



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat. 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

As I sit here typing this month's "Library Lookout," I can hear the wind blowing ferociously outside. I was thinking it might be good kite flying weather, if your kite was made of steel that is! I remember flying many kites of paper and balsawood when I was a kid. It took a deft hand to get it up, and to keep it flying. Of course a few went into Charlie Brown's "Kite Eating Tree" (I think there was at least one of those in every community). But it didn't stop me from heading out to Dot's store each March, and plunking down a quarter for a kite (usually red). When my son was big enough, I taught him how to fly a kite. Now he's teaching his son. Some things are lots of fun to hand down from generation to generation.

The library was privileged to receive three sculptures from the late Bernard Langlais estate. The sculptures were placed around the library. The panther is situated above the Reference collection in the Memorial Room; the heron, on the wall near the public computers; and the cow, above the fireplace in the Children's Library. In the next few months other Langlais sculptures will be placed around Skowhegan. Eventually, the library will be listed with the other host sites as part of a walking tour of Langlais sculptures, beginning at the Indian sculpture. Because of these pieces, we should see an increase in visitors to the area.

Jan Kardys, Literary Agent, presented a program in the Memorial Room on March 3rd. Jan and her business partner spent the evening speaking to a crowd of prospective authors

about getting their work published. They covered so much ground you'd need a road map to follow them. Everything from writing a query letter, to editing your book, to peer reviews, to using the internet was covered. I received a lot of positive feedback from the authors.

We're sorry we didn't have a Jazz concert in March. The group is looking for a new piano player that would fit in with them. At this point, we don't know if there'll be a Jazz program in April. Please call the library or check our webpage or Facebook for info before the 17th of April.

Katie Ouellette and her crew presented a program about our library benefactor Abner Coburn on March 22nd (which was Governor Coburn's birthday). A nice reception was held with refreshments, and a power point presentation of Governor Coburn's life was shown. This area has certainly benefited greatly from Governor Coburn's leadership and generosity.

A couple of dates to remember: April 19th and April 23rd. On April 19th from 10-2 we'll be hosting a high school art show in the library's Memorial Room. Many young artists' work will be displayed. On April 23rd Mel Burnham, from the Skowhegan History House, will be on hand to give a talk on the folks that worked the Kennebec River. His program, entitled "River Drivers Roundtable," will begin at 7pm. For those who've enjoyed Mel's programs before, you don't want to miss this one. Both of these programs are free to the public.

I'll leave you with this thought; "The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson." Tom Bodett

Until next time,
Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Spring is officially here and although we have yet to see any green grass, flowers, or high temperatures, we know that it is right around the corner! March is always a fun month for us as we get very "Seussy" around here. We had over thirty kids come in for Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration. The Bakery made an incredible cake for us featuring the Lorax and the kids had just as much fun looking at it as they did eating it!

We also participated in Skowhegan's Maple Festival again this year by having a Pancake Pandemonium story hour. The kids got to make their own pancakes, read stories about pancakes and then enjoy lots of Maine maple syrup. It was a lot of sticky fun!

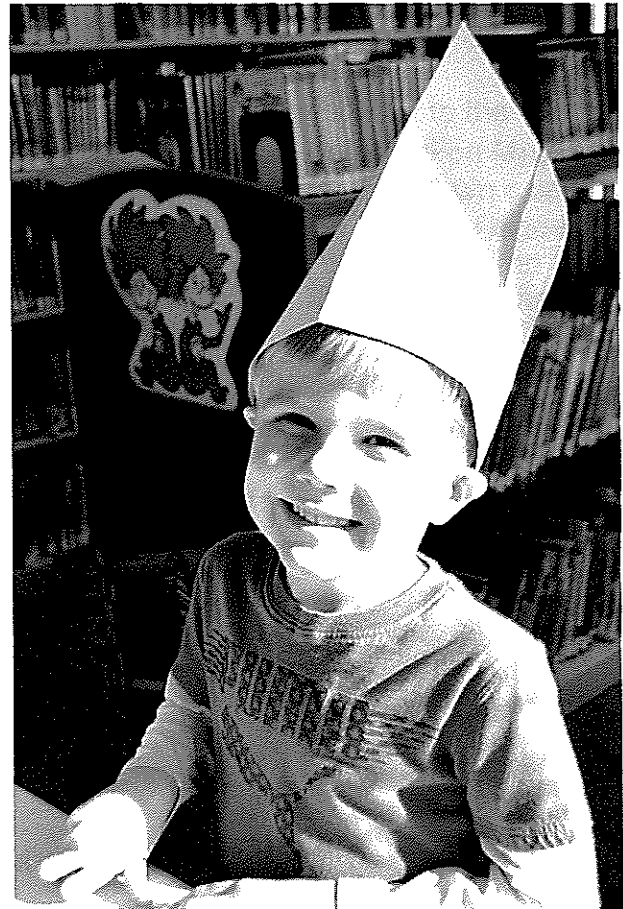
The Tween the Pages Book Club had a great meeting this month. The book we read was called the *Candy Bomber* by Michael O. Tunnell. This book was about a pilot who after World War II used his small plane to drop candy to the children in West Berlin. He knew they were scared and their city was lacking supplies so he wanted to spread happiness to the kids by dropping small parachutes filled with candy. Our group of eight tweens decided to spread some happiness too. They filled bags with candy, books, play dough, bubbles, and stickers and packaged them up to send to the Skowhegan's Family Violence Project. It was amazing watching these kids take the time to try to do something to make others happy by applying a lesson they just took away from the book we read!

