



# 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

This past weekend, my family and I went to the Common Ground Fair. This is the second time I've gone. Though the day was overcast, our spirits weren't. We had a great day looking at the exhibits, sitting in on some lectures and programs, and learning how to be better stewards of the earth. Common Ground is also one of the few fairs where you can buy a healthy snack. Imagine that!

Can you say lovely! You can if you visit the quilt exhibit in the library. Once again, Peggy Lovejoy has brought Art Quilts Maine's latest quilt challenge to our library. This year's challenge given to the quilters was to incorporate the theme "water" into their creation. These beautiful, display size quilts always add such color to the Memorial Room. They'll be on display until the end of October. Stop by and take a look at them when you're out and about.

The library's online catalog, "Destiny", has a new home. Previously it resided on our own server at the library. Due to changes that will be made shortly in the programming, it was decided to have Follet, the creator of Destiny, host our system. This change kept us from incurring expensive server upgrades if we wished to keep Destiny hosted locally at the library. The changeover was made the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>, with nary a glitch. In fact, we find that the system works better now than it did when we hosted it.

A few reminders for October: Author Monica Wood will be speaking October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Margaret Chase Smith Library. Monica, as many of you know, is the author of *When We Were the Kennedys*. Next, the Socrates Café Discussion Group will begin meeting again at the library Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm. This discussion group is open to anyone, and each month a new topic is discussed.

Lastly, local children's author Barbara T. Winslow of Norridgewock will be on hand to talk about her new book *The Kennebec is Rising*. The program begins at 12:30 and goes to 2pm. As an added bonus, Skowhegan's own Tammi Galbraith will be on hand to talk about the book's illustrations. Tammi's colorful handiwork can be seen on each page of the story. Copies of the book will be on sale with both author and illustrator autographing them.

Winter hours begin on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. They are Mon - Fri 10 to 6, and Sat. 10-2. Also, the library is closed anytime MSAD54 is closed due to snow.

I'll leave you with this thought: a bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn. ~Author Unknown.

Until next month – Dale

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The Cox family, Greg, Taylor and Everly, had fun at the "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" at Lakewood!

## RENOVATION COMMITTEE NEWS

### CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

I don't know about you, but getting back into the school routine is really rough for my family—earlier bedtimes, homework, practices, meetings, etc. It can be hard to juggle everything! As parents, it is important to not let reading fall by the wayside or become a chore for your child. Most teachers assign nightly reading as homework and it can be a struggle to fit it in after a long day of school. Having access to books is a must. If you don't have a selection of books at home, bring your children to the library. We have books about Fall and Halloween out and ready for our youngest readers, the entire collection of Maine Student Book Award books for our older readers, and a constant display of "new" titles. We want to make sure to offer a wide selection of choices so there'll always be something of interest for kids to read. Most classrooms have libraries as well. Ask your child's teacher for some reading materials to use at home if getting to the library isn't an option. The main goal is to keep materials readily available for your children!

Fire Fighter Rick was our guest reader for Family Story Hour this past month. He read a book, showed the kids his gear, and chatted about fire safety. All of the participants were engrossed as he talked about his work and what it was like to be a fire fighter. Fire Fighter Rick is always a big hit here at the library! October's Family Story Hour (October 21<sup>st</sup>) will be a costume party, so please feel free to dress up! We will have stories, snacks, games and a project!

October 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Halloween "Craft"ernoon and immediately following, we will be having an exciting Book Talk by local author Barbara Winslow. She has just released a new book called The Kennebec is Rising with local illustrator, Tammi Galbraith. The two of them will present their new book as well as have books available for purchase and signing.

We seem to always have stuff going on in the library, so make sure to check our website and Facebook page regularly for update

A Luck of the Draw Auction will take place at the American Legion in Skowhegan on Saturday, Nov. 1. Up to 200 wonderful prizes will be presented for bidding. The event starts at 9AM,

The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held at the library on December 5 and 6 during the regular library hours. Come and shop for decorations, crafts and goodies!

Proceeds from both these events will go towards the renovation.

### RENOVATION COMMITTEE WISH LIST

Yarn                      Satin ribbon                      CDs  
Decorative glass containers with lids

*Please leave at library circ. desk*

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### New & Renewed FOL Members

Maureen Davis  
Ann Lynch

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### 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 Project Has Passed Half-way Mark

By Marcia B. Granville

Thanks to all the generosity of all your donations, pledges, and assistance with fund-raisers, plus the efforts of our grant writers, we are well over half way with our renovation project.

"What?" you may ask. "But where is the elevator? Weren't we supposed to have an elevator so everybody could use the library?"

Absolutely. We are going to have an elevator, and bathrooms also, that are accessible to everyone.

