



The Library Lookout

April 2000

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Wish List

Audio books & videos
Donations to May Lawn Sale



Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw



Children:

Johnson	<i>The Barn Owls</i>
Macy	<i>Winning Ways:</i> <i>Women in Sports</i>
Penn	<i>The Kissing Hand</i>
Ringgold	<i>If A Bus Could Talk-</i> <i>The Rosa Parks Story</i>
Seuss	<i>Gerald McBoing</i> <i>Boing</i>



Adults:

Bradford	<i>Where You Belong</i>
Doctorow	<i>City of God</i>
Morgan	<i>Gap Creek</i>
Morell	<i>Burnt Sienna</i>



LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster

The library is grateful for the many fine books given In Memory. This is a lovely tribute to a loved one and it helps us all to remember.

National Library Week will be celebrated April 9-15 ending with a get-together Sat. April 15, at 10:30 a.m. You're invited to make book-marks, buttons and get your face painted. You may want to bring a little friend. Awards will be given for the Poster Contest for grades k-6, as well as for the Poetry Contest for middle school students. Refreshments will be served.

Cathy Hughes & Ginny Foster have whipped up a dandy flag commemorating National Library Week and we will fly it proudly for years to come.

Barbara Penley, Jean Butler & Ginny Venziano will judge the posters and Helen Shaw, Toni Jo Blaisdell and others will judge the poetry. We have great prizes, ranging from pizza to theater tickets, (Thank you Mr. & Mrs Perry), a Harry Potter book, gift certificates to Mr. Paperback, etc. Ah, to be a kid again. The Children's Rooms will feature a display of children's books beautifully arranged by Jean Butler.

We have a lot to celebrate this year. Voters have supported the library renovation once again and we have been awarded two **NEW CENTURY GRANTS** by the State of Maine. Our local legislators have been invited to drop in on Saturday morning. We hope to be able to thank them in person for funding this great boon to Maine libraries. These grants require matched funds and your support has made it possible.

Architect Sylvanus Doughty is very busy helping six Maine libraries thanks to the **NEW CENTURY CONSTRUCTION GRANT**. Our bid process is underway & we'll have a messy, noisy, JUBILATION P. CORNPONE summer making our library windows serviceable and beautiful again. COME ON DOWN. This grant is under the guidance of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

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Fine Words

APRIL SHOWERS

Verse

Life is not a highway strewn with flow-ers
Still it holds a goodly share of bliss
When the sun gives way to A-pril Show-ers
Here's the point that you should nev-er miss:

Chorus

Though A-pril Show-ers may come your way
They bring the flow-ers that come in May
So if it's raining-have no regrets
Because it isn't raining rain you know
It's raining violets.

And when you see clouds-upon a hill
You soon will see crowds-of daffodils

So keep on looking for a bluebird
And listening for his song
Whenever A-pril show-ers come along.

Words by B.G. DeSylva

Music by Louis Silva

Made famous by Judy Garland



Thank You Town Employees!

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Thank You

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Book Revue

by Lee Granville

A Life on the Road by Charles Kuralt

Charles Kuralt was a self-proclaimed nomad. In *A Life on the Road* he says, "A sandy road passed in front of the house and a logging path through the woods behind it. I always wondered where the roads went, and after I learned that the one in front went to another farm a mile away, I wondered where it went from there." The books tells us about some of those roads he traveled and of his experiences there.

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The NEW CENTURY COLLABORATIVE GRANT supports enhanced services for four communities. Canaan, Madison, Norridgewock and Skowhegan libraries applied for funding for our project PRESERVE THE PAST—CLAIM THE FUTURE which will provide two state-of-the-art computers complete with peripherals, to be housed in the Skowhegan Library, which is central to all patrons. One computer will be internet ready & enable Jim Foster to enhance his basic computer course which is free for all communities. The second computer will be free-standing for word-processing and photo repair and preservation. A CD-writer will be available for patrons to make a copy to bring home. The library will provide paper, floppies & cd's at a competitive price.

This grant is partially matched with in-kind service which is being provided by Warren Shay, Bill Laney, Mary Davies, Jim Foster, Jeff Hewett, Marcia & Lee Granville and Lynda Quinn and of course, the staff of all four libraries. We are fortunate to have the help of experts in photo and historic preservation and of course a couple of computer whizzes. The rest of us are doing support work, (which mostly involves a lot of paper). Now we'll be able to fix the crease marks in Grandmamma's portrait. Just think of your own stash of family pictures that are fading away. We can fix that.

THE 2ND ANNUAL LIBRARY LAWN SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 20, IN JIM & CORRILLA HASTINGS YARD. We are taking part in the 7 Mile Lawn sale that is a springtime ritual for us all. Call 474-3949 if you need help getting stuff to the site. You may also leave small items or bags full at the library in May. Last year we raised \$1000 for the Friends of the Library's Renovation Fund. We hope to do better this year. If you know someone moving or clearing space or upgrading ANYTHING (unbroken), please advertise for us.

JELLY BEAN CONTEST

Guess how many jelly beans in the jar. Winner takes all the day before Easter.

BECOME A FRIEND OF YOUR LIBRARY

- The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library, a
- not for profit group dedicated to supporting and improv-
- ing the library for all members of the community, invite
- you to join us. Dues are \$10. individuals, \$8. Seniors &
- Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at
- the Library the second Wednesday of every other month,
- unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For
- more information, call Corilla Hastings (474-3949) or
- Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

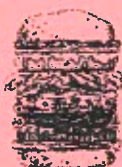


Apr. 3 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group: Mystery



Apr. 9-15 National Library Week – Many Activities Planned

Apr. 28 **Bag Lunch Sale** to benefit the library building and restoration fund. Menus and order blanks will be distributed to local places of business during the first week of April. Prepaid orders will be collected on Thursday, April 20th for delivery on Friday, April 28th. There are five choices of homemade sandwiches plus five different beverages. The cost of the Library Lunch is \$6.00.



May 1 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group: A play TBA perhaps a reading by all.



May 10 7:00 p.m Friends Annual Meeting. Election of Officers. Program: **Book Reviews Skowhegan Readers** of all ages.

Our Computer Classes at the Library, co-sponsored by the Friends and the Kennebec Valley Computer Society, will start a new series at the beginning of April if there is sufficient interest. For more information or to sign up, please call Jim Foster at 474-2589 or e-mail jfoster@somtel.com.



The Library Lookout

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c/o Skowhegan Free Public Library
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Your Librarians Are:

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Your Library Trustees Are:

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,
Mary Davies, Betsey Hall,
Kathy Dorko,
Toni Jo Blaisdell and
Rick Anzelc

Friends Officers Are:

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Mary Davies, V.P.,
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Hughes, Treas.

