



The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

The Friends of the Library Golf Tournament, held in July, was a great success. Duffers of all ages participated. Over 3,100 dollars was raised to help with future library projects. I doff my golf hat again to our great Friends Group.

We're almost there! As each week goes by, the renovations to the basement are getting closer to completion. Much work has been done. Contractors this week will begin laying the floor tile. This could take up to two weeks. Stay tuned!

The library is now offering a free day pass to Lake George Regional Park. Library members may now request a one day family pass to the park. The pass may only be used by one family per day, per month. Our thanks to the Trustees of Lake George for making this available to us. Please call or stop by the library to review pass rules, and make a reservation.

The library, in partnership with David Richards, is sponsoring a monthly book club. David has graciously volunteered once again to be our facilitator, and has offered the Margaret Chase Smith Library as a meeting place. Books will be provided for free from the Maine Humanities Council. The series this fall, called "The Gilded Age: A Tale for Today," will meet monthly at the Margaret Chase Smith Library. Our first meeting will actually be in August instead of September.

To kick this series off, the film "Age of Innocence" will be shown at the Margaret Chase Smith Library August 3rd at 6pm. The first book in the series will be handed out then. Please contact the Skowhegan Free Public Library 474-9072 to sign up.

The Maine Quilters Guild will once again be displaying their beautiful, handcrafted display quilts. Look for these hanging on the walls in the Memorial Room in August.

The library has applied for a Façade Grant. Monies from this grant will be used to finish restoring windows in the library. If all goes well, we should receive enough to finish the 11 remaining windows in the Mezzanine.

The library family was saddened to hear of the death of Mary Hill. Mary was a past president of the Skowhegan Friends of the Library, and also a former library volunteer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family. If you'd like to make a donation in Mary's name, you may do so at the library.

I'll leave you with this thought:
"as o'er the stormy sea of human life
we sail, until our anchor'd spirits rest, in the
far haven of Eternity,..."

~Robert Montgomery, A Universal Prayer

Until Next Month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The month of July is the busiest month for the children's library. We have two major events up here during this time: the summer reading program and the visit from our friend and benefactor, Kristine Rinaldi. Kristine, who works part time for Scholastic, travels to Skowhegan every summer from her home in Spring, Texas. All year long, she scarfs up every good deal she can, and this year, was able to bring us over 600 books! These books will be used for both our collection and also as giveaways for programs such as the Holiday Stroll. We are also super excited when we see her roll in and start to pull out box after box of beautiful, new books! This librarian (and many, many young readers!) appreciates her very generous donations.

If you have been at the library on a Wednesday morning, you know that our Summer Reading Program is going full throttle. All the community heroes we have coming in as guest readers are attracting big crowds of eager kids. This past month, we had Dr. Lambke, Officer Daigneault, Warden Bubier, Town Manager, Christine Almand, and Firefighter Rick. The kids are listening to stories and also learning about some pretty heroic professions.

We still have a couple of community heroes left on the schedule, if you are interested. Everett Flannery who is an EMT will be coming in to read and we will wrap up our story time guest readers with Dr. Gibson who is a veterinarian. Also this month, we have finally finished the transition and re-organization of the non-fiction section. We have decided to move away from the Dewey decimal system and instead have organized books within groups based on subject headings. These subjects are color-coded and labeled for easier browsing by the patron. Want a book on the ocean? That would be found in the green section which is "Science and Nature." How about a book on presidents? Those would be found in the blue section which is "Social

Studies." Kids seem to be enjoying the new system and are finding books more easily by themselves. There will always be a librarian on hand to help patrons search for things, but we think this new organizational system should give even the youngest of patrons a nice, clear picture of where books might be housed.



Community Hero, Christine Almand reads at Storytime. Zoeymarie turns the pages.

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

FOL NEWS

On July 11th, the Friends of the Library sponsored a golf tournament at the Lakewood Golf Course in Madison.

