



The Library Lookout

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LIBRARY CONTRIBUTORS

(We are very fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers who contribute their time and talents to the Library. Here are some of the people who deserve our special thanks.)



Marcia Granville

Marcia's love for the library dates back to the late 1940s when she first visited the Children's Area and discovered her favorite books, the Thornton Burgess animal stories. She also remembers the easel-type table that held picture books at just the right height for young readers to admire. Later, while attending Junior High on the island, there was time during lunch hour for her to walk over to the library to sign out her books. Time passed and soon Marcia was introducing the library and its treasures to her four daughters.

Marcia's involvement with the library increased markedly in 1998 when she was elected secretary of the newly formed Friends group. During the last twenty years she has been a very active and contributing volunteer in many ways. She has published newspaper articles about the library,

researched its history, written and directed plays, served on the Renovation Committee, volunteered at endless fundraisers, cooked and sold hundreds of hot dogs and dozens of batches of cookies, and knit innumerable socks, hats and mittens! She is very pleased with the results of the library renovation, and chooses two items that she especially values: the elevator and the air conditioning!

When asked about the future of libraries, Marcia cited the continued need for information. In addition to fiction and available computer use, she notices that reference books and nonfiction are still requested. Programs for all ages are increasingly important and popular, she said. "We all need some socializing with others", she remarked, and the library helps to fill that need.

Currently, Marcia can be found at the main circulation desk every Friday morning, greeting patrons and helping them find a book of their choice.



Linda Betts

Linda Betts has been volunteering at the Skowhegan Library for the last ten years, and has become well acquainted with all the many different tasks involved. Currently she works parts of two or more days every week, either handling the

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CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

The Summer Reading program is over and we had our most successful year so far. One hundred thirty-nine kids signed up for the reading challenge, which is a 17% growth from last year. These kids read, tracked, and logged 2179 books. The library gave out a whopping 518 prizes over the course of the program, so, we definitely appreciate all the businesses and individuals who contributed: Gifford's Ice Cream, Pizza Hut Pizza, McDonalds, Bangor Savings Bank, GFWC Women's Club, and families and individuals who dropped off goodies to fill the prize box. In addition to giving prizes for reading, we also offered 15 fun programs throughout the summer. Thank you to the Friends of the Skowhegan Library, the Margaret Chase Smith Library, the Children's Book Cellar, and Kristine Rinaldi, who all sponsored either full programs or materials needed to run the programs. It truly is a whole community undertaking and we appreciate all the help. It was a very fun, productive and amazing summer here in the children's library and we certainly hope the kids who participated not only enjoyed the experience but were able to keep their reading skills up.

As it does every year, summer comes quickly to an end and kids and families are gearing up to go back to school. So much of our children's educational success comes from parent involvement and a huge piece of that is reading. Read to your children. Let your children read to you. Give them access to different types of reading materials. Bring them to the library. Make reading a part of your family's routine and it will not only help set your child/children up for an easier school year, but hopefully give them an inherent love for reading. No matter what your child's interests or reading levels are, we can help get some great books in their hands!

So now that we are back into the school routine, I just want to remind everybody of our upcoming programming. All school year long, we run Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 6-8); Lego Club (for students in grades 1-6); Preschool Storytime (for all preschool aged children) and our High School Regression Sessions (for students in high school). Please contact Miss Angie if you want more information on any of these programs.

Children's Room Wish List

Visit our wish list on Amazon.com at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UVT3M8GKK6U1?&sort=default>

Clorox Wipes
White cardstock
Tissues
Glow Stick Necklaces
Colored sand



Wyatt and Bruce the Bear

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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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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

circulation desk or busy in the office area helping with whatever is needed. She is also involved with training new volunteer workers.

Linda cited two important improvements resulting from the renovation. She has noticed that the elevator has brought back many formerly housebound patrons who are once again able to come to the library to select their own books and attend programs. The second item she mentioned is the beautiful open Mezzanine which introduces light to the entire stacks, and where the nonfiction collection can be totally displayed. Linda has noticed that this area seems to be especially appreciated by patrons who enjoy the opportunity for browsing and selecting their own books from the Mezzanine shelves.

