



The Library Lookout

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LATEST NEWS

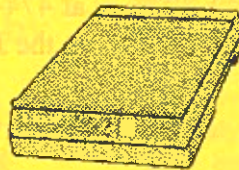
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New Member of the FOL Executive Board

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Warren, Director of Lake George Regional Park, has agreed to serve as a member of the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Executive Board. Welcome, Nancy!

Computer Demonstration

The scanner now works on the computer, purchased with a New Century Grant from the State of Maine, in the Civil War Room. The idea for this computer was that it will be used to preserve documents and photographs of personal or historical interest in digital form on Compact disks. This has taken some time to get working because the computers use the new Windows 2000 Operating System, and the scanning hardware was not totally compatible when it first came out. We intend to have blank CDs available from the librarians at a small cost.



Jim Foster will be giving a half-hour demonstration from 6:30 to 7:00 on January 10, before the Friends meeting, of how to use the scanner, how to access the photo editing and OCR software (not of course an in depth explanation of how to do photo editing, which would require an extensive course), how to print from the computer, and how to "burn" (record) photos and documents onto CD's.

Programs, Past and Future

The December Open House and Book Signing was a successful occasion thanks to Kathy Hughes, Marcia Granville, Christine



Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

Fiction

- Deaver *Speaking in Tongues*
- Follett *Code to Zero*
- Lindsey *Home for the Holidays*
- Ludlum *The Prometheus Deception*
- Patterson *Roses Are Red*

Non-Fiction

- Goldsmith *The Inextinguishable Symphony*
- Klein *Beloved Island*
- King *Anything Goes*
- Murphy *Long Road to Gettysburg*
- Schlesinger *Life in the 20th Century*

Children's

- Bradsinsky *The Mulberry Bird*
- Lowry *Gathering Blue*
- Pearson *Hedgeville Hollow*
- Plourde *Winter Waits*
- Taback *Joseph Had a Little Coat*

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Smith, and Maxine Russakoff and her program committee.

There has been a change in plans for our speaker scheduled for the regular FOL meeting on Wednesday, January 10 at 7 PM. Jeff Evans will present a program entitled "Movie Fun", consisting of clips of film comedies and a discussion. Jeff is an Associate Professor of English at University of Maine at Orono where he teaches film classes. Some of you may remember his past programs on Alfred Hitchcock and on Western movies. Bring a friend and come and join the fun! What better time than the cold Maine winter to enjoy some well-loved comedies from the past!



Plans are already underway for a "Valentine-making party" for February 9 from 3 to 4 PM. We did this last year and found we had as many adults as children cutting and pasting at the craft table! Everyone loves to give and receive homemade cards!

Story Hours

Story and Craft Hours for children of all ages continue to be offered twice each week in the Children's Room. Times are Wednesdays at 10 AM and Saturdays at 10:30 AM. We all have great fun hearing stories, singing songs and creating something beautiful to take home to hang on the refrigerator!

Children's Nonfiction Campaign

With an additional donation from the DAR, we have almost reached our goal of \$1000 for the Children's Nonfiction Campaign. Kathy Hughes continues to

work with Lois Moody on the list of books to be purchased with this money. Watch for more information on this in the February Library Lookout.

Library Lawn Sale

Apparently in response to our request last month, several Skowhegan families have been doing some housecleaning! A number of articles have already been received for the May 19 lawn sale. Winter is a great time to sort through unwanted "stuff". Just call 474-3949 when you have some things to donate.

Other Activities

The Friends will be participating with a table at the annual "Getting To Know You Fair", to be held by the Skowhegan Community Action Group on February 24 at the High School.

We will be repeating our successful Bag Lunch fund-raiser on April 27, hosting a Garden Tour on July 21, and selling stickers to support the Windows Project throughout the Winter months.

All of these activities need volunteers! If you would like to help with any of them, please call Corrilla at 474-3949, or talk to any of the Board members at the January meeting.

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Remember to check our web page at mainetoday.koz.com/maine/friends

Book Reviews

Steven King, *On Writing* by Mary Davies

The book you can't put down.

A memoir, a text book, a seminar, a history of Maine & America.

This book has it all. Written with downeast honesty and humor, our own Stephen King has a winner here and it's non-fiction. He and his brother survive and thrive in childhoods that would drive a saint to sin. Mother love and wisdom played a large part in Stephen writing his first story. He was off and running. He tells it all, plenty of surprises here.

The 2nd half of the book is a dream text. Every aspiring writer should own it. High schools should make it required reading. He hammers away at grammar and in the "toolbox" puts Strunks *Elements of Style* in the top drawer. He warns of the evil of adverbs. If you only write notes to Aunt Nellie, this book will help you.

For icing on the cake, Mr. King gives you a dandy book list.

This book is a gift. Thank you, Stephen King.

Maeve Binchy, *Aches and Pains* by Mary Davies

Ms. Binchy has written a funny, almost bawdy true story of her hip replacement and other signs of aging. You'll laugh out loud and be sorry it's such a little book.

I recommend it to both men and women. We all have aches & pains and she has decided it is a comical turn of events. Becoming a certain age brings change and you can laugh or grouse. She invites you to laugh with her. The profits from this book are donated to the National Arthritis Foundation.

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WINTER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ADULT	1-8:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

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).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 10



Demonstration of how to use the new scanner, access the photo editing and OCR software, print and record CDs using the Library's computer. 6:30-7:00 PM at the Library

Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Regular Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Library.
Program: Jeff Evans, "Movie Fun"



February 9

Valentine-Making Party 3:00-4:00 PM at the Library.

February 24

Friends will have a table at the "Getting To Know You Fair" All day at the High School.

March 14

Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Regular Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Library.
(Program to be announced)

April 27

Bag Lunch fundraiser. Details will appear in the *Lookout* as we get nearer the date.

May 9

Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Annual Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Library.
(Election of Officers. Program to be announced)

May 19

Lawn Sale. All day at the Hastings'



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Rick Anzels

Friends Officers Are:

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Jim Foster, V.P.,
Marcia Granville, Sec.
and Kathy Hughes, Treas.