The beautiful weather encouraged 10 teams of enthusiastic golfers to come out and support the Skowhegan Free Public Library by playing for various prizes, generously donated by area businesses, and for a chance to win a car with a well-placed hole in one (no luck there!). The day ended with a delicious barbecue provided by the Lakewood Golf Course. Our thanks go to all the library volunteers and to the hole sponsors who made this benefit a huge success. Together, we earned over \$3,000 for the library!

Sincerely,
Margo, Jeanne and Kathy
Friends of the Library Co-Chairs

Returnable Bottles and Cans (an ongoing fundraiser)

You have donated a total of \$3,719 to the Library Renovation during the last six years by contributing your refunds for returnable bottles and cans to the library!

THANK YOU!



NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Adler, Elizabeth/ *One Way or Another*
- Atkins, Ace/ *The Redeemers*
- Blume, Judy/ *In the Likely Event*
- Box, C.J./ *Badlands*
- Carr, Robyn/ *A New Hope*
- Castillo, Linda/ *After the Storm*
- Clark, Mary Higgins/ *The Melody Lingers On*
- Coulter, Catherine/ *Nemesis*
- Dailey, Janet/ *Long, Tall Christmas*
- Garwood, Julie/ *Wired*
- James, E.L./ *Grey*
- Johansen, Iris/ *The Naked Eye*
- Lee, Harper/ *Go Set A Watchman*
- Lowell, Elizabeth/ *Perfect Touch*
- Michaels, Fern/ *Wishes for Christmas*
- Paretsky, Sara/ *Brush Back*
- Peterson, Tracie/ *Refining Fire*
- Reichs, Kathy/ *Speaking in Bones*
- Rosnay, Tatiana de/ *A Paris Affair*
- Smith, Alexander Mc Call/ *The Novel Habits of Happiness*
- Thor, Brad/ *Code of Conduct*
- Woods, Stuart/ *Naked Greed*

NON-FICTION

- Walter, Martin/ *The Illustrated World Encyclopedia of Insects*

ITEMS for RIVER FEST CRAFT FAIR Saturday, August 8, 2015

In addition to the beautiful homemade crafts, we will be selling a collection of gently used cook books at the River Fest Craft Fair on August 8th. Please leave your handmade items and any cook books you may wish to donate at the Library this week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patricia Dickey at 474 2769 or Judy Bowzer at 474 8992.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

- Marilyn and Roger Renfrew
- Tracey Brown
- Melissa Gaspar and family

The Library Lookout

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Co Chairs: Margo Reid, Kathy Evans, Jeanne Shay
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

AUGUST

Aug. 3 Film "Age of Innocence" shown at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM
Aug. 4 A visit from Farmer Minor and Daisy, 3 PM
Aug. 4 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Aug. 5 Storytime with guest reader, Everett Flannery, EMT, 10 AM
Aug. 5 Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
Aug. 8 Stop at the Library Renovation tables at the River Fest Craft Fair
Aug. 11 Mad Science presents: A Superhero Science Show, 10 AM
Aug. 11 Your Government, Your Neighbor - meet with a representative from Senator King's office, 10 to 12.
Aug. 12 Storytime with guest reader, Dr Gibson, 10 AM
Aug. 13 Visit our booth at the Skowhegan State Fair
Aug. 14 Summer Reading Program ends.
Aug. 19 Storytime, 10 AM
Aug. 22 Last day of the Skowhegan State Fair
Aug. 26 Storytime, 10 AM

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 2 Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 6 – 8), 4:00 to 5:30
Sept. 2 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
Sept. 7 Library closed for Labor Day
Sept. 8 Meet with a representative from Senator King's Office, 10 to 12
Sept. 14 First monthly book club meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM
Sept. 15 Family Story Hour: Blueberries for Sal
Sept. 21 Toddler Time, 10:30
Sept. 29 Open House to showcase the basement renovations, 6 PM

