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 Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Have you been enjoying your summer so far? I sure have. I like nothing better than to get outside in the warm and do some gardening. I find it very relaxing. Beans, peas, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, and green peppers have all graced my table in the last couple of weeks. I can't wait for the rest of my veggies to come in.

Crash, bang, boom! More sprinkler construction this month! We're nearing the end though. They'll be done this month and our patrons and building will be safer for it (so will my ears). Please check out our webpage in the near future. I'll be putting together a slide show presentation showing the work that's been done.

Along with the sprinkler system, the electricians have begun installing new lights on both the first and second floors. We still have a little patching and painting to do around them, but that's small potatoes. These lights look great, and are very energy efficient.

My thanks to our patrons for their patience during construction. We've closed off areas of the library on short notice, in order to protect them. Sometimes they may have felt that we were too overly cautious, but I did what I thought best to ensure their safety. They'll be a little more inconvenienced as the electricians install the new lights throughout the library, but safety first.

As many of you know, our good friend and fellow library person David Richards, Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library, was involved in an accident with a moose. Fortunately, David's injuries, though severe, are on the mend. He's up and around and even visited with us for a few minutes last week (thanks to David's Mother). We wish David our best. Here's to a speedy recovery!

The Skowhegan State Fair is coming up soon,

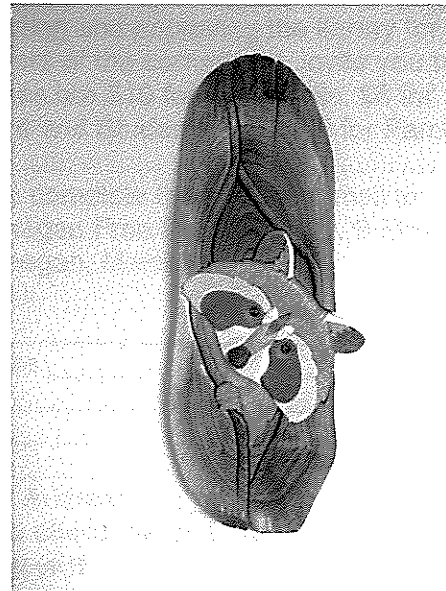
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and the Skowhegan Free Public Library will be there. James Barto has once again agreed to staff the booth during the fair. Our booth, which will be in Constitution Hall, will be selling lightly used hard cover and paperback books. Proceeds from the sales will go toward the renovations of the library. By the way, we're always looking for new folks to help us with planning and working on renovation fundraisers. Please bring yourself, and your ideas, to the next Renovation Committee meeting on August 13th at 6pm. Our folks have been working extremely hard for the last few years, and need some help. The only thing holding up the completion of the renovations is money. With your help, I'm sure we can overcome that obstacle!

I'll leave you with this thought; "you know you're in love, when you can't fall asleep because reality is... finally better than your dreams." Dr. Seuss

Until next month – Dale



Intarsia Wood Raccoon

by Elsa Apetz

Raffle Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Winners name will be drawn on Aug. 18

Proceeds for the Library Renovation

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

All I can say is WOW! What a busy and crazy month in the children's room! Our Summer Reading Program is starting its final descent and we have had so much fun "Reading Around Town!" We have two programs left. Up next is the Poppins Party at the Margaret Chase Smith Library beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday, August 5th and then we will finish our program with a little magic from Conjuring Carroll here at the library on August 12th at 10:30. Not only have we had some great family programs as part of our Summer Reading Program, but we have also had some super Stoytimes as well. We have had Desiree from the Bankery, Officer Daigneault from the Skowhegan Police Department and Heather from the Farmer's Market come in to the library to read stories with us. The kids have been exposed to readers from all "around town!" So many thanks to our guest readers!

The children's room also has another BIG thank you to hand out this month. Kristine Rinaldi, just made her annual visit to our library and dropped off more than 300 books and prizes. In this major donation she has left us dozens of brand new audiobooks and a beautiful new series of non-fiction books on animals. It is always a bit like Christmas when she comes in bearing boxes and boxes of books for our shelves. We are processing them as quickly as we can, so stop in and see what new treats Ms. Rinaldi has left for our lucky library this year!

Also this month we will be having an exciting **Tie-Dye Day** at the Library. Thursday, August 14th from 10:00 – 2:00 come out and make your own groovy, one of a kind t-shirt with us. The t-shirts will be \$10 for one or \$15 for two. It should be lots of messy fun, all while helping us to make improvements to our library! We will have as many sizes as possible—kids and adults—so kids, bring your parents too!



