 7 PM
July 12 Maine Author, Chris Van Dusen, 2 PM
July 17 Family Story Hour: Maine-ly Animals, 4:30 PM
July 18 Video Conference with IRA: Topic: "Small Business/Self Employed Federal Taxpayer" & Federal Tax Topics, 4 PM
July 21 Golf Tournament at Lakewood Golf Course
July 25 Hula Hooping with Paula, 4 PM
July 30 Ocean Adventure Programs: Touch Tank, 10AM, Maine Marine Mammals, 11:30AM