



THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT May 2006

www.skowheganlib.me.us

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

May flowers are blooming in front of the library and wonderful things are also blooming inside the library. The Athena automated system is up and running at the Adult circulation desk. The Children's circulation has been running smoothly ever since March 7, 2006. We appreciate all of our patron's patience as we move through this transition from stamping to scanning. The new system will be quicker and help us keep more accurate statistics. We also will have an up to date computerized catalog of all of the items in the library. I would like to remind everyone that you can get a new bar coded library card or you may keep your old library card. We will be able to use either one to scan out items for you. It is entirely up to you. New patrons however will automatically receive the new bar coded card.

In May Katherine will be traveling to the Central Maine Library Spring Conference in Augusta and later in the month Melissa will be going to Orono to a Rural Sustainability Conference to learn more about some of the new technologies which benefit libraries. Speaking of new technologies it is looking very hopeful that the new Walk in Wireless technology will be coming to Skowhegan by June. I will keep folks posted.

Old Time Radio is also coming to the Skowhegan Public Library in June. This is a new club for anyone who would enjoy re-enacting the glory days of old time radio. We will have lots of funny scripts and interesting trivia. The group will meet on Friday mornings at the library from 10:30 am -noon. You do not need any special skills, just come and have fun. The first meeting

will be on Friday June 23rd. We will also be having another book sale in June. The date will be announced in the next newsletter. I would like to end this note with these words of wisdom.

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."

---Henry Ward Beecher

OTHER LIBRARY NEWS

By Corrilla Hastings

LAST CHANCE FOR RAFFLE TICKETS

The name of the lucky winner of the "Empire Falls Signature Wall Quilt" will be drawn at the lawn sale on May 20. If you'd like to buy some raffle tickets, be sure to purchase them at the Library before that

Raffle

EMPIRE FALLS SIGNATURE QUILT

Paul Norman

Richard Raito

Fred Schepel

John Sullivan

Estelle Parsons

Kate Hunt

Lou Taylor Pucci

Robin Ross

Stephen Mandillo

James Woodward

Aidan Quinn

William Fiskner

Kate Burton

Ed Harris

Danielle Penabaker

Dennis Farina

Teresa Morgan

Theresa Russell



34" X39" Wallhanging handcrafted by the Somerset Sampler Quilters
Featuring 18 signatures of cast and crew



- Raffle tickets \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 20 for \$10.00
 - Raffle drawing will be May 20, 2006
 - Tickets are also available at the Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976. Call 207 474-9072 for more information.
- All proceeds will benefit the Skowhegan Free Public Library

LAWN SALE

There are just a few more weeks to gather all that unused and unwanted "stuff" which is taking up room in your closets, basements or garages. Bring it any time to the Library or directly to the Hastings' barn on the Malbons Mills Road for the annual lawn sale. (If you need help on transportation, let us know and we'll locate a good-natured volunteer with a truck!) The date of the sale is Saturday, May 20, and in addition to all the fascinating "treasures", we'll also have the usual "gourmet" hot dogs for hungry shoppers. If you'd like to donate some time before, during or after the sale, please leave your name at the desk at the Library. We'd love to have you join the fun!

LIBRARY LUNCHES

The "Library Lunches" fund raiser on April 7 was a great success thanks to the hard work of many volunteers. 245 lunches were prepared and delivered around town, resulting in a total of almost \$1200 for the library. Workers included the following people: Christine Smith, Julie George, Melissa Gaspar, Katherine LeBlanc, Dottie and Gerald LaCasse, Kathy and Paul Hughes, Mary Hill, Maureen Calder, Joanne DuBois, Connie Connell, Mary Stuart, Marcia Granville, Jim and Corrilla Hastings, and the wonderful cooks who baked dessert treats to add to every lunch bag.

Thank you, everybody!

MAY 10TH - "A TRIP TO EGYPT"

Put the date on your calendar! This is an event you won't want to miss! On Wednesday, 7 PM at the Library, Friends President, Dina Jeannotte will present a program and show on her recent trip to Egypt. This is sure to be an interesting evening and we hope all members, their family and friends will attend. Refreshments will be served.

NOTICE!

Beginning the week of May 29th the library will be going to its summer hours. We will be open Monday through Friday from 10 am -6 pm. We will be closed on Sat of Memorial Day Weekend. We will be closed Sat during June, July and August.

