



The Library Lookout

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

What a nice start to the summer we've had! If you're in need of an easy, breezy beach read be sure to check out the display on the first floor. We have a nice assortment of books that'll fit nicely into any vacation, or stay-cation, plans you may have!

With the end of the State of Emergency we are now lifting the mask requirements in the library. We can't wait to actually see everyone's smiling faces and for you to see ours! For those who would rather not enter the building, we are still offering curbside pickup. Just call us or fill out our curbside form on our website and we will be happy to bring your books directly to your vehicle.

The adult summer reading program is up and running and I'd love to see some more patrons join! All you have to do is read the two chosen books, *Milltown* by Kerri Arsenault and *Mainely Power* by Matt Cost. There will be a drawing for a prize drawing in September. We have a few gift cards to some wonderful local businesses we think you'll enjoy! Happy reading!

Lawn Sales for the Library

Summer Lawn Sales are a wonderful way to earn money for your library. A successful sale was held on June 26th in Cornville where books were a special feature.

On Saturday, July 31st from 9 AM to 1 PM a "**Christmas in July**" sale is scheduled at 351 West Ridge Road in Cornville when many wonderful holiday items will be featured. Many of these crafts and decorations have originally been donated to the Friends of the Library Store. However, the store's limited space has made it difficult to display them. Don't miss this opportunity to add some beautiful Christmas items for your holiday collections!

Both of these summer sales are sponsored and organized by the Friends of the Library, and all proceeds help to fund the Library's projects and programs.

Library Flooring Project

The Skowhegan Free Public Library is pleased to announce that we were a recipient of a Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation grant. The library was awarded \$20,000 to help repair and replace old flooring in the library. With this money, in conjunction with money we received from our 2020 Annual Appeal, money coming in from the Friends of the Library Shop, and a gift from an anonymous donor, we are only about \$5,000 away from raising all the money needed to complete the project. We are hoping we can raise the rest of these funds this summer so the library can finally get some very much needed new flooring.

Donations may be made in person, mailed to the library, or via Paypal on our website. The library is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

News from Angie Herrick Head Librarian & Youth Services

The Summer Reading Program is off to a great start. So far we have about 70 kids who have signed up and begun reading. Week 1 and 2 are under our belts and we hope that you have been able to make it in to the library to grab your kids some of the Storytime Activity Kits. So far we have done activities and read stories about feathered tails. Next up is imaginary tails, underwater tails, pet tails, and then prehistoric tails. We hope you are joining in on the fun! On Friday, July 30th at 4:00 we will finish the program with a concert at Coburn Park with kid's musician, Judy Pancoast. There will be some door prizes, and yummy treats there as well.

If you've been in the children's library since the COVID shut-down, you will have noticed that the toys have been missing. We did this to help mitigate the spread of germs. Due to an overwhelming request by parents and caregivers, the fact that the CDC has relaxed regulations, and the significant decrease in active cases, we will be bringing some of the toys back out. Please know that these toys will be disinfected on a regular basis, but that the library can't guarantee the cleanliness of the toys. Thanks to a donation, we were able to purchase some new toys that we are super excited to be able to share with our youngest patrons.

We are also excited to report that in-person programming should be beginning again this fall. We will be bringing back some favorite programming like Storytime and book clubs, but also introducing some NEW and fresh programming. Keep an eye on our FB page and newsletters to know what's coming up!



Two summer readers show off their peacocks from Week #1's Storytime Take Home Kit.



Remember Miss Angie's virtual storytime on Wednesdays at 10:15 on Facebook!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Castillo, Linda/ *Fallen*
Doiron, Paul/ *Dead by Dawn*
Gerritsen, Tess/ *Choose Me*
Hawkins, Karen/ *A Cup of Silver Linings*
Holton, India/ *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels*
Hostin, Sunny/ *Summer on the Bluffs*
Mallery, Susan/ *The Stepsisters*
Palmer, Diana/ *Notorious*
Peterson, Tracie/ *Forever My Own*
Punke, Michael/ *Ridgeline*
Riley, Vanessa/ *Island Queen*
Sager, Riley/ *Survive the Night*
Sebastian, Laura/ *Half Sick of Shadows*
Steel, Danielle/ *Nine Lives*
Van Booy, Simon/ *Night Came With Many Stars*
Wahrer, Caitlin/ *The Damage*
Weisberger, Lauren/ *Where the Grass Is Green and the Girls Are Pretty*

NONFICTION

Davidson, Jim/ *The Next Everest*
Falante, Forrest/ *Still Alive*
Georges, Gigi/ *Downeast*
Haig, Matt/ *The Comfort Book*

A Message from the History House

The Skowhegan History House, now in its eighty-fourth season, is pleased to announce that it is now open for the 2021 season. Tuesday – Friday, from 10 AM to 4 PM

We look forward with great anticipation to greet friends, welcome new visitors, and renew our mission to protect, preserve, and promote Skowhegan's cultural legacy.

The COVID pandemic will continue to require changes in our schedule, tour protocol, and services. We are committed to complying with all state and federal CDC COVID-related policies and guidelines. With both people and collections in mind, we will require face masks, social distancing, and a reservation for tours and/or research. To make a reservation or for more information, please call the Skowhegan History House at 474-6632.