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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Melissa Gaspar

Thank you to everyone who helped make the telethon such a wonderful success. We raised over \$3000 for the Library Roof Project. If you were not able to watch the actual telethon you may see parts of it repeated on local cable Channel 11. Over 70 musicians, guests, and volunteers helped entertain and inform the viewing audience for 12 straight hours. Even the Cat in the Hat made an appearance. Thanks also to all the volunteers who answered the phones to take pledges and to all the generous folks who called in to make a pledge. I would also like to thank Pete Sirois, and all the cameramen who worked behind the scenes. It was truly a community event.

The Library Open House/Business After Hours event on May 14<sup>th</sup> was another enjoyable event. About 100 people turned out to socialize, enjoy the festivities and watch the unveiling of the "We the People" bookshelf. We were awarded this collection of books as a grant. Harry Vayo provided entertainment on the hammer dulcimer. The Friends of the Library, the Renovation Committee, the Trustees and the staff provided the refreshments. It was great to see so many people come in the library. New visitors often marvel at the beauty of the stain glass windows and the intricate woodwork. Many people were interested in looking at the plans for the renovation which were on display in the lobby, or commenting on the newly painted windows on the front of the building, or the progress of the roof project. It seems there is always a lot to celebrate at the library.

The Renovation Committee sold baked beans, dynamites and whoopee pies on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the

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Longest Yard Sale ever. They made about \$200. The Friends Group sold many items at the Hastings Barn and made over \$1000. Great work everyone!

The next exciting event is "The Little Black Dress Revue" fashion show at Lakewood Restaurant on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm. Tickets are almost sold out so hurry and buy one if you haven't already. A few choice items will be auctioned off during the dinner/fashion show. Items such as a weekend at a cottage, a cruise on Lake Wesserunnett and tickets to a show at Lakewood Theater, a dinner for 6 cooked at your home. Many thanks to these remarkable women, Davida Barter, Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Pam Burns and Mary Ellen Carpenter who have organized this elegant event. "The Little Black Dress Revue" promises to be a unique experience and a wonderful fundraiser for the library. For more information call Melissa at 474-9072.

The Library is now on its Summer Hours schedule: Monday-Friday 10 am-6 pm.

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Katherine LeBlanc

It is that time again, and the summer reading program is gearing up for a fun filled reading summer. The children's room will begin signing up students for the "I'm Buggy for Books!" reading program on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parents or guardians must accompany their children in to sign the contract with the student and the librarian acknowledging how many books the child will read in a five week period. Children can either be a family reader or independent reader to participate, so the whole family can join in the fun!

Our event schedule is also looking mighty fine if I do say so myself. July 9<sup>th</sup> will kick us off with a trail ride at the old Agway at 9:00 am. With the recent grant received by the Skowhegan Recreation

Department, bikes will be provided, but we are limited to 30 people, sign up is necessary. On July 16th we will have our Dragonfly Scavenger Hunt at 1:00 pm. Location to be announced. Desiree Marin will be providing fun storytelling for us on July 23rd at 1:00 pm, and the LC Bates Museum will be here on July 29th with their Bug program. Finally, last but not least, John Meader will be back again this year with Northern Stars Planetarium at the Margaret Chase Smith Library on August 6th. There will be two shows, 1:00 and 3:00 pm and space is again limited. Sign up is necessary.

To sign up for the above programs please call or pop into the Children's room to secure your spot. We are also sponsoring a Farmer's Market Scavenger Hunt which also requires participation of thirty kids. By completing this hunt each child that is signed up will receive a FREE Gail Gibbons book. The Skowhegan Farmers Market is open on Saturday's only, and does require an adult to be with the child. This Hunt is made possible by the Maine Nutrition Network Grant which the Skowhegan Free Public Library received in the amount of \$400.00. So please take advantage of this wonderful event and sign up soon! Date and time to be announced, or call the library at 474-9072 for more information.

On a different note the We the People "Created Equal" bookshelf is available and on our shelves now. The Skowhegan Free Public Library is only one of three thousand libraries in the nation to be awarded these materials. We are all very excited to have been given this honor and we hope that you all will come in and check it out.

### **Annual Library Lawn Sale**

By Corrilla Hastings

The Friends of the Library annual lawn sale was held on May 17th this year and resulted in \$1055. Many people donated a variety of toys, books, furniture, clothing and household goods to make this sale a success. Many thanks to all of you who left off items at the Library or at the Hastings' barn. We don't know all your names, but we do appreciate your contributions! Thank you, also, to the hardworking volunteers who donated their time and energy for the event. Sorting

and pricing prior to the sale were the first activities, and workers for those tasks included Maureen Calder, Sherri Vigue, Pam McDermott, Mary Stuart, Mary Hill, and Joanne Dubois. Sales people on the day of the sale were Mary Stuart, Pam McDermott, Dottie LaCasse and Marcia Granville. (The first customer arrived at 5:45 AM, and buyers continued to appear well into the afternoon!) On the following Monday, the all important cleanup crew consisted of Mary Hill and Dottie LaCasse who wrapped and boxed all the leftovers, and John Ackley and Dave McDermott who trucked everything away to the Dill Center. It was a wonderful team effort, and a pat on the back goes to all!

### **ANNUAL FOL MEETING/TOWN MEETING**

The Annual meeting of the Friends of the Library was held on May 14th in conjunction with the annual Library Open House and Business After Hours. During the very short business meeting, Mary Hill was elected President and Darla Pickett became our new Vice President. We are still searching for a new Secretary. Outgoing officers, Maureen Calder, Mary Stuart and Marilyn Renfrew were presented with gifts of appreciation for all their hard work.

