



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6, Sat., 10–2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

April, has been chock full of programming for adult and child. One of the best has been our "Gardening with the Pros" program series. Each week, different topics have been covered. We've learned the dos and don'ts of vegetable gardening, tending to annual and perennial flowers, and taking care of fruit trees and berries. We're looking forward to learning about heirloom gardens on May 1st. These well-attended programs have definitely sparked the gardener in all of us.

Another great program was our poetry program with Maine Poet Laureate, Wes McNair. Wes was here to share his new book, "The Words I Chose" with us. We're hoping to have Wes back again with us in the future to do some readings. Stay tuned.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will present a series of programs at the library beginning May 7th. The "Eat Well Nutrition Education Program" will help participants learn how to stretch food dollars; give them new ideas and recipes for healthy meals; and teach them how to prepare great snacks, among other things. The programs are free; and will be held in the library's Memorial Room May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. All programs begin at 10am.

The library lawn sale will be held on May 18th, at Corrilla and Jim Hastings' residence on Malbons Mills Road. We're looking for donations. Small items may be brought to the library; but larger items go to the Hastings' home, please. We take just

about anything, with the exception of electronic items like computers, printers and T.V.s. Please help support the library renovations by donating to the yard sale, and telling your friends about it too.

A hearty "well done" to our Library Friends for the great job they did with the annual lunch fundraiser on April 12th. We have a dedicated bunch of Friends here at the Library. They have a real concern about the needs of the library, and work hard at raising funds to meet those needs. Again, hats off to the Friends!

There's no Jazz program this month due to a prior commitment by the musicians. The last Jazz program until fall will be held on June 20th at 7pm.

The library will be closed on May 27th for Memorial Day, and May 31st for cleaning of the carpets.

I'll leave you with this thought: "the book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one that makes you think" Harper Lee
Until Next Month – Dale



Francoise admires the new stairway!

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

What a tremendous month we had here in the Children's Library. We had over 70 kids participate in our April Vacation programs, and we gave out over 300 books to the kids at Skow-pendous! It sure was a busy month, but a rewarding month as well. May is a bit quieter for us upstairs; I am preparing, prepping, and planning for our 2013 Summer Reading Program: DIG INTO READING, so look for more information to be sent home via the schools sometime in the beginning of June.

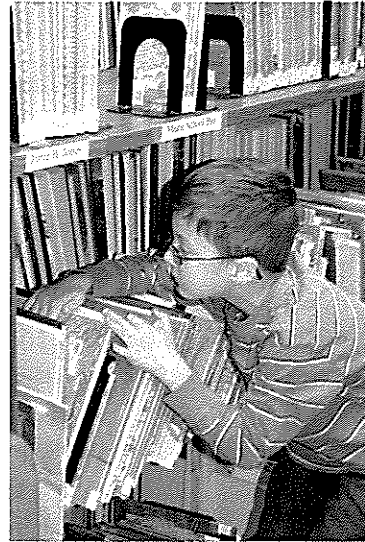
As part of gearing up for our busy summer, we are looking for some teen volunteers who would be willing to help in the Children's Library. We are looking for someone who can work a semi-consistent schedule, is comfortable working with kids, is creative, and has computer skills. Volunteering looks great on work and college applications and teaches skills that can transfer to other jobs and/or classes. Please call or stop into the library if you are interested.

Children's Book Week is May 13th – May 17th and in celebration, we will be hosting some guest readers from the community. We have Trooper Northrup and his dog Preston from the Maine State Police K9 Unit, Firefighter Rick from the Skowhegan Police Department, and Marie a dental hygienist from Maine Center for Dental Medicine. They will be at the library to share a book and short presentation on their profession.

Also, please note that there will be no family story hour this month, but they will pick back up on the third Tuesday in June (June 18th) with the kickoff of our Summer Reading Program!

CHILDREN'S ROOM WISH LIST

Small prizes for Summer Reading Program
White copy paper
Stickers



Connor Files finds just the right book!

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

David L. Richards
Marilyn Renfrew
Kathy and Bob Dorko
Darla Pickett
Elaine L. Cannell
Lisa and Jim Veilleux
Maureen and Daniel Davis

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

Name _____
Address _____
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

FOL NEWS

For the 13th year, the Friends of the Library sponsored the annual April **Library Lunch** fundraiser. After hours of planning and panicking, volunteers managed to sell 320 lunches to area businesses, schools and individuals. The profit of \$1,777.34 will help the Library Director purchase needed library items. Just this year we funded a children's summer reading program and donated \$500.00 toward the purchase of a new copier that the library desperately needed.

Thanks to all who supported our efforts, the salespeople, the sandwich makers, the delivery people.

