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THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SKOWHEGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY 1889



As the days grow longer and the weather gets warmer, the library is buzzing with anticipation for our summer reading extravaganza. "Farms, Food, and Fun!" is the theme of the season, promising a delightful mix of adventure, learning, and great stories.

Stay tuned for a lineup of engaging activities that celebrate the theme. Get ready to explore the world of agriculture, savor delicious treats, and dive into exciting tales that will spark your imagination.

In addition to our indoor festivities, we have exciting outdoor adventures in store for you. Keep an eye out for passes to Lake George, where you can bask in the beauty of nature and create unforgettable memories. Or, if you prefer a botanical escape, we've got passes to the Botanical Gardens for a serene and colorful experience.



Speaking of delicious treats, join the Skowhegan Free Public Library at Brickyard Hollow Brewing Co. in Skowhegan for a Community Night! 5% of sales between 5-9pm will be donated to the library. These funds will help us create library programming for our community. We're grateful to Brickyard Hollow for offering to host this event, it's going to be so much fun! Hope to see some of you there!

As a reminder, the library will be closed @ 2PM on 4/08 due to the eclipse and all day on 4/22 in observance of Patriot's Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

- Every Wednesday** - Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30AM
- Every Thursday** - Career Center Consultant @ 11 - 4PM
- Every Friday** - Sit & Knit @ 1 - 3PM
- First & Third Saturdays** - Library Yoga @ 10:30AM
- Second & Fourth Saturdays** - Makers Club @ 10:30 AM

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- 4/02 - Solar Eclipse View Finder Craft @ 3:30PM
- 4/09 - YA Book Club @ 5PM
- 4/11 - Author Talk w/ Matt Cost @ 6PM
- 4/15- Coding w Robots @ 3:30PM
- 4/16- Paper Flower Craft @ 3:30PM
- 4/17- Coding w Robots @ 3:30PM
- 4/18 - Books & Brews at Unwined @ 6:30PM
- 4/19- Spaghetti Tower Challenge @ 1:30PM
- 4/25 - LEGO Club @ 3:30PM
- 4/30 - Community Night at Brickyard Hollow @ 4:45 PM

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CLOSURES

- 4/4- All day Library Conference
- 4/8- Closing @ 2PM
- 4/22- All day In Observance of Patriot's Day
- 5/01- All day- Reading Roundup Conference



NEWS FROM YOUTH SERVICES BY GABRIELLE HUNTER, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN



The Dragon Book Club was a great success! This month, we were able to complete and paint our dragon sculptures, the kids did such a great job bringing their visions to life.



Storytimes have been a blast, the kids had fun making slop for a most recent activity! It's not every day you get to play with your food (and have a nice healthy snack afterward).



Our eclipse viewer activity was a huge hit, we had a full house! It was a great time to learn more about the eclipse and safe viewing and a way to reuse old cereal boxes that may have otherwise gone to waste!

Finally, we're especially excited for the Summer reading program up here in the Children's Tower! Stay tuned for lots of fun activities, games and prizes to encourage kiddos to read all summer long!



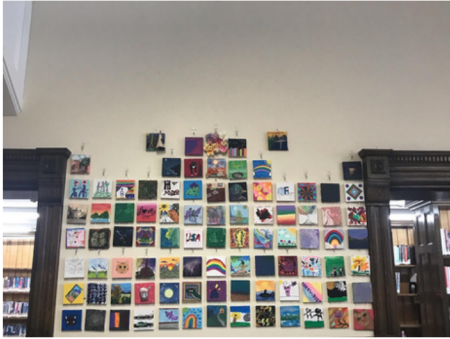


News from the Library Desk By Breanna Bussell-Fitzgerald, Adult Services Librarian

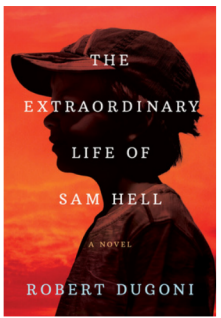
March marked our first Community Art Show at the Skowhegan Free Public Library. Gabby and I partnered together to plan this and loved seeing all of the art come in! We had so many great submissions and we are proud to put them on display in front of the circulation desk (right above the new arrivals!).

The show had a great turnout and we definitely look forward to potentially hosting more in the future, so don't worry if you weren't able to participate this time! . It's so wonderful to be able to showcase the talents of our community!

In April, we're looking forward to hosting Matt Cost, author of the The Clay Wolfe/Port Essex series on 4/11 @ 6PM. He'll have books for sale and to sign, make sure you don't miss out!



Books & Brews




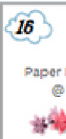




Books & Brews will be reading The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni for April so please grab a copy and join us! Be on the lookout for May's book choices on FB and vote for which one you want us to read and discuss!



Tech News by Nikki Hathaway, Technology Librarian

Staff Picks of the Month

We've been thinking April vacation down here in the computer lab/ geneology room! There will be a program a day for the whole week of school vacation!

 15 Coding (1st-3rd Grade) @ 3:30PM	 16 Paper Flower Craft @ 3:30PM	 17 Storytime @ 10:30AM Coding (1st-3rd Grade) @ 3:30PM	 18 Career Center Consultant @ 1PM Books & Brews at Unwined @ 6:30PM	 19 Sit & Knit @ 1 PM Spaghetti Tower Challenge @ 1:30PM	 20 Library Yoga @ 10:30AM
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The schedule is as follows:

Mon 4/15- Coding with Robots! (1st-3rd grade) Group 1

Tues 4/16- Paper Flower Craft (All ages): We'll have precut petals for you and some examples but you can get creative and make something totally new if you'd like!

Wed 4/17- Coding with Robots! (1st-3rd grade) Group 2

Thurs 4/18- Books & Brews @ Unwined

Fri 4/19- Spaghetti Tower Challenge! (All ages)- Who can build the tallest tower out of the materials provided?

Sat 4/20- Library Yoga w/ Gabby

Angie - *Under the Red Rock* by Mindy McGinnis

Bree - *The Magical Age of Overthinking* by Amanda Montell

Gabrielle - *Your Blood My Bones* by Kelly Andrew

Lydia - *Damsel* by Evelyn Skye

Nikki - *Sacred Economics* by Charles Eisenstein

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