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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

As August comes to a close we would like to thank everyone who took part in our first ever Adult Summer Reading Program! We're hoping to improve our numbers next year as we only had 10 participants this year. Good things come to those who read, just ask all of our prize winners! We hope you join the fun next summer.

September 9th at 6:30pm brings **Books & Brews** back into our lives and we are so excited to read and discuss **Reincarnation Blues** by Michael Poore. Join us for a drink while we explore the idea of having 10,000 lives to live. What would you do?

September 12th at 6:00pm be sure to stop by and say hello to a **Maine Forrester and a Forest Ranger!** They will teach us about their jobs, how they differ, the Maine woods and even some great places to see some of Maine's beautiful fall foliage!

September 17th at 6:00pm we're happy to have author Mark Alan Leslie back to discuss **Maine Burning: The Ku Klux Klan Invasion** which will teach us about the impact of the KKK in Maine in the 1920s, a story which has been absent from history books for nearly 100 years.

The Library Lookout

September 2019

Leslie will tell the tale of the extraordinary rise and fall of this organization which, now and again, makes headlines today. There will be a book signing to follow!

September 18th at 6:00pm we are hosting an **Educational Bee Talk** with Main Street Skowhegan! The Somerset Beekeepers Association is coming to teach us all about the importance of bees in our world. Why don't you buzz on over and learn something new with us!



Maine author/illustrator Russ Cox and Zeke show off their space helmets.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

The Summer Reading program is over and we had our most successful year so far. One hundred forty-one kids signed up for the reading challenge. These kids collectively read 71,670 minutes (which averages about 515 minutes per participant!) The library gave out over 600 prizes over the course of the program, so we definitely appreciate all the businesses and individuals who contributed: Gifford's Ice Cream, Pizza Hut Pizza, the Bankery, McDonalds, Friends of the Library, GFWC Women's Club, and families and individuals who dropped off goodies to fill the prize box. In addition to giving prizes for reading, we also offered 17 fun programs throughout the summer. Thank you to the Friends of the Skowhegan Library, the Margaret Chase Smith Library, and Christina Dorman the STEM Librarian from the Maine State Library for helping to sponsor and/or run these programs. It truly is a whole community undertaking and we appreciate all the help. It was a very fun, productive and amazing summer here in the children's library where we explored all things space related! We certainly hope the kids who participated not only enjoyed the experience but were able to keep their reading skills up.

As it does every year, summer comes quickly to an end and kids and families are gearing up to go back to school. So much of our children's educational success comes from parent involvement and a huge piece of that is reading. Read to your children. Let your children read to you. Give them access to different types of reading materials. Bring them to the library. Make reading a part of your family's routine and it will not only help set your child/children up for an easier school year, but hopefully give them an inherent love for reading. No matter what your child's interests or reading levels are, we can help get some great books in their hands! All kids in the MSAD 54 school district get a free card, so please come for a visit and see what services and materials we have that might interest your family.

So now that we are back into the school routine, I just want to remind everybody of our upcoming programming. All school year long,

we run various programs. We have Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 6-8); Lego Club (for students in grades 1-6); Preschool Storytime (for all toddlers and preschool aged children) and our High School Regression Sessions. We also have some brand new programs that we are trying out this year: Smart Cookies Book Club for any students in grades 4 and 5, Game On which is open time to play board and card games with friends, and a Robotics and Coding Club that will run in 6 week intervals for students in grades 2-4. Please contact Miss Angie if you want more information on any of these programs.



The last summer reading prizes of the season. Thanks again to all those who donated.

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The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library is a not-for-profit organization that helps promote and improve the Library's resources and facilities. Your membership in the Friends provides critical support to our Library. Suggested dues are \$24 for individuals and \$36 for families. Many give even more. Please consider the role that our Library plays in our community, and choose a level of support that's right for you. Whatever you decide, you can be sure that any amount is gratefully received and much needed.

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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

FOL LIBRARY LUNCHES

The annual "Library Lunches" fundraiser will be held in the fall this year. Delivery date is Friday, October 11th. Volunteers will soon be visiting businesses and offices in town to take orders for the traditional bag lunches. Each bag will contain a choice of three sandwiches, fruit, homemade "goodie", and beverage. Individuals may order lunches at the library to be picked up there on October 11. The price remains the same at \$8.00.

Volunteer workers - for order-taking, making the lunches, and delivering - are needed. Please contact Jeanne Shay if you are able to join the fun!



