



The Library Lookout

February 2017

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Saturday, 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Work on the elevator tower is progressing smoothly. The heating and ventilation systems have been installed, and more work on the electrical system has taken place. I'm looking forward to the day I can say to a patron "would you like to use the elevator?" It has such a nice ring to it.

The winter crafts program, sponsored by the GFWC Skowhegan Women's Club, has been a hit. Folks come every two weeks to try their hand at a new craft. So far, they've learned how to embroider cards, and make vintage valentines. Future classes will cover jewelry basics, stained glass, water color basics and crocheting basics; all this fun at no cost to you. Please call the library to sign up.

Be on the lookout for the next "First Friday Sweet Treats" day. Each month, we're offering delicious, delectable and downright yummy cookies, brownies, etc. to spark up a cold winter day. Not only that, but your purchase benefits the library. Our next date is February 3rd. Stop by the library from 10am to 6pm and load up. Your tummy will be glad you did!

We're still selling tickets to the movie "Frozen," to be shown February 11th at 10am. Join the fun; it's only \$6 per person. Proceeds from this community event will go to the library.

Join us for a reception for two local artists on February 10th at 6pm. Bernie Beckman and Forrest Meader will be here to talk about their interesting and colorful paintings displayed in the basement level of the library. Refreshments will be served, and Forrest will even serenade us with a few musical selections on his dulcimer. Don't miss out!

Maine author Paul Doiron will be here on February 22nd at 6pm. Paul, the author of 8 "Mike Bowditch" crime novel books, will read excerpts from his newest book "Widowmaker," and talk about his soon to be printed book "Knife Creek" which is due out in June. He'll also have copies of his other books for sale and signing. Stop by and listen to a great Maine author!

Just a reminder: when you hear that RSU 54 is closed due to bad weather, then the library is also. This policy has been in effect for many years. We found this way is much easier for our patrons to get the word we're closed.

I'll leave you with this thought: "*dream the impossible-and go out and make it happen. I walked on the moon. What can't you do?*" Astronaut Gene Cernan

Until next month,
Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The Youth Media Awards were announced and the winning books were announced. I always get so excited to see which books are considered the best of the best! The Caldecott was *RADIANT CHILD* by Javaka Steptoe and the Newbery was awarded to the book *THE GIRL WHO DRANK THE MOON* by Kelly Barnhill. Both of these books along with numerous other award winners were ordered for our children's library and will be on the shelves shortly.

In January we had two daycares/preschools come for special field trips. We read stories, play games, do projects, and let the kids play in and explore the library. It is a great free, local and "indoor" field trip for the winter months. We love seeing the preschoolers come in and get excited about our library.

We have some exciting things going on in February. It is a short month, but it will be packed with fun activities at the library. During the week of February vacation, we will have something for the kids every day of the week (except Monday, because we will be closed for Presidents Day.) Tuesday, February 16th we will have an exciting Family Story Hour "Until the Cows Come Home." We will have stories, snacks, and a project for the families to enjoy. Wednesday will be our preschool Storytime. Thursday, we will have a knitting workshop for kids in grades 4 and up (yarn and needles will be available to borrow at the library, but if you have your own please bring them!) And Friday, we will have a Lego Building afternoon open for any kids age 4 and older.



John and Lucas construct a bridge that needs to be strong enough to hold 4 pounds of water.

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

“First Friday Sweet Treats”

The January “First Friday” event was a great success. Thanks to all who created the wonderful treats!

This month the First Friday is on February 3 when once again you may find some delicious home-baked cookies or cupcakes to purchase for your friends and family. Take some home for the freezer and surprise your Valentine! Hours are from 10 AM until 6 PM (or while the supply lasts!)



GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club Winter Craft Series

Schedule for remaining crafts:

Feb. 9: Jewelry Basics

Feb. 23: Stained Glass Sailboats

March 9: Water Color Basics

March 23: Crochet Basics

All events will be held from 10 AM to noon in the Library Conference Room. Come and join the fun!

