



The Library Lookout

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

July was one of those funny months. It seems like we ran all the time, but didn't get anywhere. We know we did, but we didn't have many big splashy items to report. Sometimes not so splashy is good.

What is splashy is our display of Longaberger Baskets in the Civil War Room. They're to be drawn off, one each day, during the month of Sept. Folks will purchase a book of 5 tickets for \$10. A winner will be drawn every day for each day in the month. That day's winner will receive that day's basket. Baskets will be marked Day 1, Day 2, etc. Spread the word. This will be lots of fun!

The State installed a video conferencing system in the library. It will be used to connect with other libraries, schools, colleges, etc. for educational and job training classes. For now, it's housed in the Genealogy Room; after the renovations, it will move to the new meeting room. We're one of only 11 other libraries in the state chosen to receive this equipment.

The library will be having a table at this year's Skowhegan State Fair. One of our patrons, James Barto, took it upon himself to see if he could get us a space for free in Constitution Hall. He was successful, and will coordinate the effort. He is now lining up folks to man the space. Be sure to stop by the table and say hello when you're at the fair.

We had a very good turnout for the Genealogy Meeting this month. Roxanne Saucier, from the Bangor Daily News, spoke to

the assembled group. Her topic covered what was available, genealogy wise, at the Fogler Library at UMO and the Bangor Public Library.

We're looking forward to seeing the architect's drawings for the renovations this coming month. Engineers from their office have been here quite a few times taking measurements, pictures, and jotting down notes. I felt like a tour guide some times. It'll be all worth it though when we see the finished project.

Until next month;

Dale

GOOD NEWS FOR PROJECT 2012

Progress continues thanks to the hard work of Pat Dickey and the Renovation Committee. In June we held a successful book sale and "Duck Dip", and received generous donations as a result of special dates at the Old Mill Pub and the Skowhegan Drive-In.

We also are very happy to report that grants have been received from the Betterment Fund for \$10,000, the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation for \$2,500, and Wal-Mart Foundation for \$1,000. More grant applications are pending, so keep your fingers crossed!

On going fundraisers include: NANA TO YOU shelf. Just take your items to the store or, if you prefer, bring them to the library. They will be tagged with #5 and the price.

BOTTLE AND CAN RECYCLING at C & M Recycling or the Beverage Mart.

PENNY DRIVE cans are in many locations around town.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick

First off, and foremost, I want to thank Ms. Kristine Rinaldi. As many parents and kids know, Kristine has been donating books here at the Skowhegan Library for years. However, what many people don't know is how she does this for us. Kristine shared with me that she works as a teacher in Dallas, Texas AND she works for Scholastic Books. Instead of taking money for the hours she works at Scholastic, she gets vouchers for books. She then spends her vouchers on books for her classroom and for our library. Not only does she donate books for our shelves, but also books and prizes for many of our programs. Ms. Rinaldi has literally spent hundreds of hours working so the children in our community can read and enjoy books! When I asked her why she did this, her answer was simple, "Because I can." She is helping our small-town library because "she can." As a parent, and as the children's librarian here, I would like to say THANK YOU to Kristine Rinaldi. We appreciate all the grueling hours of labor you invest for our children! That being said, come in and check out all the new books she has put on our shelves!

The Summer Reading Program is beginning to wind down, so bring in your passport for those last few prizes! We still have three programs left as well. Friday, August 5th, L.C. Bates presents Bug World from 11:00 – 12:00 at the library. Tuesday, August 16th, we have our African Safari Family Story hour from 4:30 – 5:30, and Friday, August 19th, is our End of Summer Reading Program party at the Community Center Park from 11:30 – 2:00. For more info, check our Facebook page or call the library!

Also, as a way to gear back up for school, we are sponsoring two programs here about the social pressures of being a young student. The first one is a puppet show called "My Body Belongs to Me." This program is aimed towards children (pre-k through 4th grade) and discusses personal body safety. The second program: "The Burden of a

Backpack" is about bullying and is a program geared towards children 2nd – 5th grade. These programs will be here at the library on August 24th. The schedule is "My Body Belongs to Me" – 10:30 to 11:00, snack/ bathroom break –11:00 to 11:30, "The Burden of a Backpack"— 11:30 to 12:00.

Longaberger Baskets® Calendar Raffle

A \$10 ticket gives you 5 chances to win!

