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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

Great news! An anonymous charitable foundation is donating \$35,000. to the Library Heating Project!!!! This extremely generous gift is deeply appreciated. It is hard to describe the feeling of gratitude and joy that such a donation has created. It will pay for half the total cost of our new system. To bring everyone up to date: The old steam radiators and boiler have been taken out. Mr. Randall Franck is the heating contractor. Steve Dionne and crew have been busy getting the Mechanical Room ready for a new concrete floor and they have been very helpful in taking out the old radiators as well. Many thanks to Steve Dionne for going above and beyond to help us clean out the debris in the cellar and make room for the new system. Somerset Oil has helped us by pumping out the oil tanks so they could be moved. I would like to thank everyone for their understanding while we were closed on Aug. 14th and 15th. The close was necessary to do the heavy demolition in a timely and safe manner. Things are progressing so well it looks like our new system will be in before the cold weather arrives.

Other news at the library is that Ruth Blood will be offering a Genealogy Class beginning Wed. Sept. 10th, 3pm-5pm. If you are interested in attending please call the library to register.

During the month of September we will be having a basket raffle. Each day we will draw a lucky winner of an heirloom quality Longaberger basket or gift. Baskets will be on display at the library. Tickets are \$10 for 5 chances to win. All proceeds go to the Library Renovation Fund. Many thanks to Bonnie Chamberlain for organizing this fundraiser. Please help us spread the word

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and if you would like to help us sell tickets call the library at 474-9072.

September ends with the library's biggest community event—The Fall Festival! on Saturday Sept 27 from 10-3pm. This event is free and a delightful experience for all ages. It is a great time to stop by the Farmer's Market, shop in the downtown and then come to Coburn Park for music, dancing, food and other festivities. Please come and join the fun or sign up to be one of the vendors. FMI call 474-9072 and ask for Katherine LeBlanc.

Two more special events are coming up. The Gala is on Sat. Oct 25, at Ken's Celebration Center. This promises to be a special elegant evening by the same ladies who organized the Little Black Dress Revue. You can buy your tickets at the library. \$50 each and all profits will benefit the Library Heating Project. Help support the library and have a wonderful evening out!

Save this date! November 15th "Evening with the stars: dancing spectacular 2008". Tickets will go on sale Sept 20th. All proceeds from this dazzling dancing delightful night will benefit the Library Renovation Fund.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Katherine LeBlanc

The Children's Room has been swarming with children this summer. I am not sure if the influx of rain is drawing them in or the winning personalities of the staff; either way we have been busy!

The 136 readers that participated in the summer reading program have nearly cleaned us

out of prizes. This is a wonderful sign. It means it was a successful event.

Kristine Rinaldi came to visit again this year from Houston, Texas. She once again donated boxes and boxes of books to the children's room. With my trusty ABLE worker Krystina, we have been chugging along, processing and getting them on the shelves. No sooner do we shelve the books than children check them out! Did I mention we have been really busy? Thank you to Kristine and Louise Rinaldi. Kristine for donating books for countless years, and Louise for helping her label and lug them all into the building.

The books purchased from the Libri Foundation with the help of the Friends of the Library have arrived. It was so exciting to open the box and see 62 brand new titles! The total retail value of this grant is \$1,059.86. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to participate in this grant. These books, mostly non-fiction, will add tremendous value to our collection. In the last five years the staff has been updating this area to provide better information for the children. These added titles incorporate many areas that had not been updated. Please come in and check out the new items.

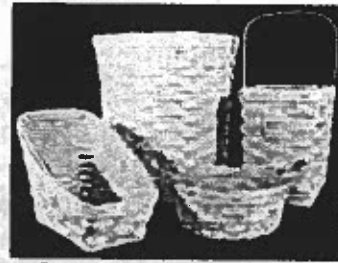
The arrangements are underway for the Annual Skowhegan Community Fall Festival. Scheduled on September 27th at Coburn Park from 10-3, we are once again asking any artist, crafter, vendor, non-profit organization, or entertainer to come and join in the fun. Please call the library for more information. Last year we had 1500 community members in attendance, and our motto has always been "the more the merrier," so please pass the word.