NEW RELEASES

Fiction:

Archer, Jeffrey *False Impression*
Berg, Elizabeth *We Are Welcome Here*
Clark, Mary Higgins *Two Little girls in Blue*
Coben, Harlen *Promise Me*
Crais, Robert *The Two Minute Rule*
Davidson, Diane Mott *Dark tort*
Dunant, Sarah *In the Company of the*
Courtesan

Hart, Carolyn *Dead Days of summer*

Hoag, Tami *Prior Bad Acts*

Jackson, Lisa *Shiver*

Kellerman, Jonathon *Gone: A Novel*

Michaels, Fern *Hey, Good Looking*

Parker, T. Jefferson *The Fallen*

Perry Anne *Dark Assassin*

Perry, Thomas *Nightlife*

Peters, Elizabeth *Tomb of the Golden Bird*

Pickard, Nancy *The virgin of Small Plains*

Robards, Karen *Vanished*

Scottoline, Lisa *Dirty Blond*

Strout, Elizabeth *Abide With Me*

White, Randy *Key West Connections*

Woods, Stuart *Dark Harbor*

Non-Fiction:

Burton, Robert *The Audubon Backyard Birds*

Greenlaw, Linda *Recipes from a Very Small Island*

Ross, Sally *Attracting Birds to Your Backyard*

Server, Lee *Ava Gardner: Love is Nothing*

Thorndike, Virginia *Islanders: Real Life on*

Maine Island

.....
Our children's Librarian, Katherine LeBlanc is busy organizing the Fall Festival. It will be held on September 9th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Coburn Park. Everyone is invited. She is looking for donations of 100 stamps for the mailing. If ten people could donate 10 stamps each for \$3.90, it would be greatly appreciated.

Book Review

Summer of Roses by Luanne Rice

Lily Malone and her daughter Rose have made a new life in Cape Hawk, 1000 miles from home. In a desperate bid for a life free from fear, Lily fled friends and family with her new name and her unborn daughter. Nine years later, word comes that her beloved grandmother is very ill. Lily gathers up her courage to face the past so that she can be with the older lady in her time of need. Rose has to be left with a trusted friend. Her safety is paramount.

Luanne Rice has woven other characters into her book. There are also Lily and Rose's best friends, Marissa Taylor and her daughter Jessica. Then there are Liam, a whale called Nanny, and many others. This is not a book which merely skims along the surface of one or two lives. Instead there is true depth and insight into the hearts and feelings of several characters.

Favorite Authors

Elizabeth Moon

If you like action mixed with science fiction, anything written by Elizabeth Moon is a good choice. Her first books were based on a medieval type of world with a little mysticism thrown in. The series *The Deed of Paksenarrion* relates the life of a *Sheep farmer's Daughter* who joins an army and discovers that she has more than the skill to bear arms. The daily life of the foot soldier and the rules by which he or she lives is fascinating even without the battles.

Elizabeth Moon's next series was the *Serrano Legacy* in which a group of wealthy youngsters find themselves in serious trouble. In this series, the wealthy people not only hop from planet to planet for business or pleasure, they also can be renewed. At first, only the older generation would have the treatment, and looked, acted and lived the lives of people half their age; they also

had increased the lengths of their lives. Then the treatment, instead of being a rare and questionable procedure, became *the thing to do*. You can imagine the problems that come up when children never have to grow up and become responsible citizens. If Dad is going to run the business for two or three lifetimes, barring accidents, what will Junior do? And what about those to whom the very idea of extending lives in this fashion is anathema? To find out, start with *Hunting Party*.

PREVIEW SALE

Cut out this coupon and come to the Hastings Farm on Malbons Mills Road. Help price and set up items for the Library Lawn Sale on May 19th to be eligible for the Library Lawn Sale Preview Sale. Helpers will be able to purchase choice bargains that night before the sale officially begins on May 20th.

Visit the library website at:
www.skowheganlib.me.us

Find out if we have your favorite authors at:
[Http://solar.maine.edu/](http://solar.maine.edu/)

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.

.....
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.

 **Skowhegan Savings Bank**
YOUR PARTNER FOR THE FUTURE
Serving Central Maine Since 1869
SKOWHEGAN • BELGRADE • BINGHAM • CORINNA • DEXTER • FAIRFIELD
LIVERMORE FALLS • MADISON • NORRISBOROUGH • PITTSFIELD

Calendar of Events

MAY

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

May 2 Library Trustee meeting, 6 pm The public is welcome to attend.

May 8 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

May 10 Annual meeting of Friends of the Library. Come and join us on a trip to Egypt with Dina Jeannotte. Family and friends are welcome. 7:00 pm at the Library.

May 20 Lawn Sale! At the Hastings' farm on Malbons Mills Road

May 20 Drawing of the Empire Falls Signature Quilt Raffle during the lawn sale.

May 22 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

May 29 Library closed for Memorial Day. Summer hours begin

JUNE

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

Library Trustee meeting, 6 pm The public is welcome to attend.

June 13 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

June 27 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

The Library Lookout

Friends of the Skowhegan

Free Public Library

c/o Marcia B. Granville

P.O. Box 278

Skowhegan, Maine 04976



Your Librarians are:

Library Director, Melissa Gaspar,

Assistant Librarian

Françoise LaBonte,

Children's Librarian,

Katherine LeBlanc

Your Library Trustees are:

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,

Lee Granville, Toni Jo Blaisdell,

Carol Jarvais and Corrilla Hastings

Ex Officio, Maureen Calder

Friends officers are:

Dina Jeannotte, Pres.,

Mary Stuart, Vice Pres.,

Marilyn Renfrew, Sec.

Sherry Vigue, Treas

Marcia Granville, Editor

Editor. Marcia B. Granville

2006-May

James & Corrilla Hastings

538 Malbon Mills Road

Skowhegan, Maine 04976