



THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT SEPTEMBER 2006

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

It has been a wonderful busy summer at the library. Thank you to everyone who helped with our Vintage Book Sale in August. We made \$530 which will go into our Library Renovation Fund.

Unfortunately, the brickwork, which was scheduled for this summer, has been postponed until next spring because the mason, Gerald Drake was delayed by a large construction project which is taking much longer than anticipated. He has assured us that the Skowhegan Public Library will be his first project in 2007. In the meantime, the trustees are planning to have some work done to upgrade the electrical wiring.

The Wireless Internet Service is working very well. Please spread the word that the library is now a Wireless hotspot. Patrons may be given a secret password by asking at the circulation desk.

Another exciting development is that the library may be eligible to receive some free computers from PC's for Maine. We hope to upgrade some of our older computers and make three more computers accessible to the Internet. PC's for Maine will also consider donating computers to people who qualify.

For more information, come in the library and look on our new bulletin boards in the foyer. The Friends of the Skowhegan Public Library donated the bulletin boards. Information about the library and library related events will be more visible now. Thank you to the Friends for all their help and support.

This September we have two exciting events. The Fall Festival on September 9th 10 am - 2 pm in Coburn Park will be a community wide

gathering of artists and civic groups, music and fun for the whole family. The Friends of the Library will be selling paperbacks and giving away a free Library cook book with every membership renewal.

Then on Wednesday, Sept 20th from 3-5 pm Ruth Blood will be teaching her class on genealogy. The class will meet every Wednesday for 8 weeks. If you would like more information about either of these events please call the library at 474-9072.

See you at the park on Sept 9th!

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

By Katherine LeBlanc

This summer proved to be a busy one for the children's room. The summer reading program feature 110 faithful readers who collected prizes for their efforts. Free kids cones from Gifford's ice cream, personal pan pizzas from Pizza Hut, books and a treasure chest of "kids junk" were the loot that was available for them to choose from. They all did a great job, and really kept the staff on their toes.

With the five programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library, we had 261 children and parents in attendance. Programs ranged from owls, bats, a singing history program, and the treasure hunt. We certainly kept these kids busy on Wednesday.

The "Snack, pack, lunch, munch" program sponsored by the Maine Nutrition Network was also a yummy success. Forty children filed into the children's room to prepare and pack their own healthy snack and lunch in their free lunch box. With this grant we were able to purchase books, lunch boxes, and all the yummy treats to pack and snack on.

I hope that you have been able to check out all the new books that have been purchased this summer for the kids and young adults. The staff has been working diligently to increase the collection for our avid Skowhegan readers.

Remember Toddler Time continues on at 10:30 on the second and fourth Monday of the month. As always story hour is still in full swing on Wednesdays at 10:00. I hope to see you there.

Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2006

Members present: Mary Stuart, Maureen Calder, Marilyn Renfrew, Melissa Gaspar, Mary Hill, Sherry Vigue, and Judy Gamage,
Members not present: Jo Ann DuBois and Marcia Granville

Mary Stuart opened the meeting and welcomed Judy Gamage as a new member of the board. The bylaws allow for at least one more member of the board.

We will be meeting every other month this year. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 P.M. Most meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month.

Calendar Events for the Year:

- Thursday, February 1—Peace Fleece Program will be presented at the library 7:00 P.M.
- September 9, 10-2—Fall Festival at Coburn Park—We decided to sell the remaining cookbooks for \$2.00. Also, anyone buying a new membership in the Friends or renewing one will get a free cookbook.
- There will be a used paperback book sale at the Fall Festival. Maureen, Melissa, Mary Stuart, Mary Hill, and Judy volunteered to help out with this sale. Melissa will set up money and tables at 8:30-9:00 and bring the cookbooks and the paperbacks.

In the future, the secretary will add e-mail decisions to the next meeting's minutes. The secretary will e-mail the minutes to executive board members about a week before the meeting.

The minutes were read and corrected as follows: Mary Hill was present at the May meeting. To abide by the bylaws, Mary Stuart will be the Vice-President and Maureen Calder will be the President.

Trustees Update—Brickwork will be done next spring. Work on the electrical wiring and roof is planned. The architect is presenting drawings at the October meeting. The library is now a wireless access point. The library now has a scanner

to use for the Maine Community Heritage Project.

Librarian's Report—The Summer Reading Program hosted 5 well attended programs with 40-50 children each time! There were 100 participants in the summer reading program. Thank you to the Friends for the financial support for these programs.

The two new bulletin boards are here and a few members volunteered to help install them.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the vintage book sale. The library made \$500. The older books about Skowhegan or related to Maine are not being sold.

Treasurer's Report—The treasurer's report was read and approved. We are now a 501 non-profit organization with the IRS. The quilt raffle raised \$540.10.

