

The Library Lookout

Official newsletter of the Skowhegan Free Public Library



As the nights get longer and longer, I find myself turning to activities that can be done inside underneath a warm blanket or beside a crackling fire. For me, this means lots of reading, movie watching, listening to audiobooks and podcasts, and knitting. (Sometimes I do multiple at a time even.)

If you haven't been in the library in a while, maybe now is a good time to visit and stock up on some books, games, puzzles, or DVDs, to keep yourself busy during these long nights. We have tons of new items on the shelves to satisfy all different types of readers.

We want to take a moment and wish you and your family the happiest of holidays. No matter what you celebrate this time of year, we hope that you are able to pause the demands of life and spend quality time together with loved ones.

That being said, our own library staff will be off for an extended period of time to celebrate the holidays with our families and for some much-needed rest. We will be closed from December 23rd - January 4th. We do ask that during that time you keep your books at home if possible until we reopen. From all of us to all of you,

Happy Holidays.



Upcoming Events

Recurring

Every Wednesday-
Storytime @ 10:30AM
Every Friday- Sit & Knit @ 1
- 3PM

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12/03- BooOooks in the  
Basement @ 6:15PM

12/06 - Santa Storytime  
@11AM

12/06- Holiday Bake Sale  
10AM-3PM

12/18 - LEGO Club @  
3:30PM

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Closures

12/23-01/04- Holiday
Break

Library Updates

Emily Ecker, Children's Librarian

In November, we had our friends from Holland's Variety Drug back as guest storytime readers. The kiddos loved the pie-themed stories and making their felt pie crafts. We also welcomed back Delilah Iris Designs to lead a two-day sewing workshop to create kawaii felt toys. LEGO Club's color challenge was a lot of fun to see what everyone would build with their randomly-chosen color!



December will seem like a short month, but we'll still have some exciting things in store! Our Santa storytime will be on the 6th at 11am, Holland's will return for storytime on the 17th, and LEGO Club will be on the 18th from 3:30-4:30pm. And, of course, there will be a new Doodle Day theme at the start of the month.

News from Bree Bussell-Fitzgerald, Adult Services

Hi everyone! I'm back from maternity leave and I've missed you all! I have to say, being home with my little one was the best time of my life but I'm ready to get back into the swing of things here at the library. With 2025 coming to a close, I'm interested in what you, the patrons, want to see offered at our library. I'm always looking for more programming ideas, authors to invite to speak, crafts we can make together, etc. If you have any specific ideas feel free to let me know and I'll see what I can do! If you're someone who has any interesting stories to tell, talents you want to show off or hobbies you'd like to share, we're interested in them! Can you tie flies? Do you have any interesting local history you'd like to give a presentation on? Can you lead a paint night? Let's work together to offer something fun for our community!

News from Nikki Hathaway, Tech Services Librarian

Our little pantry is still going strong! Thank you again for all of your continued support, neighbors helping neighbors is really wonderful to see. If you have a specific need, we have a list inside the door of the pantry to leave notes. While there isn't a guarantee these items will be purchased, it's a great way for our volunteers and donors to know what items to shop for.

BooOOooks in the basement are currently reading 'My Friend Anna' by Rachel DeLoache Williams for our December meeting and will be starting 'The Hunger' by Alma Katsu for our January meeting. Love all things spooky and true crime? We'd love to have you join us the first Wednesday of the month at the library @ 6:15PM!

Fundraising Updates

For the month of December, we're excited to announce that the library has been selected by the Skowhegan Hannaford for their Community Bag program! We are so very grateful for these local partnerships, thank you Hannaford!

Warm Up Your Winter Shopping

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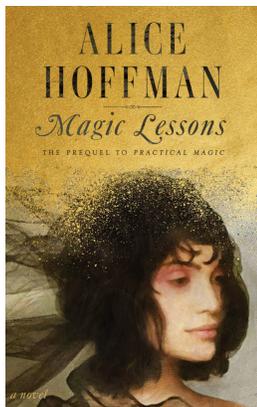
Spread warmth to your community this December by choosing reusable bags for all your seasonal shopping.

When you buy this \$2.50 Community Bag at our selected Hannaford store this month, our organization will receive a \$1 donation.

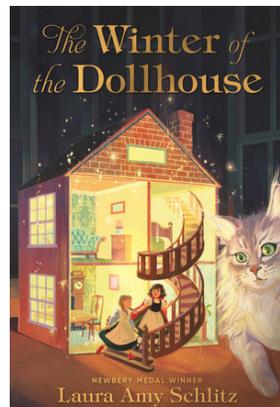
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Staff Book Picks for December



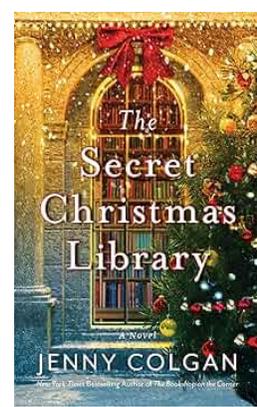
Nikki -
Magic Lessons
by Alice Hoffman



Angie -
The Winter of the
Dollhouse
by Laura Amy Schlitz



Emily -
Space Band
by Tom Fletcher



Bree -
The Secret Christmas Library
by Jenny Colgan

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Our Mission

At the Skowhegan Free Public Library, our mission is to foster a community where the freedom to read and access information is paramount. We are dedicated to providing a well-rounded and diverse collection of resources that cater to the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of all our patrons. Our library serves as a welcoming space for every community member, promoting inclusivity and accessibility. We are committed to sustainable practices, ensuring that our operations and services contribute positively to the environment and the well-being of future generations. Together, we empower minds, inspire lifelong learning, and build a brighter, more informed world.

Supporting the library year-round is essential to maintaining the programs, resources, and services our community relies on. Please consider making a donation today to help ensure we can continue offering these valuable resources all year long.

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