Special thanks go to Mark and Deb Tanner who kindly let us use Tewksbury Hall as a launching site. Its convenient location and spacious size made the tasks easier.

Our thanks also go to North Star Orchard for donating 325 polished, fat juicy apples. Backyard Farms provided the beautiful tomatoes. We thank them too. Sam's Club, Hannaford, Wal-mart, and Shaw's gift cards helped to offset food expenses.

And finally we thank those who bought lunches. Your participation made this day a true community event.

We invite all Friends to join us for the **Annual Meeting** on May 9 at 6:30 at the library. Director Dale Jandreau will entertain us with an update and tour of recent renovations. We will serve refreshments.

Future fundraisers include a **Lakewood Golf Tournament** on Saturday July 20. We will provide more information as the event nears.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Allende, Isabel/ *Maya's Notebook*
Baldacci, David/ *Hit*
Beaton, M.C./ *Death of Yesterday*
Berg, Elizabeth/ *Tapestry of Fortunes*
Bradford, Barbara Taylor/ *Secrets from the Past*
Clark, Mary Higgins/ *Daddy's Gone A Hunting*
Coelho, Paulo/ *Manuscript Found in Accra*
Hannah, Kristin/ *Fly Away*
Jackson, Lisa/ *Ready to Die*
Johansen, Iris/ *Taking Eve*
Lowell, Elizabeth/ *Dangerous Refuge*
Macomber, Debbie/ *Starting Now*
Margolin, Phillip/ *Sleight of Hand*
Michaels, Fern/ *Blossom Sisters*
Page, Katherine Hall/ *Body in the Piazza*
Parker, T. Jefferson/ *Famous and Dead*
Patterson, James/ *12th of Never*
Perry, Annel/ *Midnight at Marble Arch*
Quick, Amanda/ *Mystery Woman*
Roberts, Nora/ *Whiskey Beach*
Ross, Ann. B./ *Miss Julia Stirs Trouble*
Scottoline, Lisa/ *Don't Go*
Wiggs, Susan/ *Apple Orchard*
Woods, Stuart/ *Unintended Consequences*
Woodsmall, Cindy/ *Winnowing Season*

Non-Fiction

Reynolds, Debbie/ *Unsinkable: A Memoir*

Remember the Library when you clean out those closets for spring!

We're looking for items for the annual **Library Lawn Sale** on May 18. Please leave small items at the library, and bring larger items to the Hastings' farm on Malbons Mills Road any time. (474 3949)

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

Your Library Trustees:

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Corrilla Hastings, Carol Jarvais,
Sara McCabe, Lynn Perry,
Lynda Quinn, Warren Shay
Ex Officio: FOL Chair

Friends officers:

Co Chairs: Margo Reid, Kathy Evans, Jeanne Shay
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

MAY

May 1 Lawyers in Libraries Law Day 2013, Guest speaker: Adam Harval, 12 noon

May 1 Gardening with the Pros: Heirloom Gardens by Patricia Horine, 7 PM

May 2 USDA Public Meeting for grant application for library renovations, 11 AM

May 7 Eat Well Nutrition Program, 10 AM

May 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

May 8 Lawyers in Libraries; "How to prepare for an unemployment compensation hearing or appeal", Free video, 3PM

May 8 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM

May 9 Friends of the Library Annual Meeting, 6 PM

May 11 Socrates Café, "Humor/Comedy: Relief from Reality" 11 AM

May 13 & 27 Toddler Time, 10:30 AM

May 13 Children's Book Week Guest Reader: Trooper Northrup and Preston, 4 PM

May 14 Eat Well Nutrition Program, 10 AM

May 14 Children's Book Week Guest Reader: Firefighter Rick, 4 PM

May 15 Children's Book Week Guest Reader: Marie, Dental Hygienist, 4 PM

May 18 Library Lawn Sale at the Hastings' Residence

May 21 Eat Well Nutrition Program, 10 AM

May 22 Lawyers in Libraries; "Understanding the Family Law Process, free video, 3 PM

May 23 Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours, 5:30 PM

May 25 Last Saturday open for Winter Hours

May 28 Eat Well Nutrition Program, 10 AM

JUNE

June 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

June 10 & 24 Toddler Time, 10:30 AM

June 10 Annual Skowhegan Town Meeting, 7 PM

June 12 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM

June 17 "Books Alive" at Lakewood

June 18 Summer Reading Program Kick-Off

June 18 Family Story Hour: Toil in the Soil, 4:30 PM

June 20 Jazz Concert, 7 PM

June 26 Two Crazy Women present Worms at Work, 11:15 AM

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