



The Library Lookout

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APRIL 2009

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

Some April jokes to tickle your funny bone. Happy April Fools' Day!

Q. When a librarian goes fishing, what goes on her hook?

A. A bookworm, of course.

Q. Why does an elephant use his trunk as a bookmark?

A. That way he always nose where he stopped reading.

Tim said, "My dog tried to eat my library book."

"What did you do?" asked the librarian.

"I took the words right out of his mouth."

Many thanks to the wonderful cooks at the Centenary Methodist Church for the delicious Chicken Pie Dinner they sponsored as a library fundraiser. They raised \$450 for Project 2012. Also, thanks to David Calder for providing some delightful songs during the meal. We also had a great turnout for the Maple Sugar Ice Cream Social on March 19. About 45 people came to make ice cream sundaes with real maple syrup toppings. A big thank you to Sherri Vigue who made and donated the jams and maple syrup.

The Socrates Café will meet on Sat April 11th from 11 am to 1 pm. The coffee, tea and philosophy at the Socrates Café are a perfect

combination of flavor and ideas to savor. This month's discussion will be on Truth.

Wondering what to do during April School Vacation Week? Bring the kids to a Celebrity Story Hour on Wed. April 22 at 10:00am. We will have a local police officer and fireman reading the books that day. On Friday, April 24 Skowpendous Family Fun Day will be in the Municipal Parking Lot from 5-8pm. There will be all kinds of free food, music, a climbing wall, scavenger hunt and other exciting events. The library will be giving away children's books and providing sidewalk chalk for anyone who would like to express their artistic talents. There will also be a free bike helmet give-away while supplies last.

Would you like to do something to help the planet for Earth Day? Recycle your cans and bottles at C and M Redemption Center on St. Mark St. and donate your refund to the library. We have raised \$75 for our renovation so far this year. You can help the earth and the library at the same time.

Don't forget to save the date May 13th 5 –7pm for the "Celebration of Art Wine and Cheese Open House" at the library. We will have the unveiling of the giant athletic shoe in the library lobby at 5:30pm.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Katherine LeBlanc

Well, March has certainly come in like a lion and out like a lamb in the Children's Room. The beginning of this month was quite busy, for no other reason I think than many families were finally able to get out of their homes.

I would like to welcome Stanley Trevains to our ever-growing volunteer staff. Stan comes to us several days a week and will primarily be working upstairs.

With spring comes field trips. Needless to say my calendar is filling with events at local schools.

On a side note I am collecting box tops for education and Campbell soup labels for local area schools. If you collect these items and do not know a child that you can give them to please feel free to drop them off at the library and I will deliver to the local schools.

I am also looking for metal coffee containers and plastic containers that I can use for making container gardens with the children this summer. If anyone has any items that could be used for this project we would be very grateful.

FRIENDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Friends Executive Board met on March 5 to plan the annual "Brown Bag Lunch" fundraiser to be held on Friday, April 17. Library patrons may order lunches at \$7 each at the library from now until April 3. Lunches that consist of choice of sandwich with potato chips, cookies or a dessert bar, an apple and a beverage, will be delivered to the library at noon on the 17th.

So leave your order for your lunch at the desk with Françoise TODAY!
Thank you!

ANNUAL LAWN SALE

Once more we invite you to donate your unwanted items to the annual lawn sale to benefit the library. This event will be held on Saturday, May 16 at the Hastings' barn on Malbons Mills Road. Please call 474-3949 to make arrangements for leaving off your donations. Anything in saleable condition is welcome including toys, furniture, tools, clothes (especially children's), household items, books, games, puzzles, etc.

Thank you!

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 _____
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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities

BOOK REVIEW

By Alana Mayhew

The White Giraffe by Lauren St. John is a story about trust, friendship, and bravery. The same night that Martine Allen turns eleven her life changes completely. A fire strikes her home, her parents die, and she is sent to live with her grandmother in Africa. She has never met her grandmother before. Turns out, her grandmother owns a game reserve! One of the workers on the reserve tells her the legend of a white giraffe that supposedly lives on the reserve. One night Martine looks out her window and sees a tall, lean white giraffe. She then sneaks out into the reserve and meets the giraffe. You'll have to read the book to find out the rest. It involves poachers, legends, and a daring rescue! I enjoyed this book and I hope you do too!

By Justin Ramos

The books in the series, The 39 Clues by Rick Riordan and other authors, are full of adventure and action. I'm going to focus on the first book, The Maze of Bones. In the beginning you have the main characters, Amy and Dan, part of the Cahill family. It's said that the Cahill family branches out over time, bringing to America great leaders like the Wright Brothers and Abraham Lincoln. Anyway, back to the story. Amy and Dan are attending a funeral for one of their relatives and the deceased gives her money to each person there, or gives them the first clue. Amy and Dan take the first clue and begin an adventure that takes them from America to the Catacombs of Paris. If you like action, this is your series

NEW AND RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Rhonda and Charlene Daggett
Davida Barter
Kathy and Bob Dorko
Hilma Millett
Janet and Elton Powers
Darla Pickett

NEW BOOKS

FICTION (coming soon)

Skousen/ *5000 Year Leap*
Markowitz and Rosner/ *Deceit and Denial*
Perry/ *Execution Dock*
Picoult/ *Handle with Care*
Cussler/ *Corsair*
Archer/ *Paths of Glory*
Kleypas/ *Smooth Talking Stranger*
Kellerman/ *True Detectives*
Robards/ *Pursuit*
Bascomb/ *Hunting Eichman*
Steinhauser/ *The Tourist*
White/ *Dead Silence*
Lehrer/ *Oh, Johnny*
Fielding/ *Still Life*
Vine/ *Birthday Present*
Eagles/ *Foreign Field*
Cristofauso/ *The Girl She Used to Be*
Lewis/ *The Secret*
Miller/ *Montana Creeks*
Graves/ *A Face at the Window*
Gonsalves/ *Out of Captivity*
Lippman/ *Life Sentences*

LIBRARY SUPPORT

Members of the Somerset Samplers have created a beautiful hand embellished 60" x 70" Victorian Crazy Quilt for which they are selling raffle tickets. Drawing will be in October and proceeds will benefit the Skowhegan Library. Tickets (\$1 each or 3 for \$2) may be purchased at the Library, from any member of the Somerset Samplers, and wherever the quilt is currently on display. This quilt is truly a work of art. Don't miss the chance of winning it!

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Calendar of Events

APRIL

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM

April 1 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

April 3 "Brown Bag Library Lunch" orders due by 5 PM

April 6 Council of Natural Resource Alliance Art Show exhibit

April 7 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

April 11 Socrates Café, 11AM – 1 PM.

April 13 & 27 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM.

April 17 "Brown Bag Library Lunch" orders delivered

April 20 Library closed for Patriot's Day

April 22 Celebrity Story Hour, 10 AM

MAY

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM

May 5 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

May 6 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

May 9 Socrates Café, 11 AM – 1 PM

May 11 & 25 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM

May 13 Celebration of Art/Friends' Annual meeting. 5 – 7 PM

May 16 Lawn Sale at Hastings' barn

May 23 Beginning of summer hours; Library will be closed on Saturdays until Columbus Day weekend.

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