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The Library Lookout

December 2022

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Corrilla Hastings

With the time of thanks and giving upon us, the staff, trustees, and friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library want to celebrate Corrilla Hastings for her undying devotion, love, and dedication to the Skowhegan Free Public Library.

Corrilla was a member of the Friends of the Library from the very beginning, and served as their president for over ten years. In fact, as part of the Friends group, she is the one who started the newsletter that you are enjoying today! No matter what was going on here at the library, Corrilla made sure the community had knowledge of every project we were working on and every service we were offering. For many years, she also worked tirelessly to help raise the 1.5 million dollars needed for the large-scale renovation projects the library so desperately needed. Her grant writing was a monumental part of this process, and through it the library managed to fund our massive elevator renovation five years ago. In addition, Corrilla and her husband James hosted the very popular and lucrative Barn Sale – again, in support of the library - for more than a decade, and they continue to take care of the flower box in front of the library, as well as the annual holiday wreath on the front door. She has continued her service over the years by volunteering at the library, and continues to assist in many fundraising events when called upon. It is indisputable that this library would not be where it is today without the care and hard work that Corrilla has put into it over the years.

Thank you, Corrilla. You are truly a friend of the library and we can't express our appreciation for you enough!



NEWS FROM THE CIRCULATION DESK

By Bree Bussell-Fitzgerald

First off, I'd like to thank everyone who donated toys to the Toy Drive that the Central Maine Ghost Hunters invited us to be a part of. Seeing how generous our patrons are and seeing their love for our community just fills our hearts here at the library! Each and every toy collected will be given to local families in need this holiday season.



Some of the donations received for the toy drive

Even though the first official day of winter is December 21st, I like to say that winter is officially here when I see snow. With that being said, be sure to keep an eye out for winter storm closings here at the library! If MSAD 54 has a snow day then the library will also be closed, though we also may shut down early, open late, or close for the day at the library's discretion as well. A good rule of thumb is to always call if you are unsure! We post any closing on our Facebook page and website, as well as on the local new stations' closure listings.

December always feels like such a short month here because of the holidays and New Year's. This year the library will be closed December 26th through January 2nd so be sure to stock up on books while you can! There's nothing worse than having the opportunity to read without having a good book on hand.

STAFF PICKS OF THE MONTH

Angie – *Scattered Showers* by Rainbow Rowell

Bree – *The Last Invitation* by Darby Kane

Josie – *The Blackout Book Club* by Amy Lynn Green

Lydia – *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie King

Lyn – Any Jenny Colgan book!

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a whole separate online library *just* for comics (and more!). ComicsPlus is a great resource for anyone looking to explore our unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga... no holds or waitlists required!

Just go to <https://login.librarypass.com/signup>, choose Skowhegan Public Library ME as your library, enter your email and create a password. Then it's as simple as logging in from the browser or the app (called "Library Pass" from Library Pass, inc.) with that same email and password. No library barcode needed! Feel free to call us if you have any questions or have trouble accessing ComicsPlus.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

12/2 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

12/2 – Ghost Hunt @ 5:00 – 7:00

12/6 – Tween the Pages @ 4:00 – 5:30

12/7 – Storytime @ 10:30 – 11:30

12/9 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

12/13 – Kid's Comic Club @ 3:45 – 4:15

12/14 – Storytime @ 10:30 – 1:30

12/14 – Library Card Signup Table at RFGH @ 11:15 – 2:15

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12/16 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

12/20 – Coding Club (ages 6-8) @ 3:30 – 5:00

12/21 – Storytime @ 10:30 – 11:30

12/23 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

12/24 through 12/31 – LIBRARY CLOSED for the holiday break.

January

1/2 – LIBRARY CLOSED for the holiday break

1/3 – Tween the Pages @ 4:00 – 5:30

1/4 – Storytime @ 10:30 – 11:30

1/6 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

1/10 – Kid's Comic Club @ 3:45 – 4:15

1/11 – Storytime @ 10:30 – 11:30

1/12 – DIY Book Wreaths @ 11:30

1/13 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

1/16 – LIBRARY CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/17 – Coding Club (ages 6-8) @ 3:30 – 5:00

1/18 – Storytime @ 10:30 – 11:30

1/19 – Books & Brews @ 6:30 – 7:30

1/20 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

1/24 – Kid's Comic Club @ 3:45 – 4:15

1/25 – Storytime @ 10:30 – 11:30

1/26 – LEGO Club @ 3:30 – 4:30

1/27 – Sit & Knit @ 1:00 – 3:00

1/30 through 2/3 – LIBRARY CLOSED for inventory