



The Library Lookout

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Wish List

Helen reports that videos and talking books are getting popular and are in short supply. Do you have any to share?



Popular Selections

Fiction:

*An Embarrassment of
Corpses ... Beechey*
Where the heart is ... Letts

Non-Fiction:

The Greatest Generation ... Brokaw
N.C. Wyeth ... Michaelis

Children:

*A Celebration of Maine Children's
Authors ... Plourde & Knowles*
The jester has lost his jingle ... Saltzman

Young Adults:

*For the love of the game ... Michael
Jordan*
Stars and Planets ... Nature Co.

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster

The March Town Meeting voted to allocate an additional \$15,000 to the Library. Thanks to all who attended and voted.

Your library continues to improve. The electrical wiring for PC's has been done, through a gift from a Friend.

Helen Shaw, Librarian, has a busy National Library Week planned for April 11th through 17th. An Open House will be held on Sunday, April 11, from 2-4 P.M., to show off our new PC's. There will be technical help, so that everyone can try them out. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends. Thelma Butler will preside with Helen Shaw at the hospitality table. We hope people come to say thank you, and to show support for Helen and the library.

Lois Moody, in the children's area, will host guest readers at 3:30 each weekday afternoon and on Sat at 10 A.M., a special video will be presented. Cookies every day. Now, that's what we call a celebration. Many thanks to WAL-MART for a BIG box of stickers to help the children celebrate.

Katie Quinn delighted all at the last Friend's meeting with her talk on her trip to Russia. She also brought many books and artifacts from her trip. The next meeting is on May 12, at 7 pm. This is the annual meeting and a series of book reviews will follow the business. All meetings are held on the first floor, which is a convenience for all.

In late February and into March, a group of volunteers visited area day-care, pre-school and first grade classes in Skowhegan and Cornville to read stories and present each child with a picture of the library for coloring. Volunteers were Kathy Hughes, Kathy Dorko, Patty Wing, Suzanne Belanger and Corrilla Hastings. Kathy Dorko made the library sketch and the PAPER KLIP generously donated paper and printing.

Please remember your library when planning memorials and bequests. Many wonderful books have been donated in memory of someone and the faceplate reminds us of old friends when we open the books; a lovely idea.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP REVIEW

The Color of Water by Richard
McBride

Reviewed by Chuck Cleaver

The author is a talented black composer/reporter; his mother an uneducated white, jewish-born girl. With no money, she raised her ten mixed-race kids to become doctors, nurses and teachers. A really great story of family, faith and determination
(Biography-autobiography)

Thank You

A tip of the hat

Thanks to the Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce for the gift of a PC.

Thanks to Jean Butler for the beautiful posters in the children's rooms as well as two wonderful books.

Thanks to Ron Currier of SECURITIES AMERICA INC. for his gift of investment books and software.

Thanks to THE DOVE SOC. for their gifts of construction paper and markers and for a wonderful bean-bag chair for the children.

Thanks to Friend Ann Gamadge for children's software

Thanks to a Friend for a new touchtone phone

Cultural Initiative Passed By Committee

(Information obtained from the Maine Library Association webpage.)

LD 630, An Act to Establish the Maine Communities in the New Century Program, also known as the Cultural Initiative, has received an "ought to pass" from the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. This Bill will help Libraries by providing a new grant program administered by the Maine Library Commission. It would provide grants for construction and renovation projects, expanding hours, grants for new technology and access to online databases, help for interlibrary loan service and monies to expand local library service. The next step is the Appropriations Committee

OH, TO BE IN PARIS



You are cordially invited to print your poetry on these pages in the May issue. 16 lines or less. Mail poems to Mary Davies C/O Skow Library Elm St. Skow or drop them off in a sealed envelope at the circulation desk. Everyone has a poem in them, and spring is the easiest time to get inspired.

*Green is a pencil,
and a leaf on a warm spring day.
Green is a car,
and a humming bird flying fast as the wind itself.*

by Cole McCann, Grade 3

*Green is the happy daydream of me.
Green takes me to different worlds and seas,
And everything like Spring.
My birthday is the first green day,
So it makes me very happy.
Outside is the kitchen of green.*

by Jon Doty, Grade 2

We apologize for the non-appearance of the March issue of the *Lookout*. Difficulties in printing delayed it to the point that much of the information would have been obsolete, so we decided it would be better to save the cost and reuse what was of value this month.

Some Interesting and Useful Websites:

This month Friends' Vice President Mary Davies has found some interesting sites for kids and adults.

Internet sites for kids

<http://www.paddingtonbear.co.uk>

<http://www.ctw.org> (Sesame Street)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/arthur> (Arthur, our favorite Aardvark)

<http://cometo/20Q> (20 questions)

<http://www.starwars.com/home.html>

<http://www.si.edu/nzoo/> (National Zoo in DC)



Adults

<http://www.1040.com> (Fed. forms)

<http://www.cwgc.org> (War Graves Com. about 1.7 million soldiers who died in WW1 & WW11)

<http://www.allexperts.com> (ask a question. The aces are there.)

(If you have discovered any sites you find especially useful, please share them with us. If you have any special interests you would like to have sites listed for, give us your requests. This is your newsletter!)

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LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	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) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Hilma Millett, P.O. Box 215, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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COMING EVENTS



Book Discussion Group Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the library on the first Mondays of each month. The Book Discussion Group tackles Dostoyevsky's *The Idiot*, the first Monday of April. Keeping the names straight has been a challenge, but OH, what a story.

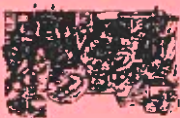
On May 3, the group will discuss books by Kathleen Norris, such as *Dakota, A Spiritual Geography* and *Cloister Walk*.



Story and Craft hour each Wed at 10am. Lots of fun with Corilla Hastings.



The **Annual meeting** will be on **May 12, 7 p.m.** This will be the final meeting of our Charter year. Plans for the next year will be discussed. Please come and tell us what you want and how you can help. A series of Book Reviews will follow the meeting.



The Friends will join in the **Cornville 7 Mile Long Yard Sale**. We'll be at Jim and Corilla Hasting's red brick farm. Start saving your treasures for us. Old tables and chairs sell well as does the stuff you're tired of polishing. Start a box. Brass candlesticks were the first to go at my house. We need volunteers on **May 22 and 23**. If you need stuff picked up, call Jim Hastings. Money raised will benefit the Renovation Fund.

To comment on or submit articles for this newsletter, e-mail Mary Davies at davies@wworx.net. And remember to check out the Friends' website at <http://mainetoday.koz.com/maine/friends>.



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Free Public Library**

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