



# The Library Lookout

May 2000

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## Wish List

We wish to thank the Dove Society for 2 lover-ly bean bag chairs all who purchased box lunches for the library benefit. all who helped make National Library week a success. Looking for donors & customers for the lawn sale on May 20.



## Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw



### Children:

<i>When Sophie Gets Angry</i>	Bang
<i>The Kissing Hand</i>	Penn
<i>The Barn Owls</i>	Johnson
<i>The Cuckoo's Child</i>	Freeman
<i>Bud, not Buddy</i>	Curtis



### Adults:

<i>The Eternal Darkness</i>	Ballard
<i>Get Happy</i>	Shepherd
<i>Cybill Disobedience</i>	Clarke
<i>The Last Great Revolution</i>	Wright

<i>Back Roads</i>	O'Dell
<i>Before I Say Goodbye</i>	Clark
<i>Gates of the Alamo</i>	Gates
<i>The Pilot's Wife</i>	Shreve
<i>The Banyan Tree</i>	Nolan



## LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster

The Friend's Library Lunch project was a great success and involved a lot of hard work and even some fun. Marcia Granville led the project and was ably assisted by husband Lee, Jim & Corilla Hastings, Beverly Fitsimmons, Dottie LaCasse, Phil & Maxine Russakoff, Gerald LaCasse, Ann Henderson, Bea Boardman and Robin Moore. 182 lunches were sold.

We are grateful to George's Market, Northstar Orchard and Shop & Save for their assistance. Proceeds will go to the Library Renovation Fund.

Would you be interested in participating in a Maine Humanities Book Discussion group? Maine State Library will supply books, a leader and we have a choice of series. The group would start up in the Fall. If you want more information, please call Mary Davies at 474-7446.

Poems and Posters and Prizes were all part of the fun at the library on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Connect@With Kids was the theme this year and we think we did it.

Poster winners were Taylor Gilbert, Rachaelle Clukey and Joseph Downey. They did fine creative work representing the Elementary schools. Judges were Jean Butler, Sylvia Richardson and Ginny Venziano.

Poetry contest winners were: Stephen Bascom, Ceara French, Nate Goff, Amanda May, Aubrie Otis and Suzanne Young. Prizes included pizzas from Al's Pizza, a Harry Potter book from the library, Mr. Paperback gift certificates and Skowhegan Cinema passes. Thanks to all the donors. All were impressed with the excellent work submitted and Librarians Helen Shaw, Francoise LeBonte and Thelma Butler had two intense days of reading and judging. Lois Moody was absent because of illness but is feeling better now. We missed her.

The winning poems were read and all the poems and the winning posters are on display. We hosted a lot of mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings and we all had fun. Special thanks to Martha Walker who guided the guests through bookmark making with her large collection of book stamps and tassels. There were some tough decisions made over choices. You may have met Martha at the SCAG fair advertising her wares.

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## Friendship

Educators and parents are taking a hard look at peer pressure and the harm done by unkindness called teasing. As the theme of the Poetry Contest was FRIENDSHIP, we found this prize-winning poem to be especially sensitive and appropriate.

By Stephen Bascom

A while back, in the middle of fall,  
 When the air was cool and the trees grew tall  
 A family moved to a certain town.  
 However, on them people seemed to frown.  
 Especially on their teenage girl  
 With her "stupid" glasses and her "ugly" curls.  
 She was different. Didn't wear the same clothes  
 Or like the same music-and everyone knows  
 That if you hate the "in" groups, then you are a geek!  
 So Julie never got a chance to speak.  
 She was hated before she was even known,  
 And for this, Julie felt lost and alone.  
 "Why don't they like me?" she would cry,  
 "Why do they hate me! Why, oh, why!"  
 Julie was hurt, but they didn't care.  
 The other kids continued to laugh, and stare,  
 And mock her for her "ugly" clothes,  
 And all else—even the way her eyebrows grow.  
 Because she was different, and they couldn't see  
 How much their comments hurt poor Julie.  
 Well, this went on for weeks on end  
 Where every day, every hour was spent  
 Tormenting the "New Girl," until one day  
 While being shoved in a locker for being "her way,"  
 A stranger spoke up. "I moved here last night,  
 And what you are doing to her is just not all right!"  
 Well, the kids backed away as quick as a shot  
 'Cause one person could be handled, but two girls  
 could not.

And as they walked off (those uncaring peers!),  
 Julie just broke down in tears.  
 And as she talked to "The New-er Girl," her story  
 unfurled That she had not a friend in the world.  
 "Well don't you believe it. Those kids are all bores!  
 My name's Sam. Now, what exactly is yours?" you  
 need is a friend or two.

To pick you up when you are down,  
 To play, to laugh, to joke around,  
 To encourage each other in school play parts,  
 To pair together in Language Arts,  
 To see a movie, check out the mail,  
 Or just take out the ol' baseball.  
 To smile, to share, to chat on the phone,  
 Friends help each other when they feel alone.  
 They don't just get scared, and run away—  
 When acquaintances don't seem okay—  
 True friends find the time to stay  
 And help those in need through troublesome days.  
 Julie now knows this all too well.  
 And if you ask, I'm sure she'll tell  
 About a time in the middle of fall,  
 When the air was cool and the trees grew tall,  
 When she just had no friends at all.  
 And how one girl removed all doubt  
 Of what true friendship is all about.  
 (That is ... if she has a moment at all.  
 I heard she and Sam were headin' out for the mall!)

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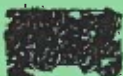
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**May 10** 7:00 p.m **Friends Annual Meeting.** Election of Officers. Program: **Book Reviews** Skowhegan Readers of all ages.



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**Our Computer Classes at the Library, co-sponsored by the Friends and the Kennebec Valley Computer Society, will start a new series as soon as the new computers arrive. For more information or to sign up, please call Jim Foster at 474-2589 or e-mail [jfoster@somtel.com](mailto:jfoster@somtel.com). I will try to notify those who have signed up, but look for a notice at the Library sometime after the middle of May.**



**Your Librarians Are:**

Helen Shaw,  
Francoise Labonte,  
Lois Moody  
and Thelma Butler

**Your Library Trustees Are:**

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,  
Mary Davies, Betsey Hall,  
Kathy Dorko,  
Toni Jo Blaisdell and  
Rick Anzelc

**Friends Officers Are:**

Jim Hastings, Pres.;  
Mary Davies, V.P.,  
Marcia Granville, Sec. and Kathy  
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