SAVE THESE DATES!

March 10: *Red, White and Blues*

March 25: *Garden Fever Day*
(Details next month)

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Let us know what book you’ve enjoyed in recent weeks – from the library or from your own collection. Perhaps you received one for Christmas, or borrowed from a friend. Just leave the title and author at the circ desk and we’ll print the list in the March Library Lookout.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Barry, Sebastian/ *Days Without End*
Bohjalian, Christopher S./ *The Sleepwalker*
Evans, Paul/ *The Mistletoe Secret*
Feehan, Christine/ *The Power Game*
Frankel, Laurie/ *This Is How It Always Is*
Gardner, Lisa/ *Right Behind You*
Guinn, Jeff/ *Silver City*
Harper, Jane/ *The Dry*
Harper, Karen/ *The Drowning Tides*
Higgins, Kiristan/ *On Second Thought*
Hosking, Jay/ *Three Years With the Rat*
Lescroart, John T./ *Fatal*
McVeigh, Jennifer/ *Leopard at the Door*
Meacham, Leila/ *Crowning Design*
Monroe, Mary Alice/ *A Lowcountry Christmas*
Morin, Christopher W./ *The Rebel’s Wrath*
Patterson, James/ *Never Never*
Peterson, Tracie/ *In the Shadow of Denali*
Pinborough, Sarah/ *Behind Her Eyes*
Rankin, Ian/ *Rather Be the Devil*
Reardon, Scott/ *The Prometheus Man*
Roby, Kimberla Lawson/ *Copycat*
Steel, Danielle/ *The Mistress*
Taylor, Brad/ *Ring of Fire*
Woods, Stuart/ *Below the Belt*

NON-FICTION

Kelly, Jason/ *Sweat Equity*
Stone, Roger/ *The Making of the President 2016*



“Students” worked on Card Embroidery at the first Winter Craft Series event.

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

Feb. 1 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30
Feb. 2 Transition Skowhegan, 6 PM: Cabin Fever and how to relieve it
Feb. 3 "First Friday Sweet Treats", cupcakes & cookies for Valentines, 10 AM to 6 PM (or while the supply lasts!)
Feb. 7 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 8 Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM
Feb. 9 Winter Craft Series: Jewelry Basics, 10 to noon in the Conference Room
Feb. 10 Artists reception for Bernie Beckman and Forrest Meader, 6 PM
Feb. 11 Community Event at the Strand Cinema, movie: "Frozen", Tickets: \$6. Proceeds to benefit the library
Feb. 11 Socrates Cafe discussion group, noon to 2 PM
Feb. 13 Let's Talk About It book discussion group, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
Feb. 17 Teen Regression Session, 6 to 8:30 (for high schoolers only) Pre-registration is required
Feb. 20 Library closed for President's Day
Feb. 21 Family Story Hour: Until the Cows Come Home, 4:30 to 5:30
Feb. 22 Knitting Workshop for Kids, 2:30 to 3:30 (for kids grades 4 and up) Pre-registration is required
Feb. 22 Author talk with Maine author Paul Doiron, 6 PM
Feb. 23 Winter Craft Series: Stained Glass Sailboats, 10 to noon in the Conference Room
Feb. 23 Lego Building Afternoon (4 years and older)
March 1 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30
March 2 Transition Skowhegan discussion group, 6 PM: Backyard sugaring
March 3 "First Friday Sweet Treats", 10 AM to 6 PM (or while the supply lasts!)
March 7 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
March 8 Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM
March 8 Friends of the Library executive board meeting, 4 PM
March 9 Winter Craft Series: Water Color Basics, 10 to noon in the Conference Room
March 10 Red, White and Blues Library Fundraiser, 6 to 8:30 PM
March 11 Socrates Cafe, noon to 2 PM
March 21 Family Story Hour: Books and Breakfast, 4:30
March 23 Winter Craft Series: Crocheting Basics, 10 to noon in the Conference Room
March 25 Garden Fever Day, 10 AM to noon