Following the meeting, guests were entertained by Harry Vayo on the hammered dulcimer while they snacked on refreshments, studied the architect's drawings of the library renovation plans, chatted with friends and generally had a great time.

### **TOWN MEETING**

June 9th at 7pm at the Opera House is the Town Meeting. The library would appreciate support to help pass our budget. Thank you to everyone who can attend town meeting and vote!

### **SUMMER READING**

#### **Fiction:**

Jeffrey Archer/ *A Prisoner of Birth*  
Jo Bannister/ *Fathers and Sins*  
David Baldacci/ *The Whole Truth*  
Mary Balogh/ *Simply Perfect*  
Nevada Barr/ *Winter Study*  
M.C. Beaton/ *Death of a Gentle Lady*  
Elizabeth Berg/ *The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted*  
Dorothy Cannell/ *Goodbye, MS. Chips*  
Carol Clark/ *Zapped*

Harlan Coben/ *Hold Tight*  
 Barbara Delinsky/ *Suddenly*  
 Katie Fforde/ *Practically Perfect*  
 Dorothea Benton Frank/ *Bulls Island*  
 Heather Graham/ *The Death Dealer*  
 Colin Harrison/ *The Finder*  
 Alice Hoffman/ *The Third Angel*  
 Iris Johansen/ *Quicksand*  
 Peter Lovesey/ *The Headhunters*  
 A McCall Smith/ *The Miracle at Speedy Motors*  
 Lee Martin/ *River of Heaven*  
 Steven Pressfield/ *Killing Rommel*  
 Amanda Quick/ *The Third Cycle*  
 Karen Robards/ *Guilty*  
 Elizabeth Strout/ *Olive Kitteridge*  
 Randy Wayne White/ *Black Widow*  
 Stuart Woods/ *Santa Fe Dead*

**Non-Fiction:**

Isabel Allende/ *The Sum of our Days*  
 Bryce Corbett/ *A Town Like Paris*  
 Bob Delaney/ *Covert*  
 John Gruen/ *Callas Kissed Me.. and Lenny too*  
 Randy Pausch/ *The Last Lecture*  
 Barbara Walter/ *Audition*

**New and Renewed Members**

**January:** Albert & Davida Barter, Shirley Bastien, Elizabeth & Brian Bisson, Alan & Mary Burgess, Ruth Button, George & Elaine Cannell, Virginia Jordan, Alvar & Cynthia Laiho, Judith McCarthy & Robert Landry, Irene Magoon, Pam & Dave McDermott, Alex & Mardi Pakulski, Christopher & Claire Perkins, Charles Portratz, Elton & Janet Powers, William & Margaret Reid  
**February:** Belmont Motel, Bonnie & Dick Chamberlain, Rhonda Daggett, Sr. Claudette Darrisse, Joan & Robert Farnsworth, Violet & Bruce Ferland, Kathleen Hughes, Caril & Wesley Lam, Kristine Rinaldi, Philip & Maxine Russakoff, Gus & Jan Stringos, Barbara Whitkop  
**March:** Tom & Diane Crowley, Sam & Patricia Horine, Aileen Murry & Judith Benson, Peggy Lovejoy, Hilma Millett, Robert & Gloria Nicholson, The Family of Otto Prokopova, Marilyn & Roger Renfrew, Pauline Stuart  
**April:** Rod & Renee Worster  
**May:** David & Maureen Calder, Anna Lee Court, Norman & Patricia Dickey, James & Corrilla Hastings, Mrs. John E. Janes, Cynthia & Chet Manuel, Bruce T. Moore, Robin Moore, Mrs. Edward Raynard

**FAREWELL**

This is the last time that I will edit the *Library Lookout*. I took the job when Jim Foster moved away early in the 2000s. At the time, I was very unsure of myself and needed a great deal of encouragement. I've learned a lot and had all the help I needed. Thank you all. However, it has been at least five years. It is time to move on and give someone else a chance.

Corrilla Hastings has graciously agreed to take on the job and she will need your help and encouragement. One of the hardest jobs is to round up book reports every month. Please send her your opinions of your latest good, or bad, read. (I know that you are all readers or you would not be FOL members.)

Sincerely, Marcia B. Granville

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# Calendar of Events

## JUNE

**Every Wednesday** Story and Craft Hour, 10 a. m. in the Children's Room

June 3 Library Trustee meeting 6 p.m. at the library. The public is welcome.

June 4 Library Renovation Committee meeting 6 p.m. at the library. New members and ideas are welcome.

June 9 & 23 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Children's Room

June 23 Registration for the Summer Reading Program

June 23 Little Black Dress Revue at Lakewood Dinner, dress revue, auction, etc. Limited amount of tickets at \$25.00

## JULY

**Every Wednesday** Story and Craft Hour, 10 a. m. in the Children's Room

July 1 Library Trustee meeting 6 p.m. at the library. The public is welcome.

July 2 Library Renovation Committee meeting 6 p.m. at the library. New members and ideas are welcome.

July 9 Library (mountain bike) Trail Ride starting at the old Agway at 9 a. m.

July 14 & 28 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Children's Room

July 16 Dragonfly Scavenger Hunt 1 p.m. location to be announced

July 23 Story Reader, Desiree Marin 1 p.m. at the library

July 29 L.C. Bates Museum's program on bugs 1 p.m. at the library

August 6 Northern Star Planetarium at the MCS Library two shows, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

## The Library Lookout

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