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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 Wednesday - Dragon Book Club @ 4PM

Every Thursday - Career Center Consultant @ 1 - 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

4/18 - Books & Brews at Unwined @ 6:30PM

4/23 - Paper Flower Craft @ 3:30PM

4/24 - Coding Challenge @ 3:30PM

4/25 - LEGO Club @ 3:30PM

4/26 - Spaghetti Tower Challenge @ 1:30PM

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- In Observance of Patriot's Day



NEWS FROM YOUTH SERVICES BY GABRIELLE HUNTER, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN



The Dragon Book Club is still going strong! 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!



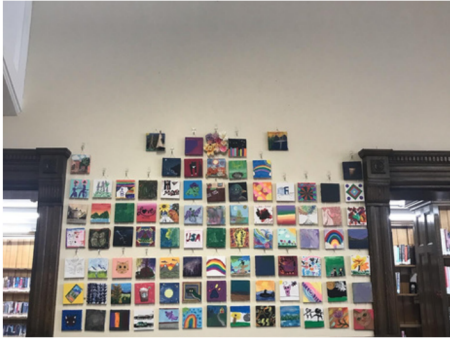


News from the Library Desk By Breanna Bussell-Fitzgerald, Adult Services Librarian

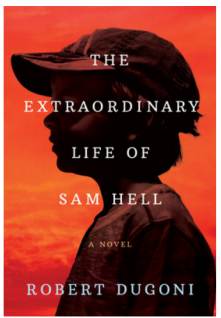
March marked our first Community Art Show at the Skowhegan Free Public Library. Gabby and I partnered together to plan this and loved seeing all of the art come in! We had so many great submissions and we are proud to put them on display in front of the circulation desk (right above the new arrivals!).

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

We've been thinking April vacation down here in the computer lab/ geneology room! We have a daily activity planned for Tuesday-Friday to help keep boredom at bay!

<p>22</p>  <p>CLOSED In observance of Patriot's day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Paper Flower Craft @ 3:30PM</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Storytime @ 10:30AM</p>  <p>Coding (1st- 3rd Grade) @ 3:30 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Career Center Consultant @1PM</p> <p>LEGO Club @ 3:30 PM</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Sit & Knit @ 1 PM</p> <p>Spaghetti Tower Challenge @1:30PM</p>
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Tuesday the 23rd will be a Paper Flower Craft! We'll have petals precut for you to make a few we'll have demo'd, or you can use your imagination and make something new! This is for all ages! Wednesday the 24th, we're bringing back coding! For ages 1st-3rd grade we'll have an robot coding activity @ 3:30PM. Thursday the 25th we'll have LEGO Club!! Last but not least, Friday the 26th is a Spaghetti Tower Challenge. The whole family can come to see who can build the biggest tower out of only the materials provided- also all ages!

Staff Picks of the Month

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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