



The Library Lookout

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Library Hours: Mon.–Thurs., 10-6, Friday 10-3

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

Hi everyone, what a crazy time we're all dealing with! The library staff all miss our patrons terribly and we're just itching to open up our doors again. Monday the 16th when we held extended hours, we had roughly 106 patrons come in and we checked out over 500 items! That was an amazing turnout and we truly hope everyone is able to continue to read to get away from the real world for a bit.

We are still offering to sign patrons up for CloudLibrary which has tons of audio and eBooks available. Just email skowlibdesk@outlook.com and I will add you. You just download the app and log in! If you have any questions for us we are continuing to check our Facebook messages along with our emails. We are still here to serve you as best as we can.

At this time we are still asking patrons to hold onto any items they've checked out until we open again. If you absolutely cannot wait we have put out the large book return in the front walkway. We just want everyone to stay safe and to not make an unnecessary trip simply to return items.

We do want to thank our patrons for understanding our need to close, even though it broke our hearts. We are not doing

well outside of the library; we want to be serving our community but we know the best way to do that right now is to stay home. Please be safe and be kind to one another in this unexpected time in all of our lives.

Stay safe, stay well and stay home. We will be opening our doors again before you know it!

What I've been doing - I'm still working from home; talking to patrons about their needs, postponing/rescheduling programs, following other libraries in the state. Trying to stay active inside and out in my yard. Listening to audiobooks while creating new recipes. Making dog treats!

Bree



Josie trying the new Mkey Makeys that will make their debut as part of our STEM Labs this fall.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

In these bizarre days, I am learning that a library is more than a building—it is a community of people who enjoy connecting, sharing, experiencing, and learning together. Having limited access to that community is a very disheartening and saddening thing. I believe we will back in the library shortly, but in the meantime, I am missing my library visitors immensely. We are trying our best to stay engaged and active with our library users through social media and our email accounts, but bear with us we learn to navigate a new normal for a bit. Instead of normal write up about what upcoming programs or new happenings at the library, I would like to take a different approach and write a letter to my library kids who are stuck at home.

Dear Friends:

I hope you are safe, happy, and at home playing, reading, and getting outside for some fresh air. I have been spending my time with my kids and my husband. We are playing games, watching movies, baking, and going for lots of walks. (They have even talked me into getting a new puppy!) I am also spending lots of time reading so when the library does open back up, I will have lots of new books to recommend to all of you. Right now I am reading *The Blackbird Girls*, a middle grade book about two girls from Russia who lived near the Chernobyl Power Plant. What are you all reading? What are you doing for fun?

Since we can't be together right now, I encourage all of you to do TWO things, first ask your parents if you can use some of our online resources. We have free books you can borrow and read on your tablets or computers! They can be found on our website. I am also posting a weekly storytime (of sorts) on our Facebook page. Check it out on Wednesday mornings at 10:15. Second, if you are bored and want something fun to do, you can send me some mail. You can write me a letter or draw me a picture, and I will write you back! It is so much fun to receive mail and although it isn't as amazing as seeing you, we can still keep in touch. You can send your letter to me at the library: **Angie Herrick**

**Skowhegan Free Public Library
9 Elm St., Skowhegan, ME 04976.**

I just want you to know that I think of you every day and the quiet, empty library misses you terribly. Be safe and healthy and I know I will see you again soon.

Miss Angie



- at Pajama Storytime

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The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library is a not-for-profit organization that helps promote and improve the Library's resources and facilities. Your membership in the Friends provides critical support to our Library. Suggested dues are \$24 for individuals and \$36 for families. Many give even more. Please consider the role that our Library plays in our community, and choose a level of support that's right for you. Whatever you decide, you can be sure that any amount is gratefully received and much needed.

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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

What are you reading?

Alan Foxwell:

Cemetery Road by Greg Iles - discovery of secrets that threaten to destroy a small Mississippi town.

Carol Vigneault:

Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup

Barbara Whitkop:

Echinacea - The Immune Herb by Christopher Hobbs - the history of this plant and its many uses.

The Choice: Embrace the Possible by Edith Eve Eger - written by one of the few remaining Holocaust survivors.

Steve Dionne:

Uncommon Carriers by John McFee - evocative portraits of the men and women who deliver our consumer and industrial goods.

Melissa Gaspar:

The Magician of Lhasa by David Michie - an exciting book about a scientist, a Buddhist monk and a sacred lost teaching. This book makes you think about your own life in a deeper way.

Margo Reid:

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood (a reread), followed by *Testaments*, the sequel. Next will be *The Mirror & the Light* by Hilary Mantel, the final in her trilogy of Thomas Cromwell. Also looking forward to *The Rise of Wolf 8* by Rick McIntyre about the return of wolves to Yellowstone.

Jim Hastings:

Leonardo da Vinci by Walter Isaacson - fascinating story of the life and creativity of this famous artist.

James Herriot's Dog Stories by James Herriot - entertaining and heartwarming stories by this favorite veterinarian.

Corrilla Hastings:

The "Jennie trilogy" by Maine author Elisabeth Ogilvie - a gentle read about a young family's move from Scotland to coastal Maine in the early 1800s.

Other activities

EXERCISE outdoors

Yard work
Stacking wood
Walking
Rowing
Weight-lifting
Essentrics/Classical Stretch

CRAFTS

Knitting, Quilting, Sewing, Woodworking, etc.



Pat Dickey "Originals"



Quilting – using scraps on hand

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COOKING

CRUSTLESS QUICHE from Jim

Sprinkle 2 Tablespoons breadcrumbs into an oiled pie dish. Add a layer of shredded cheese and a layer of any combination of sautéed vegetables. Mix together 3 beaten eggs with 1 cup of milk and pour on top. Bake about 35 minutes at 375 degrees. Dinner's ready!

DOG TREATS from Bree

1/2 cup banana
1 egg
1/3 cup natural peanut butter (no added salt or sugar)
1/2 cup oats
1 cup whole wheat flour

Preheat oven to 300°F

Mix wet ingredients then add to dry ingredients and it will form a ball. Dust counter with flour and roll out the dough and use any cookie cutter, size depends on the size of the dog!

Bake for 20 or so minutes.

This yields roughly two dozen treats, depending on size.

Your dog will love them!



*Additional add ins- My Golden Retriever loves fruit and sometimes I add about half a cup of blueberries, apple or strawberries. Yup, she's spoiled!