



The Library Lookout

December 2014

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat. 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

As I sit here writing this article to you, it's pouring cats and dogs outside. The last couple of weeks have been cold, so who would have thought that it would be over 50 degrees outside today. I know we don't like to shovel, but "bailing" wasn't part of the plan for today either!

The Lion's Club Peace Posters are on display again this year. Middle school art students from area schools have outdone themselves this year. If you can think of a way you'd express peace through art, they've probably already done it. What a fabulous display. Stop by the library and see for yourself.

The library will be strolling behind our library banner in the annual Holiday Stroll Parade on December 5th. We'd like to get as many people as we can to join us. Please wear your most festive attire. Anyone who participates this year will be able to participate in a drawing for a throw that sports the characters from the movie "Frozen." We already have some folks who've said they'd join us. Come on out and have some fun, and show your support for the library. We're meeting at the library at 6:15 for a head count and instructions; then going outside to line up for the parade. Please dress for the weather.

The Socrates Café discussion group will meet on Dec. 13th from 10 to noon this month instead of 11am to 1pm. If you enjoy lively

and thought provoking discussion, please stop by. The public is welcome.

For your convenience, we've rescheduled Maine author Al Laiho to Saturday, Dec. 13th at noon (some folks had mentioned that they found it difficult to come out at night). Al will be talking about his new book "The History of Hilton Hill." He'll also have copies available for purchase and signing. These will make great Christmas gifts for your family and relatives. The cost is only \$25, with part of the proceeds benefiting the library renovations.

Don't miss our Library Christmas Bazaar this month. On Dec. 5th from 10am to 5pm, and Dec. 6th from 10am to 2pm, you'll find lots of great gifts, crafts, decorations, books, and yummy baked goods. All proceeds will go toward the library renovations.

Just a reminder: with the hustle and bustle going on around us this holiday season, let's take a moment, slow down, and think of others less fortunate than we are. Many of us are able to help a little, let's do so, and make someone else's holidays a little brighter.

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." Author John Holmes

Until next month - Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

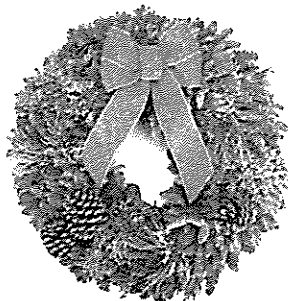
By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

December is a month bustling with activity—shopping, baking, wrapping, celebrating, eating, and gathering with family and friends. The library is no different. We have programs and events going on all month. The Skowhegan Holiday Stroll is right at the start of the month. I know for my family personally, we look forward to this every year: the parade, the hot cocoa, the community gathering together to celebrate the holidays. The children's library will be participating in the Holiday Stroll as well. We are excited to be hosting a Buster B. Christmas Concert as well as a NEW book giveaway to all the kids who come in.

Later in the month, we will be hosting our Christmas "Craft"ernoon, so check our calendar and Facebook page for more information on that!

We also will be having Christmas Family Storyhour on Tuesday, December 16th at 4:30. We are asking all the kids to please come in your pajamas for a special Christmas Storytime.

I hope that in all the activities and business of the holidays, you remember to have some quiet time with your kids too. This is a great time of year to snuggle up and read books or watch Christmas specials with your children. The library has a great collection of both books and videos to choose from. Most of all, remember have fun and enjoy this time of year!



Morgan is proud of her turkey potholder that she made at the "Gobble, Gobble" Family Story Hour.

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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Tel. # _____
E-Mail Address _____

Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

RAFFLE!



Longaberger Wrought Iron Coffee Table
with deep brown maple top.

Tickets: \$1 each or
6 for \$5

Drawing will be on Dec. 10th at 6 PM
at the Library

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday, Dec. 5, 10 to 5
Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 to 2
At the Library

Gifts, Crafts, Decorations, Books,
Special Holiday Boxes,
Baked Goods

- *Something for everyone!* -

Come and do your Christmas shopping
at the Library!

All proceeds will go to the Library Renovation.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Baldacci, David/ *The Escape*
Clark, Mary Higgins/ *The Cinderella Murder*
Connelly, Michael/ *The Burning Room*
Cornwell, Patricia/ *Flesh and Blood*
Cussler, Clive/ *Havana Storm*
Evanovich, Janet/ *The Job*
Evans, Richard Paul/ *The Mistletoe Promise*
Grisham, John/ *Gray Mountain*
King, Stephen/ *Revival*
Parker, Robert B./ *Silent Night*
Perry, Anne/ *New York Christmas*
Preston, Douglas/ *Blue Labyrinth*
Roberts, Nora/ *Blood Magic*
Smiley, Jane/ *Some Luck*
Smith, Wilbur/ *Desert God*
Steel, Danielle/ *Pegasus*
Taylor, Patrick/ *An Irish Doctor in Peace*
Thayer, Nancy/ *An Island Christmas*
White, Randy Wayne/ *Haunted*

NON-FICTION

Beck, Glenn/ *Dreamers and Deceivers*

New & Renewed FOL Members

Ann McMichael
Jeff and Judy Bowzer

Holiday Stroll Parade

The annual Holiday Stroll Parade will
take place on Friday, December 5th at 7 PM.
Come and show your support for the library
by marching behind the Library banner.
Check with Dale, Francoise or Angie for
details. (We will meet at the library at 6:15)

Library Christmas Tree

Be sure to visit the Redington Memorial
Home and view the **Library Christmas Tree**,
decorated by creative Library patrons and
friends!

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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,
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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

DECEMBER

Dec. 2 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Dec. 3 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
Dec. 5 Christmas Bazaar, Gift, Craft, Book & Bake Sale, 10AM to 5 PM
Dec. 5 Holiday Stroll Parade, 7 PM (Meet at the library at 6:15)
Dec. 6 Christmas Bazaar, Gift, Craft, Book & Bake Sale, 10 AM to 2 PM
Dec. 6 Buster B. Holiday Concert and Free Book Giveaway, 11 to 12:30
Dec. 8 Toddler Time, 10:30
Dec. 8 Book Group at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM Book: a James Bond novel
Dec. 10 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM New volunteers welcome
Dec. 13 Socrates Café Discussion Group, public welcome, 10 AM to noon
Dec. 13 Book Signing and Author Talk with Maine Author Al Laiho, noon to 2
Dec. 16 Family Story Hour: Christmas PJ Party, 4:30
Dec. 20 Christmas "Craft"ernoon, 10:30 to 12:30
Dec. 22 Toddler Time, 10:30
Dec. 24 No Story Time today
Dec. 24 Library closes at 2 PM for Christmas. Library will be closed on Dec. 25, 26 and 27.
Dec. 31 Library closes at 4 PM

JANUARY

Jan. 1 Happy New Year!
Jan. 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Jan. 7 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
Jan. 10 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 to 1
Jan. 12 Toddler Time, 10:30
Jan. 14 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
Jan. 20 Family Story Hour: Wacky Words!, 4:30
Jan. 26 Toddler Time, 10:30