



The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

What a nice August we had. My slow growing garden finally got into high gear and gave me something to eat! You just can't beat eating fresh.

My thanks go out again to James Barto for his staffing of our Skowhegan State Fair Booth. This is the 3rd year he has done so. Proceeds from the sales of our mini library went to the library renovations.

Lee Granville and Ruth Blood have been busy surveying the existing Genealogy Room to ensure that the most needed materials will be located in that room. This will keep the staff from searching so hard for materials stored elsewhere. Cataloging of Genealogy items is still progressing. Two of our volunteer catalogers have just returned from other summer commitments, and are looking forward to picking up where they left off. By the way, it's our hope to have all genealogy items cataloged before moving them down into the new Genealogy Room in the future.

The Library is actively seeking signers for the budget petition that will be submitted to the town. By mid-November, we need 400 signatures to get on the Skowhegan town warrant for funding for fiscal year 2014. If you're a Skowhegan

resident, we hope you'll sign our petition. We have a copy at the library.

"Refreshing the Whodunit," a mystery book club program sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council, kicks off at 6pm on Sept. 9th. For five months we'll meet to discuss a mystery title together. Author and Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library, David Richards, will be our facilitator. We're limiting the number of participants to 20, so sign up right away. The club is free, and copies of that month's offering will be available at the library. Come on out for an enjoyable evening of discussion (by the way, the butler did it; mum's the word).



I'll be speaking to both the Dove Society and the Rotary Club this month. I'll of course be hi-lighting the library renovations. I always look forward to meeting with civic groups to talk about what's going on at the library.

I'll leave you with this thought: *you are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.* C.S. Lewis

Until next month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Although the calendar still says it's summer, for kids, teachers and parents...it's fall. It's back to school, back to routines, back to homework and schedules. I know that for me, this summer went by way too quickly! The Summer Reading Program kept us busy, busy, busy! We had over 70 kids sign up and together they read and logged over 655 books! That is about 250 more than they read last year! I am so proud of the dedication these kids and their parents have at keeping reading a priority even over the busy summer months. I would like to say thank you to a few groups who helped make the reading program such a success this year: The Friends of The Skowhegan Library, Gifford's Famous Ice Cream, Pizza Hut, The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Office, our Storytime readers, and the library's two teen volunteers—Mariska Thayagan and Alicia Lam. Without the time and/or support of these people and businesses the Summer Reading Program would not have been nearly as successful as it was!

Another big thank you is needed as well. We had our annual visit from Kristine Rinaldi at the end of July, and as usual, she brought us hundreds of books and prizes. These donations are used for Summer Reading Program prizes and Holiday Stroll book giveaways as well as for filling our library shelves. I am always amazed to see how quickly the children/teens notice these new titles and rush to check them out. I am grateful for her continued support to our Children's Library!

If you haven't heard, we are starting a new book club called "Tween the Pages." This is a book club for students in grades 5 -8 and will be meeting on the first Wednesdays of the month at 4:30. We will be starting on September 4th when all members will receive the first book. If you are interested in joining, just call the library or show up to our first meeting. It should be lots of fun!



A Wednesday morning Storytime.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERSHIPS

Marjorie and Ralph Black
Kate Lynch

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

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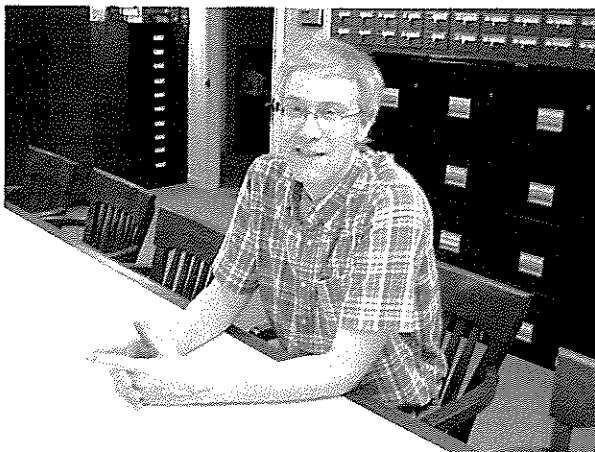
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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities

