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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I truly believe that February is now the new March. With its warmer weather and sunny days, it's got me a little confused. All I need to see now is the sap running! We'll see what March brings in regard to weather.

What March will bring to the library, are things like a film presentation, a cerebral discussion group, a swinging jazz concert and a chance to showcase our renovations at a fair.

Starting the month off, March 1st, is a showing of the movie "Windfall" at 6pm in our Memorial Room. This free, 83-minute movie chronicles the other side of wind power. Is it as benign as it seems, or does it impact people's lives more than we know? Come to the movie and find out. Bring a friend. On March 3rd, we'll be at the F.A.B (Fun & Business) Fair at the Skowhegan Area High School from 10am to 3pm. We'll be showing a short movie on the current library renovations, and talking up all the library has to offer. I don't know yet where our booth will be located, but the brochure you get at the door will direct you. Stop by and say "hi" if you get a chance. On the 10th of March from 11am to 1pm, our area thinkers, the "Socrates Cafe" discussion group, will congregate to discuss this month's topic "Silence is Golden." Bring your thinking caps and comments and join this intriguing group. And be prepared on March 15th to spend an evening soaking up improv jazz and old jazz standards, as Paavo Carey and his

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boys bring some of the coolest Jazz north of Portland to our own Skowhegan Free Public Library. This free two-hour program, beginning at 7pm, will have you grooving in your seats. The Transition Group, which normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, will instead visit a maple sugar house on Sunday, March 18th from 1-3 pm (call Iver Lofving at 474-7370 for more info). Iver and the group will be back at the library for their next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 18th from 7 to 8:30pm.

I'd like to thank all the folks who baked cookies, pies, cakes, etc. for our Valentine's Day Bake Sale. It was a great success. All proceeds went to the renovations. And speaking of renovations; we're always looking for fresh fundraising ideas and new members for the Renovation Committee. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Please join our merry little band, and bring your ideas.

I'll leave you with this month's quote:
"Public libraries have been a mainstay of my life. They represent an individual's right to acquire knowledge; they are the sinews that bind civilized societies the world over. Without libraries, I would be a pauper, intellectually and spiritually." James A. Michener

Unitl next month,

Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick

March starts off with a bang for the Children's Library. On March 2nd, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, we celebrate Read Across America, which is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading. In honor of this program, I am visiting some of the community schools to share in Dr. Seuss fun! At the library, we are holding a "Name that Seuss Character" contest to see if kids can identify some of the characters from Dr. Seuss's classic books. All of the kids are putting their guesses in a big Cat in the Hat hat and on March 2nd, a lucky kid will be drawn out to win tickets to see Dr. Seuss's new movie THE LORAX. Dr. Seuss's books are fun, but the real purpose of Read Across America is to spend one day celebrating the joys of reading with kids! To find out more information or ideas on how to celebrate this day with the children in your life visit:

<http://www.seussville.com/Educators/educatorReadAcrossAmerica.php>

GENEALOGY ROOM

Patron Request: One of our members, Al Laiho, is writing a book about the history of Hilton Hill in Cornville/Skowhegan and is asking for your help. If you have any information about Stephen Hilton, his descendants or any of the early residents of Hilton Hill he would like to hear from you. You can reach him at 207-858-0946.

Genealogy Room Request:

1) I am updating our records for obituaries. We have very few obituaries from the years 1940 thru 2010. If you have any within this time span pertaining to Skowhegan, please send them to me.

2) I am compiling a book on all Skowhegan Churches. Information that I am looking for is: History, special features, list of clergy and their years of service and etc.

Send to e-mail address: Skowhegan Genealogy Room at skowgene@hotmail.com attn: Katie Z. or mail directly to the library Attn: Katie Z.

MEET A FRIEND

By Marcia B. Granville

Kathy Evans was born and raised in Skowhegan. She taught language arts in the Skowhegan Area Middle School for 22 years. Kathy and her husband, Jeff Evans, have two sons. Matthew is an audio engineer and Richard works in the Maine Jobs for Grads program at the Skowhegan Area High School.

Jeff and Kathy have recently retired and are enjoying their new freedom. They plan to volunteer in the community and eventually do some traveling. The two of them have joined PEAK and enjoy swimming there. Kathy also likes to walk their dogs, exercise, fool around on her computer, knit and read.

Kathy has just joined the Executive Board of the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library. She is enthusiastic about the work being done at the library. "I think it's wonderful, bringing the library into modern times and accessible to everyone." She also likes our new Library Director, Dale Jandreau. "He brings a fresh approach and a new attitude to our beautiful library building."

