



The Library Lookout

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

The weather lately has been so amiable to working outside at home, lots of warm days and sunshine. I've been replanting bare areas with grass seed, relocating shrubs and trees, and doing a bit of pruning. I'm always thankful for spring. Just about the time I feel I can't endure the winter anymore, we get our first spring like day. It's really something to look forward to in the dead of winter.

Here at the library home front, we've had a quiet, but busy month. With programs like Beginning Genealogy, Jazz Night, History House Community Discussion, and Transition Skowhegan, we've had something for everyone. We're also constantly adding new books to the collection. A few of the items added this month are; *Innocent* by David Baldacci; *Big Cat Nap* by Rita Mae Brown; *Lost Years* by Mary Higgins Clark; *Calico Joe* by John Grisham; *Wind Through the Keyhole* by Stephen King; *Come Home* by Lisa Scottoline; and *I Brake for Yard Sales* by Lara Spencer.

If you get a chance, please stop by the Library and look at the quilts being displayed in the Memorial Room and Front Room. Area quilters from Art Quilts Maine have graciously allowed us to display their quilts. The traveling quilts have been displayed throughout the state in businesses and libraries. For fun, play the quilt matching game. Ask for your game sheet at the Adult Circulation Desk.

If you happened to stop by the library on April 17th, you might have wondered why the doors were locked on a Tuesday. We chose that day to have the electrical contractor and CMP, do the lion's share of the electrical change over work needed for the library renovations. It was a great success, with the work

being accomplished on time and on schedule. A tip of my hat to our contractors, CMP, and especially our general contractor Steve Dionne. Without their hard work, our renovations wouldn't be going forward as they should. And speaking of renovations; keep an eye out in May for new curbing being installed on the Skowhegan Savings Bank side of the Library building, and also landscaping work.

And last but certainly not least; we're having a Paddle Art Silent Auction beginning May 15th. Artists from the Skowhegan area have volunteered to paint nature scenes on canoe paddles. These paddles will be displayed in the library. If you wish to bid on a paddle, you can do so in person, or by mail, email, or telephone. You'll also be able to view them on the library's webpage www.skowhegan.lib.me.us. The most current bid will be displayed on the paddle, and on the webpage. The winning bidders will be notified after 6pm on June 29th. Please help spread the word about the auction. All proceeds from the auction will be used to help finance the library renovations.

Until Next Month

Dale

Friends' Annual Members' Meeting

The Friends of the Library Annual Members' Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 PM. All members and guests are cordially invited to attend. Library Director, Dale Jandreau will be the speaker and will present a slide show on renovation progress. Wine and cheese will be served.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick

Kids are now in the final countdown until school is out and summer is here! Summer brings the summer reading program to the library, which this year is themed: "A Summer of Maine-ly Reading!" Registrations for the summer reading program will begin in June. So, look for more information to be coming home with students at about that time. Before we get to summer, however, we still have to finish out spring. Our Art & Earth Week program went very nicely this year. Over the course of the week, we made garden stones, plant pals, milk carton sailboats, paper-mache bowls and painted rocks. The kids used recycled materials to make the Earth a more beautiful place. Our Art & Earth week will be wrapped up on Saturday, April 28th at 11:00 with a program from the LC Bates Museum about Earth Awareness. This program will give kids tips on how to keep our Earth viable for us as well as the animals and plants.

Looking ahead into May, we have lots of fun in store! Children's Book Week starts on May 7th. To celebrate this, the library will be holding a Children's Book Week Party and Book Exchange. We will have some popular children's book themed snacks, fun games, and of course the book exchange. To participate in the book swap, please have each of your children bring in a gently used book to trade with another child. This way, each child will get to go home with a "new" book! Also this month, we will be doing our Family Story Hour: Construction Zone and time capsule. This event was scheduled for last month, but due to renovations, will instead be held on May 15th at 4:30. We still need some ideas of what to include in the time capsule, so please if you have any let us know! This is a great opportunity to get a tour of the basement and see what the library has accomplished so far in the renovations.

As always, please remember that you can always get more information on any of our programs or general goings-on of the library on our website: <http://www.skowhegan.lib.me.us/> or like our Facebook page.

New and Renewed Members

Joseph Quirion
Marilyn and Roger Renfrew
Kathy and Bob Dorko
Elaine Cannell
Kathy Hughes
Anne Gould
Elizabeth Bisson
Corrilla and Jim Hastings
Elinor Clark
Barbara and Peter Whitkop
Hilma Millett
Diane and Tom Crowley
Bonnie and Dick Chamberlain
Claire and Chris Perkins
Lyn Govoni
Pam and Dave McDermott
Rod and Renee Worster
Stefan, Molly, Alexis and Lauren Staples
Brett Worster
Amber and Michael Lambke

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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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

Meet an ABLE Volunteer

By Marcia B. Granville

Pam Arinze is an ABLE volunteer. She is sponsored by the ABLE American Network and currently works 19 hours a week. The amount of time worked by an ABLE volunteer is determined by the Network and varies according to current economic conditions. In order to become an ABLE volunteer, one must be over fifty years old and fit the economic guidelines.

