



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Saturday, 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

As I'm writing this, the temperature is 26 degrees. Just another typical day in January. Nope, April 26th, go figure. Warmer weather will be here soon. Gardeners don't despair!

If you haven't stopped by the library lately, please do so. We've relocated some of our collection, but for the good. Our large print collection is all housed in one area, as well as our Maine non-fiction. Soon, we'll have a Civil War collection; bringing together what we already had in the collection with other items that were stored in the Mezzanine.

My thanks to Steve Dionne and his crew for doing such a great job on renovating the Mezzanine windows. Steve removed the windows and took them to his shop. Once there, all window were stripped down, repaired, and restained. They look great, and were also weather stripped to make them more energy efficient. Funding for this project came from the Skowhegan community façade grant.

The library, in conjunction with the Bloomfield Garden Club, presented a Garden Fever program in April. The program was a hit with area dirt diggers. 4 different speakers lent us their expertise in gardening. A giant thank you to The Bloomfield Garden Club for all of their hard work; and dare I say yummy snacks also! They made the program a huge hit.

The Staff and I recently had a very nice luncheon to honor our library volunteers. I can't thank them enough for all they do for us. Their work here is invaluable.

Maine author Marjorie Macpherson will be with us on May 7th at 11am. Marjorie has written a

new Christian book called "Soul Mates." The story is set in Nevada, and tells the stories of two individuals who overcome the trials and tribulations that come their way. Books will be available for purchase.

Renovations will be cranking up again in May. Areas of the library may be cordoned off as the contractors work in those areas. Parts of the collection may also be unavailable at this time. We will make every effort to get what you want from the collection, but you might have to try again later. Please be patient with us. We're working hard to give you an up to date and safe library.

Our last Saturday hours will be May 21st. Summer hours will be Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm. The library will also be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

I'll leave you with this thought; "the most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff." Timothy Healy

Until Next Month – Dale

Library Lawn Sale!

(May 20 & 21)



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NEEDED:

Furniture, Toys, Tools, Household Items, Sports Equipment, Etc.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

May is a transitional month in the children's library. We end our school year programs (Tween the Pages Book Club and Family Story Hour) this month so I can gear up for the summer reading program fun that starts at the end of June. This summer reading program is themed, "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" and will feature movement, healthy eating and games, and the Olympics. We are still collecting prizes to hand out for participants who meet their weekly reading goals, so if you want to make a donation, there is still time. We have had quite a few roll in. Thanks to New Balance Shoes, Variety Drug, Hannaford, McDonalds and Bangor Savings Bank for helping us out with these incentives! The summer brochures will be heading home with students in grades K-5 sometime in early June with all the program details, so be on the lookout.

Tween the Pages Book Club will hold its last meeting for the year on May 4th. We will be having an ice cream party to celebrate our reading achievements and the hard work we put in this school year. This group of 8 students had an amazing year doing a lot of fun things that all tied back to the books they read. Most recently, the Tween the Pages Book Club participated in a community service project after reading two books about kids surviving through homelessness, abuse, neglect, poverty and hunger. In conjunction with KVCAP, and with donations from New Balance, Canaan Circle K, Madison Family Dentistry and the Hovencamp family, the kids were able to pack 15 bags filled with items for local kids facing these same types of tough situations. Included in each bag were personal hygiene items, socks, snacks, a water bottle, school supplies, a book, and some fun items like stickers, bubbles and play dough. The "happy blessings bags" were then taken to the Skowhegan Police Department for distribution. Through connecting with books, these middle schoolers planned, organized, and executed a project to better their community.

The high school students have been having a lot of fun with the "Teen Regression Sessions" we have been holding at the library. Last month during April vacation, six high schoolers came in and participated in CUPCAKE WARS where they competed to see who could

decorate the best cupcake. The photos were posted on the library's Facebook page and over 100 people voted on their favorite. Freshman, Maggie Pono, won with her black and purple cupcake titled "Black Magic." Maggie won a \$10 iTunes card! Thanks to all who voted. Our next Teen Regression Session will be Friday, June 17th from 4:00 – 6:00.

During the summer months the library gets really busy. To keep up to date with all the programs and goings-on, please "like" and check our Facebook page often.



Anne Osolinski from KVCAP with Tween the Pages Book Club members and the 15 packed "Happy Bags".

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

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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

CONSTRUCTION IS ON THE WAY!