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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Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street,
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

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Tel. # _____
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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

BOOK REVIEW

By Iver Lofving

I read *Rockhaven* by Charles Clark Munn. This book was written about a fictional island in Maine back in the early years of the last century. Munn always has a good-hearted country boy who falls in love with an island girl. They end up in romantic settings while evil plotters in the city plan a granite quarry on the island that is actually just a front for evil stock trading. The young man finds a way to thwart the evil stock traders and get the girl.

I really enjoy these novels and have also read *Uncle Terry* and *Pocket Island*.

The plot is pretty similar in all three, but they are full of interesting details about a time before the two world wars when Maine was a different place. Perhaps not that different because we still have scheming lawyers and evil stock traders. And we still have good-hearted country boys and beautiful island girls.

These books can be found in antique malls and used booksellers. I recommend them highly. One word of warning is that they contain a few characters that are politically incorrect nowadays, but it was a different time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maple Fest On Tuesday, March 20 at the library there will be a movie on maple sugar production, a "Family Fun" event organized by Angie, a maple ice cream treat, and more. Be sure to put the date on your calendar! FMI: call the library.

Friends Annual Library Lunch Sale: Friday, April 13 is the day when the Friends will create and deliver those delicious bag lunches! Please leave your order at the library before April 4, and your lunch will be delivered to the library by noon on the 13th.

Bottle and Can Recycling Remember to have your refunds donated to the Renovation Fund when you take your bottles and cans to C & M or the Beverage Mart.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Barnard, Robert/ *Charitable Body*
Beaton, M.C./ *Death of a Kingfisher*
Berenson, Alex/ *Shadow Patrol*
Chiaverini, Jennifer/ *Sonoma Rose*
Crombie, Deborah/ *No Mark Upon Her*
Dams, Jeanne/ *Evil That Men Do*
Fluke, Joanne/ *Cinnamon Roll Murder*
Flynn, Vince/ *Kill Shot*
Gardner, Lisa/ *Catch Me*
Garrison, Paul/ *Robert Ludlum's The Janson Command*
Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia/ *Kill My Darling*
Jance, Judith/ *Left for Dead*
Kellerman, Jonathan/ *Victims: An Alex Delaware Novel*
Landay, William/ *Defending Jacob*
Palmer, Michael/ *Oath of Office*
Patterson, James/ *Private Games*
Picoult, Jodi/ *Lone Wolf*
Reilly, Matthew/ *Scarecrow Returns*
Robb, J.D./ *Celebrity in Death*
Robinson, Peter/ *Before the Poison*
Rosnay, Tatiana De/ *The House I Loved*
Sawyer, Kim Vogel/ *Song of my Heart*
Stabenow, Dana/ *Restless in the Grave*
Stuart, Anne/ *Chain of Love*

NON-FICTION

Agus, David/ *End of an Illness*
Espinasse, Kristin/ *Blossoming in Provence*
Smith, Sally Bedell/ *Elizabeth the Queen*
Terenzio, Rosemarie/ *Fairy Tale Interrupted*

Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters
Please vote for the Skowhegan Library on line at www.bangor.com/cmm or pick up a ballot at the Bangor Savings Bank.

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,
Lee Granville, Corrilla Hastings
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Ex Officio, Darla Pickett

Friends officers:

Darla Pickett, pres.
Peggy Lovejoy, vice pres.,
Pam McDermott, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Children's Story and Craft Hour every Wed. at 10 AM

MARCH

March 1 Movie, "Windfall", 6 PM

March 2 Read Across America

March 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

March 8 Friends of Library Executive Board Meeting, 6 PM

March 10 Socrates Café, Topic: "Silence is Golden", 11 - 1

March 12 & 26 Toddler Time, 10:30 AM

March 14 Library Renovation Meeting, 6 PM

March 15 Jazz Concert, 7 PM

March 19 Pen Pal Club 3 PM

March 20 Family Story Hour, "Maine Maple Sugar Fun!", 4:30 PM

March 18 Transition Group Meeting at Maple Sugar House, 1-3 PM (FMI: contact Iver Lofving)

March 31 Super Science Saturday, "My Five Senses", 11 AM

APRIL

April 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

April 9 & 23 Toddler Time, 10:30 AM

April 11 Library Renovation Meeting, 6 PM

April 13 FOL Library Lunch Sale

April 16 to 20 Art & Earth Week (more details to come)

April 16 Pen Pal Club, 3 PM

April 17 Family Story Hour, "Spring Spree!", 4:30

April 28 Super Science Saturday, "Earth Science", 11 AM