New Books at the library September 2006

Fiction:

Mary Balogh / *Simply Love*
Lawrence Block / *Hit Parade*
Sandra Brown / *Ricochet*
Harlan Coben / *Real Breaker*
Catherine Coulter / *Born to be Wild*
Fannie Flagg / *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*
Frederick Forsyth / *Afgan*
Linda Howard / *Cover of Night*
Tony Hillerman / *Shape Shifter*
Faye Kellerman / *Garden of Eden*
And other criminal delights
Diana Palmer / *Outsider*
Nora Roberts / *Angel's Fall*
Daniel Silva / *Messenger*
Scott Smith / *Ruins : A Novel*

Nonfiction:

Frank Delaney / *Simple Courage : A true story*
Daniel Gilbert / *Stumbling on Happiness*
Charles Holmes (a graduate of Skowhegan Area High School) / *The Little Book About Big Success*
Helen Thomas / *Watchdogs of Democracy*

New and Renewed Members

Tom and Diane Crowley

Ruth Blood will begin an eight week Genealogy Course on Wednesday, September 20, 3-5 p. m. Sign up today!

FAVORITE AUTHORS

By Marcia Granville

If you like a story rich in faith, but with true to life problems, I can recommend a series by Wanda Brunstetter, *The Daughters of Lancaster County*. The stories center on the lives of the Amish women and some of the problems they encounter. After reading the first three, *The Storekeeper's Daughter*, *The Quilter's Daughter* and *the Bishop's Daughter*, I am sure that most of us don't know what hard work is or what the word busy really means. The books, however, are easy to read and are a relaxing way to get over the stress and hurry of our own lives. And, yes, these are love stories, too. The difference is in the way they are portrayed; hugs and a very few kisses are as far as they go, but the love portrayed is just as real as in the more graphic novels. Look for them in the Reading Room or ask for them at the desk.

Another author to read, for those who enjoy the medical thrillers of Robin Cook, is Tess Gerritson. You can be sure that her medical details are factual since she has retired from a successful practice as an internist in order to raise her children (in Maine) and concentrate on her writing. I just reread *Harvest*. It is a bone chilling tale of organ transplants, who gets them and where they come from. I really hope certain parts of the story are not based on fact. I'd hate to believe such things actually happen. Nevertheless, it is a fascinating and very well told story. There is a love interest in this one, also. Look for *Harvest* and other books by Tess Gerritson in the Reading Room under Maine Authors.

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Found — an old newspaper clipping!

Serenity Pond News

Dated, March 2005, the headline reads:

Jack Daniels slain at Johnny Walker Inn!
The body of Jack Daniels was discovered in the parking lot of the bar, Johnny Walker's Inn on March 5, 2005. Officer Armstrong heard a disturbance while walking his beat last Saturday afternoon. Upon investigation, he discovered Pauline Meeker kneeling in the victim's blood, a large knife in her hand. When questioned, she said, "I didn't do it."

Ms. Meeker is being held in custody while the investigation continues. Check here for daily updates on this spectacular crime!

The Trial of Pauline Meeker, a three act play will take place in late October. If you are interested in acting a part, call Marcia Granville at 474-7207 or leave your name and phone number at the library. There are 12 parts, three of which must be women, 1 which must be a man. The other 8 will be filled with whomever fits the role best. We need 2 lawyers, a tall barmaid, a short coroner, a judge, a short Pauline, and six others.

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.

Please complete this form and mail to Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

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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

September

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 a. m. in the Children's Room
September 5 Library Trustee meeting, 6 p. m. The public is welcome to attend.
September 9 Fall Festival at Coburn Park 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
September 11 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a. m. in the Children's Room
September 20 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library
September 25 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a. m. in the Children's Room
September 27 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library

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October 23 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a. m. in the Children's Room
October 25 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library

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The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial data. This includes not only sales and purchases but also expenses and income. The document provides a detailed list of items that should be tracked, such as inventory levels, employee salaries, and utility bills. It also outlines the proper procedures for recording these transactions, including the use of double-entry bookkeeping and the importance of regular reconciliations.

The second part of the document focuses on the analysis of financial statements. It explains how to interpret the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement to gain insights into the company's financial health. Key ratios and metrics are discussed, such as the current ratio, profit margin, and return on equity. The document also provides examples of how to identify trends and anomalies in the data, and offers suggestions for how to use this information to make strategic decisions.

The final part of the document addresses the importance of transparency and communication in financial reporting. It stresses that stakeholders, including investors, creditors, and management, should have access to clear and concise financial information. The document provides guidelines for how to prepare financial reports that are easy to understand and free from bias. It also discusses the role of internal controls and audits in ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the financial data.