



The Library Lookout

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Wish List

Lib. Helen Shaw reports that audios and Videos are in great demand. Do you have any to share?



Popular Selections

Fiction:

<i>A God in Ruins</i>	Uris
<i>Dark Lady</i>	North
<i>Midnight Hour</i>	Patterson
<i>Black Notice</i>	Cornwell
<i>Three Hands in the Fountain</i>	Davis

Non-Fiction:

<i>Arnold Palmer- A Golfers Life</i>	Dodson
<i>Freedom from Fear</i>	Kennedy
<i>All the Daring of the Soldier: Women in the Civil War</i>	Leonard
<i>Clear Springs</i>	Mason
<i>Deadlines and Datelines</i>	Rather

Children & Young Adults:

<i>Ramona's World</i>	Cleary
<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> and <i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</i>	Rowling

plus Kristen's gifts as soon as they are shelf-ready

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster

August is MEMBERSHIP MONTH. We plan to do a mail drop to attract 100 new members. If we want a good library, we have to work for it. Becoming a Friend of the Library is the easiest way to do it. Members get a monthly newsletter with all the goings on at the library and an invitation to participate in any way they choose.

So far, we have wired the building for computers, enhanced children's programs, held fundraisers, worked with the Bloomfield Library Committee to bring change, supplied books, computers and printers and volunteered at the library.

Please tell a friend or suggest one to us and we'll send an invitation.

85 readers have signed up for the summer reading program and over 55 have already done at least one book report. Many are written. At this rate there may be so many for the golf party, we'll have to have two shifts.

Wednesday afternoon presentations are going strong. Everyone has a great time. Please consult the schedule of events on the back page for the remaining programs.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Kristen Rinaldi for boxes of books, videos and paperback mysteries for the children's room. She collects them all year and totes them to us on her annual visit to visit her parents. Kristen also presented the first summer program "Living Treasures from the Sea" We think SHE is a gift that keeps on giving.

Summer is sizzling and so is the library. I hope Central Air is part of the renovation plan. People, books and computers need it. On 90 degree days, computers will not be available at the library. The fans are whirring but the computers are not fooled. A new full window screen has been installed in the computer room on the second floor. We think the extra breeze will help a lot. Merideth Moore, a Senior Girl Scout, is doing a project in the Children's Rooms. We appreciate her work and her enthusiasm.

Friends Participate in Log Days

The Skowhegan Free Public Library float won third prize at the Log Days Parade. Lois Moody in a lovely hat was our queen of books and helped throw out candy to spectators. The candy was donated by Semper Fidelis. Many thanks to Laura Pineo for organizing the float and to the story-book characters, Emily Pineo, Andrew Pineo, Roger Coloumbe, Anne Marie Provencal, Katie Henderson, Taylor Watson, Sandra Walker and Hawley Walker. See our on-line edition (<http://mainetoday.koz.com/maine/friends>) for photos of the float.

At the Fairgrounds, the Friends manned a table with sandwiches, soft drinks, cookies, books and cards. We really enjoyed the opportunity to showcase the library during Log Days.



Coming Up in October . . . Murder at Tranquillity Falls

On Friday, October 22, the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library will be presenting an original play-reading entitled *Murder at Tranquillity Falls*. A prize will be awarded to whoever can guess the identity of the murderer at the end of the Second Act. There will be refreshments. Look for next month's issue for more details.



Fine Words

Thanks to Geneva Greenleaf for remembering Principal Perley Turner, who wrote a School Song for the first graduating class on the hill (1930). She remembers it thus:

Shades of Locke and Wyman
Weston and McClellan
Mingle with us on the hill.
Spirits of our founders
Daily grouped around us,
Mold our thoughts
and visions still.

Chorus

May we serve as did those men of old,
In summer's heat and winter's bitter cold.
Orange camp-fires gleaming,
Orange banners streaming
As the night enshrouds the bold.

Verse 2

On Autumn nights from out
our gloomy forests
comes a sound that's quite
beyond our ken.
Till folklore tells us
that unearthly cadence
is the measured tramp
of Arnold's men.

Repeat Chorus.



Sign-Up for New Computer Class Series!

The first computer class has ended and you may sign up for a second round. Dates and times will depend on the response from those who sign up. We all received the text for the first series of six classes. It was just excellent. A lot of fog cleared away and now we know what all the terms mean. The library has a copy and soon Jim will present it in book form so you can do research with it. We're hoping Jim will do a class on specific areas. If you want to learn something about Windows, let him know at 474-2589 or jfoster@somtel.com.

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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. 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 Hilma Millett, P.O. Box 215, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	1-5	10-5:30	10-5:30	1-4:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	1-5	10-5:30	10-5:30	1-5:30	1-5:30	10-2

August Programs



- 2 **LIBRARY BOOK SALE** begins. Pick up a cheap treat and head for the porch during these hot days. Helen always has books for sale in a bookcase near the front door, but during the sale many more books are put out.



- 4 **PUPPET MAKING**...Kathy Dorko Children's room, 2 p.m.

- 11 **TOUR OF HISTORY HOUSE**....Friends of the Library followed by games and refreshments from the 1850's



September



- 8 **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING** 7:00 p.m. at the Library.



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