SFPL staff pose with Farmer Minor and his pot belly pig, Daisy, at the "Pig Out on Reading" program.

COMMUNITY DISPLAYS

The exhibit of 'The Depot' by the **Skowhegan History House** was enjoyed by many library patrons during the month of August.

The **Circulation Desk Raffle Baskets** will be highlighted in September. Be sure to purchase your ticket to win one of the four prize-filled baskets! (Winning tickets will be drawn on December 7th.)

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Archer, Jeffrey/ *Nothing Ventured*
Box, C.J./ *The Bitterroots*
Brown, Sandra/ *Outfox*
Dailey, Janet/ *Texas Forever*
Deveraux Jude/ *Met Her Match*
Gray, Shelley Shepard/ *The Loyal One*
Harper, Karen/ *Dark Storm*
Keane, Mary Beth/ *Ask Again, Yes*
King, Stephen/ *The Institute*
McKinty, Adrian/ *The Chain*
Michaels, Fern/ *Cut and Run*
Niggers, Carla/ *Rival's Break*
Patterson, James/ *The Warning*
Penny, Louise/ *A Better Man*
Preston, Douglas/ *Old Bones*
Salvatore, R.A./ *Timeless*
Slaughter, Karin/ *The Last Widow*
Smith, Wilbur/ *Ghost Fire*
Snelling, Lauraine/ *A Song of Joy*
Steel, Danielle/ *The Dark Side*
Ware, Ruth/ *The Turn of the Key*
Wiggs, Susan/ *The Oysterville Sewing Circle*

NON FICTION

Tarrants, Thomas A./ *Consumed by Hate, Redeemed by Love*
Wilson, Robert/ *Barnum*



"Remember to buy your raffle ticket!"

The Library Lookout
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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

SEPTEMBER

Every Friday: Sit & Knit, 1:00 – 3:00

Sept. 2 Library closed for Labor Day

Sept. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:00 – 5:30

Sept. 5 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00

Sept. 5 Robotics and Coding Club for students in grades 2 – 4 at 3:30 – 5:00 (registration required)

Sept. 5 Visit from Bess the book Bus at Coburn Park (Sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank), 5:00 – 7:00

Sept 6 Internet Safety Technology Workshop, 3:00 – 5:00

Sept. 9 Books & Brews Book Club at Bigelow Brewing, 6:30 – 7:30

Sept. 10 Lego Club at 3:30 – 4:30 (for kids in grades 1 – 6)

Sept. 10 Library Trustee Meeting, 6:00

Sept. 11 Smart Cookies Book Club (for kids in grades 4 and 5), 4:00 – 5:00

Sept. 12 Robotics and Coding Club for students in grades 2 – 4, 3:30 – 5:00 (registration required)

Sept. 12 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00

Sept. 12 The Maine Woods: A Presentation with a Forester and a Forest Ranger, 6:00 – 7:00

Sept. 13 Telehealth Technology Workshop, 3:00 – 5:00

Sept. 17 Impact of the KKK in Maine's History: Discussion with Mark Allen Leslie, 6 :00

Sept. 18 Educational Bee Talk with the Somerset Bee Keepers Association, Sponsored by Main Street Skowhegan, 6:00 – 7:00

Sept. 19 Robotics and Coding Club for students in grades 2 – 4 at 3:30 – 5:00 (registration required)

Sept. 19 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00

Sept. 20 Health: Software/Apps Technology Workshop, 3:00 – 5:00

Sept. 26 Game On! (Open to all ages but children under 10 need adult supervision) 3:00 – 5:00

Sept. 26 Robotics and Coding Club for students in grades 2 – 4 at 3:30 – 5:00 (registration required)

Sept. 27 Social Media Workshop, 3:00 – 5:00

Oct. 1 Library closed for Maine Library Association Conference

Oct. 1 Library Trustee Meeting, 6:00

Oct. 2 Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 6 – 8), 4:00 – 5:30

Oct. 3 Game On! (Open to all ages but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00-5:00

Oct. 3 Robotics and Coding Club for students in grades 2-4. Pre-registration is required. 3:30 – 5:00

Oct. 8 Lego Club (for students in grades 1 – 6), 3:30 – 4:30

Oct. 9 Smart Cookies Book Club, 4:00 – 5:00

Oct. 10 Game On! (Open to all ages but children under age 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00

Oct. 11 Harry Potter Night, 5:00 – 7:00

Oct. 14 Books & Brews Book Club at Bigelow Brewing Company, 6:30 – 7:30

Please look for more October events in the October Library Lookout!