We had a teen trivia contest this month on our library Facebook Page. A really hot book series, *DIVERGENT*, by Veronica Roth, was being made into a movie and to celebrate the movie release, the teens answered trivia questions for a chance to win tickets to the Strand Cinema! Sydney Lyman and Isabella Grignon won two tickets each! Thank you to Strand Cinema for the generous ticket donations!

Needed Supplies for the Children's Library:

Washable Paint
Potting Soil

Buttons
Bean Seeds



"Chef" Ari gets ready to make pancakes!

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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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

RENOVATION FUNDRAISERS

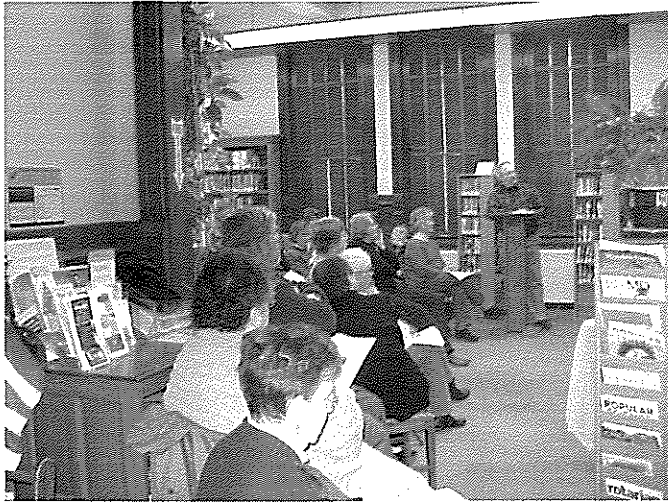
We're looking forward to the annual **Library Lawn Sale** on May 17 & 18. In addition to the usual lawn sale treasures, we're hoping for some bigger items such as chairs, tables, etc. (no appliances, please). We can store them during the winter if that would help.

SAVE THE DATE!

An **Art Show** to celebrate the Library's 125th anniversary!

June 11: Artists' Reception and Open House, 6 to 8 PM

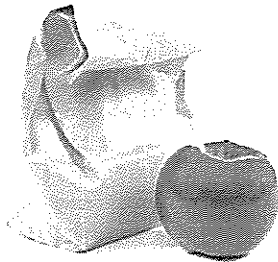
June 12, 13, 16, 17 & 18: Art Show hours, 10 AM to 6 PM



Abner Coburn Day was celebrated at the Library on March 22nd. Robert Washburn presented a power point program to a large group of interested citizens.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

The Friends are busy preparing for the annual Library Lunches that will be delivered April 18. You may order your lunch at the library - all orders must be in by April 4.



April is the month for renewal of Friends of the Library dues. We will be sending out notices. If you know of anyone who might like to join us, please contact Jeanne Shay at 858-0094, Kathy Evans at 474-6660, or Margo Reid at 474-8538. We love to welcome new members.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Mary Stuart

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Archer, Jeffrey/ *Be Careful What You Wish For*

Box, C.J./ *Stone Cold*

Childs, Laura/ *Steeped in Evil*

Coben, Harlan/ *Missing You*

Cussler, Clive/ *The Bootlegger*

Delinsky, Barbara/ *Chances Are*

Garrison, Paul/ *Robert Ludlum's The Janson Option*

Graham, Heather/ *Walking the Dead*

Grippando, James/ *Black Horizon*

Jackson, Lisa/ *Midnight Sun*

Macomber, Debbie/ *Blossom Street Brides*

Patterson, James/ *NYPD Red 2*

Perry, Anne/ *Death on Blackheath*

Roberts, Nora/ *Shadow Spell*

Steel, Danielle/ *Power Play*

Steinhauer, Olen/ *The Cairo Affair*

White, Randy Wayne/ *Bone Deep*

NON-FICTION

Wagner Robert/ *You Must Remember This*

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Ex Officio: FOL Chair

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

APRIL

April 1 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
April 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30
April 7 & 22 Toddler Time, 10:30
April 9 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
April 12 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
April 14 & 28 Toddler Time, 10:30
April 15 Family Story Hour, Bonkers for Birds!, 4:30
April 17 Jazz Concert, 7 PM
April 18 Library Lunch Day
April 19 High School Art Show, 10 to 2
April 22 Art & Earth Day "Craft"ernoon, 10:30 – 1
April 23 History House Program "River Drivers Roundtable", 7 PM
April 25 See us at Skowpendous! Located in the Municipal Parking Lot, 5 to 8 PM

MAY

May 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
May 10 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
May 12 & 26 Toddler Time, 10:30
May 14 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
May 20 Family Story Hour, 4:30
May 24 Library closed for Memorial Day Weekend
May 26 Library closed for Memorial Day
May 31 Saturday hours end