



# The Library Lookout

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## LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Jim Foster



### Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

#### Adults - Fiction

Baldacci, *Wish You Well*

Woods, *L.A. Dead*

Ludlum, *The Prometheus Deception*

Steel, *Journey*

Michaels, *What You Wish For*

#### Adults - Nonfiction

Murphy, *Long Road to Gettysburg*

Patterson, *The Water in Between*

Stewart, *Driving Over Lemons*

Anderson, *The Day John Died*

#### Children

Lowry, *Gathering Blue*

Spinelli, *Stargirl*

Kirkerger, *Teen Love-Friendships*

Thesman, *Calling the Swan*

Kowalski, *Kid's Nature Book*

## Tranquillity Falls Fund-raiser Successful

The play *Tranquillity Falls* was well received Friday night, October 27, at the Centenary United Methodist Church. There were plenty of laughs throughout, especially when Jim Wright as Sam Jr. remarked, "It just goes to show it's not safe to trust a Bean, evah." The yellow helmet he donned as he spoke brought down the house.

The restoration/renovation fund is larger by more than \$1000, and the fund for the children's non-fiction collection is off to a good start with \$23.75.

Without the help of a great many people, the play would not be possible. The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library would like to thank everyone who lent a helping hand: The Centenary United Methodist Church for allowing us the use of their facilities; Steve and Judith Bascom and family for their support; Jim Hastings, Lee Granville, Mark and Lynn Perry for setting up and putting away 200 chairs; Philip Russakoff and Rhonda LaPlante for selling tickets at the door; Dottie LaCasse for finding all the delicious pies served during the intermission and the generous ladies who baked them; and the people who worked in the kitchen, Linda and Walter Powell, Dottie LaCasse, Alice Leavitt, Carol Withee, Neola Davis, Ginny Foster and Jean Spencer.

We give a special thanks to our hostess, Maxine Russakoff, and the wonderful actors who make the play so enjoyable, Judith Bascom, Jan and Larry Powers, Linda Quinn, Carla Burnham, Butch Asselin, Jim and Veronica Wright, Mark Tanner, Iver Lofving and Norman Dickey.

Of course there wouldn't be a play without the authors, Corilla Hastings and Marcia Granville. And finally, thanks to the lady who

made sure the props were all in place, enlisted all the actors, printed programs and scripts, collected door prizes and stayed awake nights thinking about all the details, Corilla Hastings.

## **Harry Potter Party**

The Harry Potter party on Oct. 14 was a great success with many children and their parents and grandparents joining in the fun. Children came in costume, and our own Marcia Granville, dressed in long skirt and white wig, convinced everyone that she was Madam Malkins herself!

Participants enjoyed making robes, wizard hats, wands and puppets; working mazes and crossword puzzles; playing "Pin the Nose on Dudley Dursley"; and eating decorated cookies and jelly beans at the Leaky Cauldron Pub. Volunteers who contributed their time and enthusiasm to the event included Marcia, Kathy Hughes, Christine Smith, Molly Poirier and Caitlin Merrill. Thank you!

## **Book Signing Planned**

Friends of the Library have invited local authors to sign and sell their books on Saturday, December 2 from noon until 2 PM at the library. As of now, authors who have accepted the invitation include: Fran Person, Lynn Harwood and Gail Edwards. We are still waiting to hear from several other writers. While this event is taking place downstairs, there will be a Holiday Craft making program upstairs in the children's room. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors of all ages!

## **Friends Meeting, Concert**

A treat is in store for all who attend the Friends meeting on Wednesday, November 8 at 7 PM at the Library. Program committee members Maxine Russakoff, Kathy Evans and Helen Shaw have invited nine Middle School students to present

a String Concert under the direction of their teacher Charles Kadyk. The kids call their group "Treesap".

Come and show your support for these talented young people!

## **Friends to Buy Books, Equipment for Children's Room**

At the Friends Executive Board meeting held on October 25, it was voted to contribute \$500 towards the purchase of nonfiction books for the children's collection. We hope to match this amount with donations from individuals and town service organizations. Kathy Hughes and Mary Turbyne are the volunteers in charge of this project. If you care to contribute, please get in touch with Kathy at 474 8969.

New speakers for the computers upstairs in the children's room will soon be purchased by the Friends and installed under the direction of Jim Foster. Once more, children will be able to have fun with the library's collection of computer games.

## **Maine State Databases Now Available**

Patrons of the Library may now access a group of commercial Electronic Databases, thanks to a licensing agreement funded by the State of Maine in conjunction with the Maine State Library, the University of Maine System Libraries, and the Maine Technical College System Libraries.

The databases available include Academic Search Elite (containing items from over 1250 journals), MasterFILE Premier (1,830 periodicals), Primary Search and Middle Search Plus (70 children's and 100 middle-school level magazines), ERIC (educational journals), BIOSIS Previews and Zoological Record (on the life-sciences), Business Source Elite (business journals), MAS Ultra (general interest and current event magazines), Newspaper Source (143 US and foreign newspapers), Health Source Plus (health periodicals), etc.



# Progressing on the Windows Renovation

The window renovation project is coming along nicely. All of the windows in the stacks room have been repaired and replaced. The three front windows in the children's library are back in place. As of Friday, November 3rd, the casings were being refinished. At the same time, the lower portions of the windows in the reading room had been taken to the shop to be worked on.

Mr. Tannenbaum of Canaan has been hired to repair the large stained glass window. this is a major job with many small pieces to be coaxed into alignment. It has been predicted that it may take as much as four months to complete the job. In the meantime, please bear with us. Your library will be better than ever when the work is complete.



Steve Dionne of Dionne and Son is on a ladder refinishing a window casing in the children's library.

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## WINTER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ADULT	1-8:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

## 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. individuals, \$8. Seniors & Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corilla Hastings (474-3949) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR 1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. (Library)**

**Friends of the S.F.P.L. Membership Meeting**

All welcome Program: String Concert, Treesap

(Nine Skowhegan Middle School students of Mr. Kadyk)

**Saturday, December 2, Noon - 2:00 pm. (Library)**

**Book Signing (Downstairs)**

**Holiday Craft Making Program (Children's Room)**

**Every Monday Night, 7:00-8:30 (Library)**

**Computer Classes**

(Series of 6 classes repeats with one week off. Very basic beginners' classes.

For information, call Jim Foster at 474-2589 or e-mail [jfoster@somtel.com](mailto:jfoster@somtel.com))



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