Current and future library trends are always on the minds of librarians. Linda discussed some that she has noticed recently in Skowhegan. More interest has been seen in adult programs such as a "game night", craft projects, and speakers. Movies and audio books are popular (donated copies are welcome!). Encyclopedias are still popular (in addition to "google"!). In fact two brand new sets have been purchased for the library - World Book for downstairs and World Book Discovery for the Children's Area. E-Readers seem to be losing popularity, and patrons are back to preferring the actual book for their reading.

Linda really enjoys working at the library - "It's a fun place to be!" she said.



Charles Bolstridge

Even though Charles Bolstridge is employed by the library as custodian, he is also one of the many people who quietly donates a great deal of time and talent on a volunteer basis.

When he first started work at the library in the summer of 2011, Charles immediately offered to collect the weekly trash himself, eliminating the expense of paying for that service. He takes bottles to EMTEEZ and any metal items to the scrap metal

recycling center, collecting the refunds for the library from both organizations. He has repaired or donated replacements for numerous pieces of cleaning equipment. Often, he can be seen using his own van to move furniture or books to the library from other locations. During the renovation, he was always on hand to unlock the door for contractors whenever they arrived at work.

Charles appreciates the fine workmanship of the library building and its furnishings. This was evident when he agreed to take on the job of stripping and refinishing the main circulation desk.

Having worked in the woods for over thirty years, Charles is accustomed to working alone. "Every day at the library is different," he said. "I simply do what needs to be done." He notices problems and simply takes care of them, often eliminating the need for expensive repairs.

Although much of his work takes place before the library opens in the morning, Charles can often be seen later in the day delivering items, taking care of unexpected problems, attending programs and supporting fundraisers. He is truly a valued friend and contributor to the Skowhegan Library.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Auerbach, Dathan/ *Bad Man*
Bartley, D.A./ *Blessed Be the Wicked*
Bird, Sarah/ *Daughter of a Daughter of a Queen*
Coleman, Reed Farrel/ *Robert B. Parker's Colorblind*
Conroy, Vivian/ *The Butterfly Conspiracy*
Cussler, Clive/ *Shadow Tyrants*
Dailey, Janet/ *Texas Free*
Dolnick, Ben/ *The Ghost Notebooks*
Gowar, Imogen Hermes/ *The Mermaid and Mrs. Hancock*
Hamilton, Peter F./ *Salvation*
Hill Susan/ *The Woman in Black*
Jance, Judith A./ *Field of Bones*
Kiesling, Lydia/ *The Golden State*
Maleki, L./ *The Everything Girl*
Munier, Paula/ *A Borrowing of Bones*
Neggars, Carla/ *Imposture's Lure*
Patterson, James/ *Juror #3*
Patton, Lisa/ *Rush*
Peterson, Tracie/ *In Times Gone By*
Robb, J.D./ *Leverage in Death*
Slaughter, Karin/ *Pieces of Her*
Steel, Danielle/ *In His Father's Footsteps*
Tolkien, J.R.R./ *The Fall of Gondolin*

NON FICTION

King, Maxwell/ *The Good Neighbor*
Sims, Thomas J./ *On Call in the Arctic*

NEW DVDS

Avengers: Infinity War
Book Club
Ghostbusters: Answer the Call
Stephen King: 6 Film Collection
Tag

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 Library Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 4 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 5 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
Sept. 7 Knitting and Crocheting, 1 to 4 PM
Sept. 11 Lego Club, 4 PM
Sept. 11 Let's Talk About It Book Club, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
Sept. 12 Friends of the Library meeting, 4 PM
Sept. 14 Knitting and Crocheting 1 to 4 PM
Sept. 21 Knitting and Crocheting, 1 to 4 PM
Sept. 28 Knitting and Crocheting, 1 to 4 PM

OCTOBER

Oct. 2 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 3 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
Oct. 5 Knitting and Crocheting, 1 – 4
Oct. 9 Lego Club, 4 PM
Oct. 12 Knitting and Crocheting, 1 – 4
Oct. 19 Knitting and Crocheting, 1 – 4
Oct. 19 Teen Regression, 6 to 8:30 (for high school students only)
Oct. 26 Knitting and Crocheting, 1 – 4
Oct. 26 Central Maine Ghost Hunters, 8 – 11 PM
Oct. 27 Central Maine Ghost Hunters, 8 – 11 PM