However, our library renovation project had to start at the beginning. It has taken many small steps as well as several giant steps to get us this far. Marathon runners do not win races when they are born. They first learn how to crawl and then how to walk before they begin to run.

The first baby step taken was a public meeting in 1998 that established the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library. They took a survey to find out what today's library patrons need from their library. Yes, people do still need libraries.

Another step taken was to have the historic building inspected to make sure that it was not going to fall apart. The inspectors lined out what had to be done to get the building up to code for the safety of the patrons as well as that of the books.

Then came the fund-raisers of all sorts from bake and book sales to pledge drives to grant-writing. Even children have helped. One little girl raised \$1,000 by getting pledges for every book she read.

At last, an architect was hired and plans were drawn outlining the renovation project in several steps. But, even the most careful plans come undone. The library heating plant failed before its replacement had been budgeted. However, the funds were found, again with generous support from several sources, and the new boiler system was installed ahead of its allotted time.

Most building is done from the ground up. Renovation is often done in the same way. Again, circumstances intervened and the roof was repaired before the basement was made waterproof. However, both projects have been completed. The building is in good shape. Fire safety standards have been met with the stairway addition at the rear of the building and with the sprinkler system that was installed this summer.

All this has brought us about 65% through the Renovation Project. We are not quite done. More funds need to be raised. We will have more book and

and bake sales as well as annual appeals, pledges, donations and grants, to accomplish everything.

Handicap accessibility is the next major step to be taken. Once again, work will begin in the basement where there will be two accessible bathrooms as well as the new, roomier Genealogy Room, the computer lab, and wider aisles in the stacks with shelves within reach without stepladders.

Finally - at the end - we will get that elevator!

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## NEW BOOKS

### FICTION

Beaton, M.C./ The Blood of an Englishman  
Bohjalian, Christopher/ Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands  
Child, Lee/ Personal  
Coleman, Farrell/ Robert B. Parker's Blind Spot  
Cussler, Clive/ The Eye of Heaven  
Follett, Ken/ Edge of Eternity  
French, Tana/ The Secret Place  
Gregory, Philippa/ The King's Curse  
Hooper, Kay/ Haunted  
Jackson, Lisa/ Close to Home  
Jenoff, Pam/ The Winter Guest  
Karon, Jan/ Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good  
Kellerman, Faye/ Murder 101  
Kellerman, Jonathan/ The Golem of Hollywood  
Lewis, Beverly/ The River  
Michaels, Fern/ Eyes Only  
Neggers, Carla/ Harbor Island  
Penny, Louise/ The Long Way Home  
Perry, Anne/ Blood on the Water  
Peterson, Tracie/ A Moment in Time  
Robards, Karen/ Her Last Whisper  
Röbb, J.D./ Festive in Death  
Rollins, James/ The 6<sup>th</sup> Extinction  
Woodsmall, Cindy/ A Love Undone

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## FOL NEWS

Friends of the Library Executive Board meeting time has been changed to the first Wednesday of the meeting month; the next date is November 5 at 4 PM.

The Friends will donate funds for the remaining lights that need to be replaced in the library.

Friends' major fundraisers will be the Bag Lunches in April and a Golf Tournament in July.

## The Library Lookout

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### Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau  
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick  
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

### Your Library Trustees:

Toni Jo Blaisdell,  
Corrilla Hastings, Carol Jarvais,  
Sara McCabe, Lynn Perry,  
Lynda Quinn, Warren Shay  
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

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 5-8), 4 to 5:30
- Oct. 4 Winter Hours begin. Library open Saturdays, 10AM to 2 PM
- Oct. 5 Author Talk with Monica Wood at Margaret Chase Smith Library, 2 PM
- Oct. 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
- Oct. 8 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
- Oct. 11 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 AM to 1 PM. Public welcome.
- Oct. 13 Library closed for Columbus Day
- Oct. 21 Family Story Hour, Costume Party! 4:30
- Oct. 25 Halloween "Craft" ernoon, 10:30 to 12:30
- Oct. 25 Author Talk, Barbara Winslow and Tammi Galbraith, *The Kennebec is Rising*, 12:30 - 2
- Oct. 27 Toddler Time, 10:30

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 Luck of the Draw Auction, 9 to noon, American Legion Hall in Skowhegan
- Nov. 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
- Nov. 5 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30
- Nov. 5 FOL Executive Board Meeting, 4 PM
- Nov. 10 Toddler Time, 10:30
- Nov. 11 Library closed for Veteran's Day
- Nov. 12 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
- Nov. 13 Author Talk, Al Laiho, *The History of Hilton Hill*, 6 PM
- Nov. 18 Family Story Hour, "Gobble, Gobble!", 4:30
- Nov. 24 Toddler Time, 10:30
- Nov. 26 Library closes at 4 PM for Thanksgiving