



# THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT August 2005

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## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa M. Gaspar

Things have been sizzling at the library this summer. We began the with the Friends' library book sale on the first day of summer which earned \$250. Thank you to everyone who helped sell or buy books. We used the proceeds from the sale to buy a barcode scanner for the Children's Room.

The library now offers books for sale on a daily basis. Look on the cart near the fireplace to see what is available. The money from this ongoing sale will pay for the new air conditioner in the Memorial Room. Thank you to the Friends who have donated half of the price of the air conditioner.

During the month of June a leak in the roof was fixed, and three more computers were wired in for internet access: one for the Children's Room Desk, one for the Circulation Desk, and one for the computer in the Genealogy Room, which can be used for research now.

This summer we have seen a huge increase in our computer use. During the month of June 700 people used the computers. It looks like July has been just as busy.

We have made some changes in the Adult Collection at the library. Now the Large Print books, The Maine Collection, new Paperbacks, Magazines, Audio books and New Fiction and Non-fiction are in the Memorial Room. Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction are in the back stacks. Older Paperbacks and Westerns are also in the back stacks. If you have trouble finding anything please let us know. We are here to help you.

Summer is a good time to relax with a book. Check out some of our hot new titles.

## JJULY NEW RELEASES

### FICTION

- | Author                  | Title                                      |
|-------------------------|--|
| Burke, James Lee        | — <i>Crusader's Cross</i>                  |
| Delinsky, Barbara       | — <i>Looking for Peyton's Place</i>        |
| Goodkind, Terry         | — <i>Debt of Bones</i>                     |
| Griffin, Emily          | — <i>Something Blue</i>                    |
| Heller, Jane            | — <i>An Ex to Grind</i>                    |
| Irving, John            | — <i>Until I Found You</i>                 |
| King, Laurie R.         | — <i>Locked Room</i>                       |
| McCall Smith, Alexander | — <i>In the Company of Cheerful Ladies</i> |
| McCarthy, Cormac        | — <i>No Country for Old Men</i>            |
| McMurty, Larry          | — <i>The Colonel &amp; Little Missie</i>   |
| Macomber, Debbie        | — <i>The Shop on Blossom Street</i>        |
| Martinin, Steve         | — <i>Double Tap</i>                        |
| Miller, Linda Lael      | — <i>McKettrick's Choice</i>               |
| Muller, Marcia          | — <i>Cape Perdido</i>                      |
| O'Shaghnessy, Perri     | — <i>Cases of Lies</i>                     |
| Paretski, Sara          | — <i>Fire Sale</i>                         |
| Patterson, James        | — <i>Lifeguard</i>                         |
| Plain, Belva            | — <i>Red Leaves</i>                        |
| Preston, Douglas        | — <i>Dance of Death</i>                    |
| Reich, Christopher      | — <i>The Patriots Club</i>                 |
| Reichs, Kathy           | — <i>Cross Bones</i>                       |
| Rice, Luanne            | — <i>Summer of Roses</i>                   |
| Robb, J.D.              | — <i>Origin in Death</i>                   |
| Roberts, Nora           | — <i>The Black rose</i>                    |
| Roosevelt, Kermit       | — <i>In the Shadow of the Law</i>          |

### NON-FICTION

- | Author                  | Title   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Bryson, Bill            | — <i>A Short History of Nearly Everything</i> |
| Friedman, Thomas L.     | — <i>The World is Flat</i>                    |
| Queen, William          | — <i>Under and Alone</i>                      |
| Schlessinger, Arthur M. | — <i>Ulysses S. Grant</i>                     |

## MORE LIBRARY NEWS

By Katherine LeBlanc

The children's room is looking for volunteer readers for the rotating schedule for story and craft hour on Wednesday's. If anyone is interested, please call the library at 474-9072 and ask for Katherine or Melissa.

Kevin Couture has many photos on display in the children's area. This exhibit changes monthly and shows off the talents of this Norridgewock photographer.

Kristine Rinaldi, former resident and Teacher of the Year in Houston Texas, has donated books to the children's room once again this year. The children of Skowhegan are fortunate to have some wonderful new titles in their room with her donation of nine boxes, or 500 books. Kristine we cannot thank you enough!

Did you check out the Empire Falls quilt on E-Bay? It didn't sell yet, but the movie has been nominated for no less than 10 Emmy awards, so we will try again later. All the press those awards programs get will make the signatures of the actors on the quilt just that much more desirable. Having Paul Newman's autograph is the next best thing to meeting him in person, isn't it? Thanks to Jennifer Chandler for all her hard work in placing this on e-Bay for us!!!

