



The Library Lookout

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Wish List

Still looking for computers and peripherals: some for internet, some for in-house use, at least one for children's room. Children's software would be great, too.



Popular Selections

Fiction:

Cold Mountain... Chas Frazier

Man of My Dreams... Lindsay

Non-Fiction:

Confederates in the Attic... Tony Horwitz

Birthday Letters... Ted Hughes

Children:

Dance on a Sealskin... Barbara Winslow

Owl Moon... Jane Yollen

Young Adults:

Matt's Mitt... Marilyn Sachs

The Education of Little Tree... Forest Carter

Your Librarians Are:

Helen Shaw, Francoise Labonte,

Lois Moody and Thelma Butler

Your Library Trustees Are:

Warren Shay, Carol Jarvis, Betsey Hall, Kathy Dorko, Toni Blaisdell and Rick Anzelo

Friends Officers Are:

Jim Hastings, Pres.; Mary Davies,

V.P., Marcia Granville, Sec. and

Hilma Millett, Treas.

LATEST NEWS

The Boardman family has founded a library renovation and restoration fund in memory of Harold Boardman. Donations may be sent to Trustees of Bloomfield Academy, Skowhegan Library Restoration Fund P.O. Box 250, Skowhegan, Me 04976

We are grateful to the Boardman family and all donors.

The Quilt Show by Somerset Quilters on Oct, 25 was a winner. In fact many award winning quilts were on display. Thanks to Pres. Cynthia Wacome and her group of nimble fingered friends, the library was transformed into a handiworker's paradise. All attending remarked on the quality of the show. Proceeds were donated to the Bloomfield Trustees Library Renovation Fund. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. DePietro won the doorprizes; quilted pillows by Corrilla Hastings. The staging was beautiful and quilters were present to demonstrate techniques. They also provided a lovely bake sale on the second floor, which included a tea room where many sat and enjoyed the quilts, the goodies and a lovely view of the Kennebec River. Friends were on hand to assist.

The Nov 4 meeting with Tim Gould drew a large crowd of antique lovers, complete with the treasures they wanted appraised. We got a lot of good advice plus the enjoyment of seeing the wonderful pieces people brought in. Tim promised to come again.

Bloomfield Trustee Toni Jo Blaisdell announced that two wooden safety rails will be built to improve access up the steps to the library. It has been a hardship, especially in winter, for many library patrons to navigate the steps. Four new bookcases are being built to replace the old weakened ones. A general culling of outdated material is ongoing. The library continues to improve.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	1-8:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

Easy Reading

A Review by Marcia Granville

If you find many of the newer books too graphic or too violent for your taste, you will find some of the older titles more satisfying. The library has many books by authors from a gentler age. One such author is Elizabeth Cadell, who was born and brought up in India and was educated in Calcutta, London and Darjeeling. Her books all have an English flavor although the stories may have different settings.

Around the Rugged Rock is a romance written in 1954. The story takes place in Gibraltar and revolves around Lorna Salvador, the young widow of a Spaniard. Her mother was Spanish, but her father was English. As the story unfolds, we meet her children from a brief first marriage. Then her first husband appears on the scene. She describes him in unflattering terms. "He was a brute," said Lorna, over lunch. From the beginning to the end, a brute. He snatched me from the cradle, married me before I was old enough to know what was happening to me, and presented me with two babies before I was twenty."

Game in Diamonds, written in 1976, is somewhat different. It takes place in England and includes an autocratic grandmother, an irascible neighbor, a stepdaughter, and a fiancée who has gone to Venice. Ms. Cadell has fun with this story, mixing disparate characters with a little intrigue and a lost fortune.

Subtle humor is present in all of the books but in some the humor is more evident. *Six Impossible Things* is a prime example. The title is part of a phrase from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. The quotation finishes with the phrase, "Before breakfast." To find out what all these impossible things before breakfast are, you will have to read the book. The many books written by Elizabeth Cadell will be found in the room just behind the librarian's desk. Borrow one of them and enjoy a relaxing interlude far from today's worries.

COMING EVENTS



Story and Craft Hour each Wed. at 10 a.m. Pre-schoolers, home-schoolers, and all children are welcome. Corrilla makes it fun and a learning experience and it's a great opp for kids to socialize.



Book discussion group (for adults) meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The next book is *Sophie's Choice* by Wm. Styron. We have room for two more members and then we'll start a waiting list. The group decided on fifteen to facilitate discussion. You may call Corrilla at 474-3949 for details.



Dec 6 1:30 to 3 p.m. Celebrity Readers during the Christmas Stroll. Guest Readers will be Police Chief "Butch" Asselin, Principal Jean Pillsbury, Dr. Lorraine Paradis, Shop & Save Customer Service Manager Sherl Chouinard, Principal Deborah Primmerman, and SAHS Basketball player Brayden Clement. Come in, get warm and hear a good seasonal story. Maybe about the Grinch.



Dec 8 Jeff Evans presents "They Went Thataway" A Western Movies film discussion at 7 p.m. Our evening with "Hitchcock" was great. We can't wait to find out more about the cowboys. I hope he mentions my first beaus; Lash LaRue and Hop-along Cassidy, but I may be too early a fan. Maybe John Wayne will strut across the screen. Join us for a fun evening, and it's free.



Jan 6, 1999 Friends meet at 7 p.m. Following the business meeting, the program will be "The History of Handbells"



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