



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Saturday, 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Can you believe the wonderful weather we've been having this November. In years past, we had already broken out the winter coats; this year I'm hardly into a jacket. This warm weather certainly helps on the heating bill.

My thanks to those that helped out this year with clipboard duty. These stalwart souls braved all sorts of challenges while collecting budget petition signatures around Skowhegan. Well over 400 signatures were obtained, more than enough to get us on the town warrant in June. Kudos and Kudos again for their hard work.

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving. The staff and I took some much-needed R+R over the holiday. Thanks for your understanding. We put in a lot of hard work to keep the Library looking good and running smoothly, but we too need some down time on occasion.

Our Holiday Bazaar is coming up soon, December 4th, 10am to 6pm, and December 5th, 10am to 2pm. Like every year, we'll have lots of gifts, crafts, books, decorations and (dare I say) baked goods, for your perusal. You know us, our prices are always reasonable. So stop by and purchase a great gift, book, baked good, etc. for yourself or a loved one. All proceeds to benefit the renovations of the library.

We've been working steadily in the new

genealogy room in the basement painting metal shelving frames, and setting up the shelving units themselves. There's still lots to do, but we're getting there.

Nancy Milliken Mason taught an appreciative crowd the importance of using genetic genealogy in researching their ancestors. Over 25 program goers learned that DNA testing could help discover the origin of their maternal and paternal lines. It could also help discovering unknown family lines in the case of adoption or separation. Nancy also shared many stories about how DNA has been used to assist traditional genealogical research. Nancy is an experienced genealogist with over 30 years in the field.

Join us January 28th at 6:30 pm, for a night of laughter as the library welcomes authors John Ford and Mark Nickerson and their "Blue Lights and Funny Cider" program. John, a retired Maine Warden, and Mark, a retired Maine State Trooper, regale you with side splitting stories of their days in uniform. If you've read their books, you know what I'm talking about, and if you haven't, then mark this date on your calendar. You don't want to miss it!

I'll leave you with this thought: *Writing a novel is like driving a car at night. You can only see as far as your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.* - E. L. Doctorow

Until Next Month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The Holiday Season is upon us already! Lights are twinkling in the store fronts downtown, the Holiday Stroll is coming and the kids are getting excited for Santa. This time of year is always so busy. We try to fit every party, event, and tradition into our schedules. Don't lose sight of what really matters: being together with your family, making memories, and sharing love and kindness. It is my hope that you spend quiet moments together as a family reading holiday stories, snuggled under warm blankets and sipping hot chocolate with those you love.

During our annual Holiday Stroll, the Children's Library will be doing the Book Giveaway and Holiday Crafts with kids. Each child who comes in will get to take home a free, new book of their choice and make a winter decoration to take home. This event will be on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 10:30 – 12:30, so don't miss out!

Also in the name of holiday fun, we will celebrate Christmas for our December Family Story Hour. There will be lots of reindeer games and fun, so please bring the kids out on Tuesday, December 15th at 4:30.

If you are out and about Christmas shopping this month and see any good deals on children's DVDs or nice toys for our play area, we could use some new ones. We could use some trucks, play food, big Legos, blocks, or any learning toys. We would appreciate any donations.



November's "No-Shave" Family Story Hour participants having fun with their craft projects.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Jody and Dan Sherman
Lesla O'Connell

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.

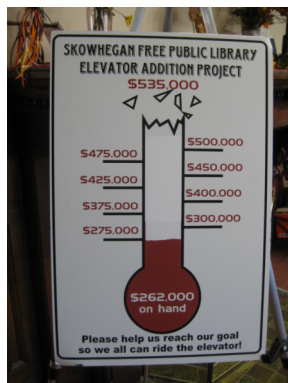
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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

"Add the Library to your Christmas list!"



NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Albom, Mitch/ *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*
- Allende, Isabel/ *The Japanese Lover*
- Baldacci, David/ *The Guilty*
- Chiaverini Jennifer/ *Christmas Bells*
- Clark, Mary Higgins/ *All Dressed in White*
- Connelly, Michael/ *The Crossing*
- Crais, Robert/ *The Promise*
- Cussler, Clive/ *The Pharaoh's Secret*
- Eco, Umberto/ *Numero Zero*
- Evanovich, Janet/ *Tricky Twenty-two*
- Evans, Richard Paul/ *The Mistletoe Inn*
- Fisher, Suzanne Woods/ *The Imposter*
- Goodkind, Terry/ *Warhead*
- Irving, John/ *Avenue of the Mysteries*
- King, Stephen/ *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*
- Palmer, Diana/ *Wyoming Rugged*
- Patterson, James/ *Cross Justice*
- Perry, Anne/ *A Christmas Escape*
- Preston, Douglas/ *Crimson Shore*

NON-FICTION

- Kennedy, Patrick J./ *A Common Struggle*
- Theroux, Paul/ *Deep South*

The 2015 Annual Appeal has brought wonderful results! Thanks to YOU, with just a little more help we'll be able to raise the level of the thermometer to \$300,000.00 by Dec. 31st.

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 for sale for holiday shoppers.

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



Tween the Pages Book Club members wear "Harry Potter glasses"



These shelves will soon hold the Library's Genealogy collection

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

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

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 Holiday Stroll Kid's Christmas Craft & Free Book Giveaway, 10:30 to 12:30
Dec. 7 Let's Talk About It 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, Reindeer Games, 4:30
Dec. 23 No Storytime
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

JANUARY

Jan. 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
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