The Library is holding a **Fall Festival** at Coburn Park, from 10 to 4 on Saturday, September 24, 2005.

There is no rain date. We have reserved the entire park and the gates will be closed for safety reasons.

The day will be filled with things to do and see as we have lined up artists, musicians, crafters and more to help celebrate the season. We have had a wonderful outpouring of support from the community, but there is always room for more. Currently we have the following participants: Friends of the Library, Margaret Chase Smith Library, Fire Truck, Ultra

Lite, antique car, Country Comfort, Dove Society, DARE, Lynn Plourde, Mr. Paperback, Wall-Mart, Franklin Savings Bank, SAHS Field Hockey Boosters, Top Hat Boosters, photographer Kevin Couture, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cayford Orchards, Knights of Columbus, Selectman of Skowhegan, and the Town of Skowhegan. Many artists are in contact with me, and many letters have recently been sent out. Please pass the word on to any and all crafters, artists, boosters etc. The more participation the better.

## NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Mostly in the 9-12 reading level

Several of Gordon Korman's adventure stories These include:

*Contest Everest*

*Dive, the Danger*

*Dive, the Deep*

*Dive, the Discovery*

*The Climb*

*MagiC School Bus Series:*

*Polar Bear Patrol*

*Search for the Missing Bone*

Many *American Girl* titles

Many *Royal Diaries* titles

Many *Left Behind Kids* titles

*Cheese Colored Camper* and other titles by Geronimo Stilton

*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling

Something to look forward to

**TROUBLE AT SERENITY FALLS**

By

Marcia B. Granville

A mystery play in three acts

As with all the plays produced by the friends of the Library so far, dessert and beverages will be served during intermission. Tickets are \$7.50 each.

The play is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Margaret Chase Smith School, at 7:00 pm, on Saturday, September 24, 2005. Since

the date falls during the Common Ground Fair, we may decide to hold it a week or two later. Please look for further details at the Library, in September's *Library Lookout* and on posters all over town.

### FALL QUILT SHOW

On Saturday, October 15, from 10 AM until 2 PM, the Somerset Samplers Quilters will host a quilt show at the Library. Members of the group will display their recent creations in addition to demonstrating their craft. Door prizes will be awarded. There will be no admission charged.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is going to take a long time for the trained people to enter all the books into the computer cataloging system. In the meantime, every book needs to have a catalogue number attached to it. Volunteers, with just an hour or two at a time, can free the computer people from this chore and speed things up a great deal. Please sign up at the front desk.

Although it is early yet, The play will require a great deal of volunteer help. Assistance will be needed in the kitchen to serve desserts and to clean up. People will be needed to set up chairs for the performance and stack them after the performance. If interested in helping, sign up at the desk or call Marcia at 474-7207.

#### New and Renewed Members

Jean Butler  
Elinor Clark  
Helen Ellis,  
Semper Fidelis  
Miriam Malloy  
Mary Stuart

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### BOOK REVIEW

By a retired teacher enjoying the time to read late into the night just for enjoyment.

Mary Cayford

*Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* is the #1 National Bestseller by David Sedaris, a regular contributor of Public Radio International's *This American Life* ( 6 P.M. Sunday evenings on Maine Public Broadcasting Network, 91.3 FM). To paraphrase public radio's Ira Glass, some readers may find portions of this book objectionable, and it is not suitable for children.

Need a good laugh and a book you can't put down? Then pick up David Sedaris's latest collection of personal short stories/ essays. Sedaris possesses a literary style that turns daily encounters into hilarious tales. You'll get to know the inner workings of his family ("Us and Them")...and find yourself laughing in his living room in the middle of the night ("Nuit of the Living Dead"). Chance meetings with complete strangers? His material for comedy routines! The *New York Times* refers to his essays as "a new strain of introspection." The *London Observer* calls the collection "a masterpiece."

## 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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# Calendar of Events

## AYGUST

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

August 2 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 pm at the Library The public is welcome to attend.

August 3rd Desiree Marin Story Teller

August 10th Northern Stars Planetarium at the Margaret Chase Smith Library (advanced sign up required)

## SEPTEMBER

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

September 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 pm at the Library The public is welcome to attend.

September 24 Fall Festival, fun for all from 10 to 4 in Coburn Park

September 24? *Trouble at Serenity Pond*, 3 act mystery play at 7 pm

## OCTOBER

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

October 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 pm at the Library The public is welcome to attend.

October 15, Somerset Samplers Quilt Show from 10 to 2 Refreshments will be served.

## The Library Lookout

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Free Public Library

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