LIBRARY PRESENTS MYSTERY SERIES

The Library will host a free five-part program called "Let's Talk About It" offered by the Maine Humanities Council in partnership with the Maine State Library. The first meeting will take place on Monday, September 9 at 6 PM at the Library. The series chosen, *Refreshing the "Whodunit": Moving Beyond Christie and Doyle*, will consist of five different books on the same theme to be discussed at each of the five monthly meetings. Facilitated by David Richards, Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library, the program is designed "for people who enjoy reading and discussing what they've read." Richards, who has presented similar programs in Rangeley and Greenville, points out that each of the books in this series takes place in a different exotic local. Participants for the September meeting should register at the Library and pick up a copy of the first book, *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*, as soon as possible.



David Richards, Mystery series facilitator

PETITION SIGNING

Volunteers are busily seeking to fill their petition sheets with signatures of registered Skowhegan voters so that the library will be listed on the town warrant for funding. Francoise has a clip board available at the circulation desk and is looking for your signature! **Please sign!**

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Bohjalian, Christopher/ *Light in the Ruins*
Brunstetter, Wanda/ *Tattered Quilt*
Dams, Jeannel/ *Murder in the Castle*
Davidson, Diane Mott/ *Whole Enchilada*
Forsyth, Frederick/ *Kill List*
Garwood, Julie/ *Hotshot*
Goodkind, Terry/ *Third Kingdom*
Kellerman, Faye/ *Beast*
Macomber, Debbie/ *Rose Harbor in Bloom*
Neggers, Carla/ *Declan's Cross*
Patterson, James/ *Mistress*
Penny, Louise/ *How the Light Gets In*
Perry, Annel/ *Blind Justice*
Reichs, Kathy/ *Bones of the Lost*
Robards, Karen/ *Last Kiss Goodbye*
Simses, Mary/ *Irresistible Blueberry*
Spindler, Erica/ *Justice for Sara*
Tanenbaum, Robert K./ *Tragic*
White, Stephen/ *Compound Fractures*
Woodsmall, Cindy/ *For Every Season*

Non-Fiction

Berman, Neil/ *Coin Collecting for Dummies*
Yeoman, R.S./ *Official Blue Book of US Coins 2014*

SPECIAL EVENTS

(to benefit the Renovation)

The **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** will take place on Sunday, September 22nd, 2 to 4 PM at Lakewood. Hats, gloves & costumes are in order. Features include "Zeke", the Balloon Man and wonderful door prizes! \$10 per person for people 8 to 80 and \$5 for people under 8 and over 80.

Tea, punch and goodies for all!

A **Barn Sale** will be held on Friday & Saturday, Sept. 13 & 14, 8 AM to 3PM at 538 Malbons Mills Rd. (Hastings' barn). Lots of "good stuff"!

The **Luck-of-the-Draw Auction** will be held on Saturday, November 2 at the American Legion. More information on this event will be coming soon.

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

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Ex Officio: FOL Chair

Friends officers:

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

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club for students in grades 5 – 8, 4:00 PM
Sept. 9 & 23 Toddler Time, 10:30
Sept. 9 Let's Talk About It program begins; "Refreshing the Whodunit," facilitated by David Richards, 6 PM
Sept. 11 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 12 Friends of the Library Executive Board meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 13 & 14 Barn Sale at 538 Malbons Mills Rd., 8 to 3
Sept. 14 Socrates Café 11am
Sept. 17 Family Story Hour: Pizza Party
Sept. 18 Renovation Update presented to the Dove Society, 6 PM
Sept. 22 Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Lakewood, 2 – 4 PM

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
Oct. 5 Resume winter hours – Saturdays: 10 to 2
Oct. 7 "Refreshing the Whodunit" Mystery program, 6 PM
Oct. 9 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 10 Appreciation reception for the three Women's Clubs, 6 PM
Oct. 12 Socrates Café, 11 AM
Oct. 14 Closed for Columbus Day
Oct. 15 Family Story Hour: "Adventures with Apples"
Oct. 23 Author Talk with Annette Vance Dorey, 7 PM
Oct. 26 Halloween Crafternoon, 10:30-1:00
Oct. 26 Downtown Halloween Parade (Time TBA)