Lynn Plourde's "Author Visit" delighted a large crowd of fans. The Herrick family - Cole, Angie and Bella - were on hand to welcome her.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

David Barter Stephen Yeaton
Kathy and Jeff Evans

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

Progress at Our Library

By Marcia Granville

This is the 125th anniversary of the Skowhegan Free Public Library. A lot has happened since the library was first opened in 1889.

A short time after the library opened, safety regulations closed the second story of the library where meeting rooms for several ladies' clubs were located. A fire escape was added in 1941, when the Hinman family donated funds to create a Children's Library on the second floor.

When the Friends of the Library was formed in 1998, the stated objective was to make the library building safe, accessible and up to code, as well as meeting the needs of today's library patrons. Architects were hired, plans were drawn, and the Historic Preservation people were consulted. Fund raising activities began and work was started.

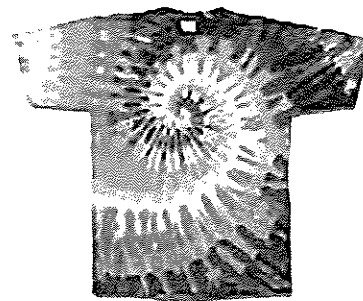
Many of the steps made to bring the facility up to date are not readily visible. The public access to computers that was added in 2001 has become so much a part of the library service that it is easily taken for granted. While bricks were repaired and a new roof was installed, everyone could see the work being done; the same was true while the basement was being waterproofed and the new electrical, water and phone connections were being made. However, once the workers were gone, there was nothing that showed. The Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System is not readily visible; we do appreciate their effectiveness during the bitter winter cold and sweltering summer days. The new emergency staircase is visible in the addition to the rear of the building. Thankfully our library survived for more than 120 years with only one main exit and one fire escape.

This summer's project is a sprinkler system throughout the library. By law, the basement rooms cannot be made available for public use without this safety feature. Work on it has already begun and will soon be completed. New energy efficient lighting will also be installed on the first and second floors. The Friends of the Library are generously donating the second floor lighting. Again, the project will be noticed while it is being done, but easily forgotten when the workers are gone.

Much has been done, but much remains to be done. As additional funds are raised, work will begin on the interior of the library, opening the mezzanine area, making the layout of the main room on the first floor more convenient and finishing the basement for public use. The final step will be the elevator.

Come to the library and see what is happening!

Tie-Dye Day at the Library!



Thursday, August 14, 10 AM to 2 PM

Adults & Children

Create – Have Fun – Go home with
your “original” creation!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Castillo, Linda/ *The Dead Will Tell*
Coulter, Catherine/ *Power Play*
Doiron, Paul/ *The Bone Orchard*
Evanovich, Janet/ *Top Secret Twenty One*
Fairstein, Linda/ *Terminal City*
Jance, J.A./ *Remains of Innocence*
Johansen, Iris/ *Sight Unseen*
King, Stephen/ *Mr. Mercedes*
Ludlum, Robert/ *The Bourne Ascendancy*
Miller, Sue/ *The Arsonist*
Patterson, James/ *Invisible*
Silva, Daniel/ *The Heist*
Steel, Danielle/ *Perfect Life*
Thayer, Nancy/ *Nantucket Sisters*
Thor, Brad/ *Act of War*
Woods, Stuart/ *Cut and Trust*

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Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

AUGUST

Aug. 2 River Fest Craft Fair, Downtown Skowhegan – under the tent, 9 - 3
Aug. 5 Poppins Party at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 9 AM
Aug. 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Aug. 7 to 16 Visit our booth at the Skowhegan State Fair
Aug. 12 Conjuring Carroll Magic Show, 10 AM
Aug. 13 Program: "Your Government. Your Neighbor" presented by Senator Angus King's Office, 10 - 12
Aug. 13 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Aug. 14 Tie-Dye Day at the Library, 10AM – 2 PM
Aug. 15 End of Summer Reading Program
Aug. 18 Drawing of winning raffle ticket for Elsa Apetz Raccoon
Aug. 19 Program: "Health Insurance 101" presented by Spectrum Generations, 1:30 and 5:30
Aug. 19 Family Story Hour: Shark Attack!
Aug. 25 Program: "Animal Advocacy Forum" presented by the Maine Humane Society, 4:30

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 Library closed for Labor Day
Sept. 2 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 3 Tween the Pages Book Club (students in grades 5 – 8), 4 to 5:30
Sept. 8 Toddler Time, 10:30
Sept. 10 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 16 Family Story Hour, 4:30
Sept. 21 Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Lakewood Inn
Sept. 22 Toddler Time, 10:30