Pam moved to Skowhegan when her son married a girl from Madison. She loves the historic buildings in Skowhegan and the small town atmosphere. She feels more at home here than anywhere else she has lived. "I don't think people realize what we have. People are lucky here and they don't have a clue. Where I come from, you couldn't leave the door unlocked for five minutes."

Always friendly, Pam enjoys her work, covering the desk when needed, shelving books, and helping out wherever she can. She especially likes working in the genealogy room. The wealth of history available in the library is fascinating to her. She appreciates the books on Maine towns, the collection of old newspapers and other material in the genealogy room.

Pam says she had no computer skills when she began working at the library, but she is learning more every day with lessons from Dale, Angie and Françoise. With her new computer skills, ready smile and friendly attitude, Pam really has become an able volunteer.

Friends of the Library Lunch Program

269 bag lunches were created and delivered around town on April 13 by a terrific team of willing workers. A total profit of \$1,546.86 was the result. The money will go towards the library's programs and facilities.

Many thanks to all the patrons and Friends who donated time and energy to the success of this undertaking, and to the many people who purchased the lunches.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Baldacci, David/ *Innocent*
Bradford, Barbara Taylor/ *Letter from a Stranger*
Brown, Rita Mae/ *Big Cat Nap*
Clark, Carol Higgins/ *Gypped: a Regan Reilly novel*
Clark, Mary Higgins/ *Lost Years*
Grisham, John/ *Calico Joe*
Hart, Carolyn/ *Death Comes Silently*
Jackson, Lisa/ *Afraid to Die*
Johansen, Iris/ *What Doesn't Kill You*
King, Stephen/ *Wind Through the Keyhole*
Kingsbury, Karen/ *Loving*
Lewis, Beverly/ *The Fiddler*
Margolin, Phillip/ *Capitol Murder*
McCall Smith, Alexander/ *Limpopo Academy of Private Detection*
Perry, Annel/ *Dorchester Terrace*
Quick, Amanda/ *Crystal Gardens*
Roberts, Nora/ *Witness*
Ross, Anne B./ *Miss Julia to the Rescue*
Scottoline, Lisa/ *Come Home*
Tyler, Annel/ *Beginner's Goodbye*
Wambaugh, Joseph/ *Harbor Nocturne*
Woods, Stuart/ *Unnatural Acts*

NON-FICTION

James, Eloisa/ *Paris in Love: a memoir*
Spencer, Lara/ *I Brake for Yard Sales*

Annual Gigantic Library Lawn Sale

Please bring your items for sale to the library or to the Hastings' barn, 538 Malbons Mills Rd. Furniture, tools, toys, baby equipment, household items - anything in saleable condition is welcome.

Sale day is May 19. Proceeds will go to Library Renovations.

The Library Lookout
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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, Corilla Hastings
Carol Jarvais, Sara McCabe
Lynn Perry, Warren Shay
Ex Officio, Darla Pickett

Friends officers:

Darla Pickett, pres.
Peggy Lovejoy, vice pres.,
Margo Reid, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

Beginning Genealogy: May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 1 to 3 PM

MAY

May 1 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

May 3 Monthly genealogy, Speaker: Katie Ouellette on "French Canadian Settlement in Skowhegan", 1 PM

May 7 to 10 Children's Book Week Party & Book Exchange, 5 PM

May 9 Library Renovation Meeting, 6 PM

May 9 Transition Skowhegan, "The Crash Course", Part 1, 7 PM

May 10 FOL Executive Board Meeting, 6 PM

May 10 FOL Annual Members' Meeting, 6:30 PM

May 12 Socrates Café, 11 to 1

May 14 & 28 Toddler Time, 10:30 AM

May 15 Paddle Auction begins

May 15 Family Story Hour: Construction Zone & Time Capsule, 4:30

May 19 Annual Gigantic Lawn Sale, 538 Malbons Mills Road

May 20 Transition Group, "Reskilling" at Tessiers' Farm, 2 - 5 PM

May 21 Pen Pal Club, 3 PM

May 26 Super Science Saturday, 11 AM

JUNE

June 4 Summer Reading Program Registration begins

June 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

June 9 Socrates Café, 11 to 1

June 11 & 25 Toddler Time, 10:30

June 13 Library Renovation Meeting, 6 PM

June 13 Transition Skowhegan, "The Crash Course", Part 2, 7 PM

June 19 Family Story Hour: Summer Reading Program Kickoff, "Maine-ly Places!", 4:30

June 21 "Business After Hours" at the Library, 5 PM

June 28 Skowhegan Pottery, making Maine plates, 10 AM & 2 PM (pre-registration required)