



# The Library Lookout

November 2015

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Saturday, 10-2

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

We need the signatures of 400 Skowhegan residents to get our request on the town warrant in June. If you haven't already signed one of the petitions that's floating around, please stop by the library and sign one of our copies. Petitions must be submitted to the town office no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>, so please don't delay. Thank you in advance for your help.

Our Paint Night fundraiser was a rousing success. Folks had a great time "brushing" up on their art skills. Artist Gretchen Washburn led the group. Proceeds from the program went toward the future elevator. My thanks to everyone that played a part in this program, especially our Children's Librarian Angie Herrick.

There's still time to join the rest of us bibliophiles as we discuss the Gilded Age. We meet the first Monday of each month, at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, to discuss that month's read. The group meets at 6pm, and Dr. David Richards is our discussion facilitator. Books may be picked up at the Skowhegan Free Public Library. Join the group, join the discussion, and share your knowledge of this period with the rest of us.

We're starting to install the shelving in the new Genealogy room in the basement. Since the metal frames that the shelves attach to were too tall, we had them cut down to manageable size. Some touch up painting is

being done on them, and then they'll be put together. We're looking forward to moving all of our genealogy materials into one place.

Our online Amazon book sales are going well. Proceeds from selling our used books help fund the renovations.

My thanks to Dr. David Richards for his generous donation to the library of stacking chairs that will be used in the new meeting room in the basement.

And speaking of generosity, the Library Friends group has agreed to fund the purchase of 12 new computer chairs. These heavy duty, easy to clean vinyl chairs will be used to replace the existing cloth chairs, that are very hard to keep clean and are falling apart. The chairs will be used in the new computer room in the basement.

The library will be closed November 11<sup>th</sup>, in honor of our veterans. Please take a moment that day to thank those that served.

The library will close early (4pm) on November 25<sup>th</sup>; and will be closed all day on November 26<sup>th</sup>. This is to give our staff time off to be with their families over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

I'll leave you with this photo.



Until Next Month – Dale

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Autumn is my favorite time of year, but unfortunately in Maine, you blink and it is over. The beautiful gold and red hues don't last long before we are raking them up into piles. I don't know about you, but as the days get colder and the nights get longer, I tend to spend more time reading. Reading can be a very expensive habit. Hardcover books are nearly \$20 apiece. If you buy and read just one book per month, you are looking at \$240 per year—and that is just for one person. For families, the library is a perfect solution. You can come here and borrow books, DVDs, magazines and newspapers all for free. If you don't have a library card, you should, because nothing is easier on your budget, than free!

This past month, we had to cancel our Family Storytime because I was sick. I apologize for any families that showed up only to find out I wasn't here. I always post on our library Facebook page in case of a last minute change, so please feel free to give it a quick check before heading out. With that in mind, there will be no Toddler Time or Storytime the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> as I am on vacation.

Next month's Family Story Hour, however, is going to be a real "hairy" adventure and I "mustache" you to be ready for a silly story or two. So "shave" the date--November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30!

Our Tween the Pages Book Club is having a lot of fun this year. So far we have read two books and the kids have had a ton to say about both of them. This is a perfect chance for them to get together with other kids and be reminded that reading isn't just for homework. It is about enjoyment and exploration and thinking and growing. With each book we read, we do some sort of project or activity to expand upon the theme of the books. These kids are truly enjoying this experience.

## Wish List Items for Children's Room

White cardstock  
Tissues

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*Paint Event: Artists and their masterpieces*

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## 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

**PETITION SIGNING**



Margo and Bonnie at the Transfer Station

Thank you to all the volunteers who have been circulating petitions to have the Library's request for funding included in the Town Meeting Warrant in June 2016.

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**NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS**

- Maxine Russakoff
- Mary Merrill

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**LIBRARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The Library Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, December 4th from 10 AM to 6 PM, and on Saturday, December 5th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Gifts, crafts, decorations and baked goods will be on sale.

Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts both days. Please call Corrilla (474 3949) if you would like to sign up to help.

We are also looking for donations of cookies, candy, breads, etc. There will be a sign-up sheet at the main circ desk. Just check with Francoise.

All proceeds of this event will go towards the cost of the ELEVATOR!

Thank you

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**Returnable Bottles & Cans**  
(the ongoing fundraiser!)

**NEW BOOKS**

**FICTION**

- Alexander, Tasha/ *The Adventuress*
- Brett, Simon/ *Blotto and the Heir to the Tsar Chamberlain*, Diane/ *Pretending to Dance*
- Childs, Laura/ *Parchment and Old Lace*
- Cook, Robin/ *Host*
- Cornwell, Patricia/ *Depraved Heart*
- Flynn, Vince/ *The Survivor*
- George, Elizabeth/ *A Banquet of Consequences*
- Gerritsen, Tess/ *Playing With Fire*
- Grisham, John/ *The Rogue*
- Hilderbrand, Elin/ *Winter Stroll*
- Kellerman, Faye/ *The Theory of Death*
- Macomber, Debbie/ *Dashing Through the Snow*
- Martin, George R.R./ *A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms*
- Mayle, Peter/ *The Diamond Caper*
- McCall Smith, Alexander/ *The Woman who Walked in Sunshine*
- Michaels, Fern/ *Fancy Dancer*
- Morton, Kate/ *The Lake House*
- Peterson, Tracie/ *Love Everlasting*
- Sandford, John/ *Saturn Run*
- Scottoline, Lisa/ *Corrupted*
- Smiley, Jane/ *Golden Age*
- Smith, Wilbur/ *Golden Lion*
- Sparks, Nicholas/ *See Me*
- Taylor, Patrick/ *An Irish Doctor in Love at Sea*
- Woods, Stuart/ *Foreign Affairs*
- NON-FICTION**
- Larson Kate Clifford/ *Rosemary*
- O'Reilly, Bill/ *Killing Reagan*

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Christmas Elves: Jeff, Corrilla and Judy preparing for the Bazaar.

## The Library Lookout

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### Your librarians:

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

### Your Library Trustees:

Toni Jo Blaisdell,  
Corrilla Hastings, Carol Jarvais,  
Sara McCabe, Lynn Perry,  
Lynda Quinn, Warren Shay  
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

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 Book Club at Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM  
Nov. 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM  
Nov. 4 Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM  
Nov. 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30  
Nov. 9 Toddler Time, 10:30  
Nov. 11 Library closed for Veterans Day  
Nov. 14 Socrates Café discussion group, 11 AM to 1 PM  
Nov. 17 Family Story Hour: No-shave November, 4:30  
Nov. 21 Genetic Genealogy program by Nancy Milliken Mason, 11 AM  
Nov. 23 No Toddler Time  
Nov. 25 No Storytime. Library closes at 4 PM for Thanksgiving holiday

### DECEMBER

Dec. 1 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM  
Dec. 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30  
Dec. 4 & 5 **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** at the Library  
Dec. 5 Kid's Christmas Craft & Free Book Giveaway, 10:30 to 12:30  
Dec. 7 Book Club at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM  
Dec. 9 Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM  
Dec. 12 Socrates Café discussion group, 11 AM to 1 PM  
Dec. 14 Toddler Time, 10:30  
Dec. 15 Family Story Hour, 4:30  
Dec. 24 Library closes at 2 PM for Christmas holiday  
Dec. 25 & 26 Library closed for Christmas  
Dec. 28 No Toddler Time  
Dec. 30 No Storytime  
Dec. 31 Library closes at 4 PM for New Years