These 5 chances with the customer's name and phone number are deposited in a "30-Chances-to-Win Jar" in the library. The customer retains the ticket stub and receives a complimentary prize sheet. On the front side of the sheet, a calendar is printed which shows what item is featured for each of the days in September. On the other side, for each day of the month, the local sponsoring business appears along with the value of the basket. Baskets won by out of town customers will be sent via USPS. Winners will be picked Monday through Friday. Weekend winners will be drawn on Monday. The tickets are currently on sale at the Library, The Chamber of Commerce, The West Front Street Market, and from Bonnie Chamberlain, 474-3146.

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 check the activities you are willing to help with.

- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities

BOOK REVIEW

By Bella Herrick, age 10

Seven Days of Daisy by Jamie Hogan

Seven Days of Daisy is a book about a girl named Daisy who lives on an island in Maine. Daisy needs to wait a week for her Nana to come visit her. Each day she does a different thing on the island to count down the days until Nana gets there. This is a cool book about living on an island in Maine and all the fun things you can do. What is even cooler is that Jamie Hogan, the author and illustrator, came to the Skowhegan Library and showed us how she made this book. She also signed a copy of her book and left it for us to enjoy. So check it out!!



Author, Jamie Hogan works with children at the library.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

- Will and Margo Reid
- Rod and Renee Worster
- Stefan, Molly, Alexis and Lauren Staples
- Brett Worster
- Janet S. Daigle
- Shirley Bastien

Thanks to Skowhegan voters, extended Friday afternoon hours at the library will begin on August 5th. Library Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 to 6.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Adler, Elizabeth/ *From Barcelona, With Love*
- Baldacci, David/ *One Summer*
- Balogh, Mary/ *The Secret Mistress*
- Berenson, Alex/ *The Secret Soldier*
- Clancy, Tom/ *Against All Enemies*
- Cussler, Clive/ *The Kingdom*
- Deaver, Jeffrey/ *Carte Blanche*
- Delinsky, Barbara/ *Escape*
- Doctorow, E.L./ *All the Time in the World*
- Evanovich, Janet/ *Smokin' Seventeen*
- Finder, Joseph/ *Buried Secrets*
- Frank, Dorothea Benton/ *Folly Beach*
- Gerritsen, Tess/ *The Silent Girl*
- Hamilton, Steve/ *Misery Bay*
- Hilderbrand, Elin/ *Silver Girl*
- Ignatius, David/ *Blood Money*
- Jance, J.A./ *Betrayal of Trust*
- Johansen, Iris/ *Quinn*
- Kava, Alex/ *Hotwire*
- Lindsey, Johanna/ *When Passion Rules*
- Lowell, Elizabeth/ *Chain Lightning*
- McCall Smith, Alexander/ *The Dog Who Came in from the Cold*
- Martini, Steve/ *Trader of Secrets*
- Monroe, Mary Alice/ *The Butterfly's Daughter*
- O'shaughnessy, Perri/ *Dreams of the Dead*
- Patchett, Ann/ *State of Wonder*
- Patterson, James/ *Now You See Her*
- Pronzini, Bill/ *Camouflage*
- Rollins, James/ *The Devil Colony*
- See, Lisa/ *Dreams of Joy*
- Slaughter, Karen/ *Fallen*
- Spindler, Erica/ *Watch Me Die*
- Tanenbaum, Robert/ *Outrage*
- Thayer, Nancy/ *Heat Wave*
- Weiner, Jennifer/ *Then Came You*

NON-FICTION:

- Sinatra, Barbara/ *Lady Blue Eyes*
- Sax, Paul/ *HIV Essentials 2011*

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Calendar of Events

Children's Story and Craft Hour every Wed. at 10 AM

AUGUST

Aug. 2 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM
Aug. 3 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Aug. 5 Extended Friday afternoon library hours will begin – thanks to Skowhegan voters!
Aug. 5 L.C. Bates program, "Bug World", 11 AM – noon, at the library
Aug. 8 & 22 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
Aug. 11 Genealogy speaker, Bob Chenard on "Locating Records of Canadian Ancestors", 2 PM
Aug. 13 Socrates Café, "Rationalism", In the gazebo at Coburn Park,
Aug. 16 Family Story Hour, Visiting Africa, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Aug. 19 End of Summer Reading Program Party, 11:30 – 2:00 at Community Center Park
Aug. 24 "My Body Belongs To Me", 10:30 – 11:00
"The Burden of a Backpack", 11:30 – noon

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 Friends of the Library Executive Board meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 6 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 7 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 10 Socrates Café
Sept. 12 & 26 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
Sept. 14 Author Betty Cichocki will talk on her new book, *Things That Last*, 7 PM
Sept. 20 Family Story Hour, 4:30 – 5:30