RENOVATION FUNDRAISERS

YouTube has arrived for the Skowhegan Free Public Library Renovation Committee. Take a look and you will find Jayne Hart sharing the historical Civil War quilt information regarding her exquisite design.

Support the SFPLRC with your Civil War Quilt Raffle tickets. Share the tickets with your family and friends. Do not lose out - purchase tickets. This colorful quilt is a beautiful treasure. A gift that is a "one of a kind" to yourself or to that special someone.

YouTube is easy to locate on the web. Once there, enter Skowhegan Free Public Library and this will bring you to the video. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 and 6 for \$5.00. These raffle tickets have been selling so do not wait. Buy them now! You could be the winner!



The SFPL Renovation Committee is sponsoring a September Calendar Raffle featuring Longaberger Baskets®. A basket, a piece of pottery, or wrought iron item from the Longaberger® line is being given away each day of the month.

For just \$10, each customer receives 5 chances to win. These 5 chances with the customer's name and phone number are deposited in a "30-Chances-to-Win Jar" in the library. The customer retains the ticket stub and receives a complimentary prize sheet. On the front side of the sheet, a calendar is printed which shows what item is featured for each of the days in September. On the other side for each day of the month, the local sponsoring business appears along with the value of the basket.

Melissa Gaspar will choose one patron each day from those present at the library to do the drawing.

The tickets are currently on sale at the Library, The Blueberry Cupboard, The West Front Street Market, and from Bonnie Chamberlain, 474-3146. Beginning September 1, the tickets will be available at the library for immediate deposit into the ticket jar.

BOOK REVIEW

The Birth of Venus by Sarah Dunant

As a young girl living in Florence, Italy during the Renaissance, Alessandra Cecchi has demonstrated at 15 years of age that she has no intentions of following a path her parents have chosen for her. She is strong willed, precocious, and determined to follow her heart's desire. Her artistic talents are very obvious and her desire to paint becomes entwined with her intoxication of a young artist her father hires to paint the chapel walls in the family's palazzo. Her parents' decision to marry her to a wealthy, older man prevails and Alessandra finds herself mistress of a household and all of her passions put aside.

This is an engaging historical novel of not only the struggles of a young woman, but the struggles of a city immersed in change from a place of learning and beautiful art to a city shuddering with brutality and violence.

It is a book difficult to put down and one that I wanted to continue reading even as I arrived at its end. Maureen Calder

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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.
Refreshments for library activities.
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NEW BOOKS

Fiction:

Alder, Elizabeth / *One of those Malibu Nights*
Aird, Catherine / *Losing Ground*
Brown, Rita Mae / *The Sand Castle*
Burke, James Lee / *Swan Peak*
Coulter, Catherine / *Tailspin*
Crais, Robert / *Chasing Darkness*
Crombie, Deborah / *Where Memories Lies*
Gardner, Lisa / *Say Goodbye*
Green, Jane / *The Beach House*
Greenlaw, Linda / *Fisherman's Bend*
Jance, J.A. / *Damage Control*
Johansen, Iris / *Silent Thunder*
Lott, Bret / *Ancient Highway*
Pearson, Ridley / *Killer View*
Reich, Christopher / *Rules of Deception*
Rice, Luanne / *Last Kiss*
Robert, Nora / *Tribute*
Rollins, James / *The Last Oracle*
Silva, Daniel / *Moscow Rules*
Slaughter, Karin / *Fractured*
Thayer, Nancy / *Moon Shell Beach*
Weisberger, Lauren / *Chasing Harry Winston*

Non-Fiction:

Igo, Sarah / *The Averaged American*
Menzies, Gavin / *1421: The Year China Discovered America*
Mortenton, Greg / *Three Cups of Tea*

NEW AND RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Dorothea and Gerald LaCasse



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM
Sept. 2 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.
Sept. 3 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.
Sept. 4 Friends of Library Executive meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.
Sept. 9 & 23 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
Sept. 10 Genealogy class starts
Sept. 27 Fall Festival, 10 to 3

OCTOBER

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM
Oct. 7 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.
Oct. 8 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.
Oct. 14 & 28 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
Oct. 25 The Gala

The Library Lookout

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