Patrons have remarked on the quiet, empty feeling in the first floor circulation area of the library recently. Enjoy it while it lasts - that will soon change! Some time during the next month, expect to see signs saying "Construction Area!" "Excuse the Mess!" "Detour!" The dust will fly and the noise will increase! Preparation for the construction of the elevator addition will begin.

Initially, two steel columns must be placed in the area where the computers once stood. (They will eventually be incorporated into a new and expanded work counter for the librarians.) This necessary step will reinforce the second floor room above. Next, the ceiling and wall behind the circulation desk will be altered in order to accommodate a half stairway that will lead from the Children's Area down to the level of the mezzanine stacks. These are preliminary steps that are required before the actual building of the elevator addition on the west side of the building. As you may know, the future elevator will have five stops so that handicapped patrons may have access to all levels of the library. (Basement, ground level, first floor, mezzanine and second floor) Entrances must be constructed on all five of these levels.

Funds have been secured for these changes and will include the construction of the exterior of the elevator addition. Hopefully, this work will be completed by the end of 2016. Funding must be raised for the addition's interior and windows, and the elevator component itself. We still need approximately \$187,000. The Renovation Committee is working diligently on this challenge. Fundraising and grant writing continue.

This will be the final push to the finish line!

ANNUAL LAWN SALE

The Annual Lawn Sale will be held on both Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 at the Hastings' barn at 538 Malbons Mills Road. Donations of furniture, tools, toys, household goods, etc. are being accepted now either at the library or at the barn. (Call 474 3949) All proceeds will go towards the ELEVATOR ADDITION!

CHILDREN'S ROOM WISH LIST

White cardstock, Tissues
Summer Reading Program Prizes
Empty Voss water bottles
Lego donations

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Andrews, Mary Kay/ *Savannah Blues* (large print)
Baldacci, David/ *The Last Mile*
Bock, Charles/ *Alice & Oliver*
Capote, Truman/ *The Early Stories of Truman Capote*
Carr, Robyn/ *What We Find*
Evans, Richard Paul/ *The Mistletoe Inn* (large print)
Hamilton, Jane/ *The Excellent Lombards*
Kelly, Martha Hall/ *Lilac Girls*
King, Laurie R./ *The Murder of Mary Russell*
MacPherson, Marjorie E./ *Soul Mates*
Michaels, Fern/ *No Safe Secret*
Quick, Amanda/ *Til Death Do Us Part*
Sanford, John/ *Extreme Prey*
Spillane, Mickey/ *The Big Showdown*
White, Rowland/ *Into the Black*
Wood, Monica/ *The One-in-a Million Boy*
Woods, Stuart/ *Family Jewels*

NON-FICTION

Amodeo, John/ *Dancing With Fire*
Cianciosi, John/ *The Meditative Path*
Lake, Medicine Grizzlybear/ *Native Healer*
O'Donnell, Patrick K./ *Give Me Tomorrow*

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Mary Stuart Marilyn & Roger Renfrew
Virginia Jordan Hannah & Brian Luce
Pat & Norm Dickey Judy & Jeff Bowzer
Jim & Corilla Hastings

FOL NEWS

Thanks to many willing volunteers, the Annual Sandwich Sale was a great success – 295 lunches were sold with a profit of over \$2,000. This money will be used to fund the Summer Reading Program as well as cover a variety of other library expenses.

The FOL Annual Meeting for all members will be held on May 11 at 6 PM.



Elsa Apez instructs Bonnie in Swedish Weaving

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Your librarians:

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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 3 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM

May 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30

May 5 Transition Skowhegan Group, 6 PM

May 7 "Soul Mates" Author Talk with Marjorie MacPherson, 11 AM

May 10 Your Government, Your Neighbor, 10 AM – noon

May 11 Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM

May 11 FOL Annual Meeting, 6 PM

May 14 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 AM to 1 PM

May 17 Family Story Hour: Dirt Don't Hurt! 4:30 to 5:30

May 20 Library Lawn Sale at 538 Malbons Mills Road

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May 21 Last Saturday hours until October

May 23 Let's Talk About it book discussion group, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library

May 25 (tentative date) A visit from Skowhegan High School Exchange Students, 6 PM

May 30 Library closed for Memorial Day

JUNE

June 2 Transition Skowhegan Discussion Group, 6 PM

June 7 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM

June 8 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM

June 13 Skowhegan Town Meeting, 7 PM

June 17 Teen Regression Session 4 to 6 PM (for High School Students only)

June 27 Summer Reading Program begins

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June 28 Kick-off Concert at Coburn Park with Rob Duquette, 12 o'clock