



# The Library Lookout

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Sat. 10-2

## **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

If you get a chance, please check out the two articles we have posted on our library webpage. The first one speaks about how cuts in revenue sharing will hurt Maine libraries; the second is written by our ex-State Librarian Linda Lord and is entitled "Libraries as Vibrant Community Centers." These two articles relate how Maine libraries are doing presently, and what they may be doing without in the coming months.

The library received a Rural AED Grant from the Maine Cardiovascular Health Council. This grant funds the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator, and the professional training needed to operate it safely and properly. AED's are placed in many public and private buildings throughout the United States. They're used to shock a heart that's gone into cardiac arrhythmia, and cause the heart to go back into a normal rhythm. Many cases of cardiac arrest are caused by an arrhythmia. Over 400,000 people in the United States go into cardiac arrest each year. According to the American Heart Association about 92,000 people a year are saved by the usage of an AED. We're pleased that we were awarded this lifesaving grant.

I had the pleasure of attending this year's Abner Coburn Day program held at the Skowhegan Municipal Building. Rob Washburn gave a very interesting power

point presentation covering the life of Governor Coburn and his family. Delicious refreshments were served. Rob mentioned that he's had the privilege of presenting this program in some of the area schools. If your school or civic group would like to learn more about one of Skowhegan's most influential and generous citizens, please contact Rob.

If you're looking for some intellectual stimulation, then please stop by the library the second Saturday of each month and share your opinion with the rest of the folks at the Socrates Café. Each month a new, in depth discussion is held over a variety of stimulating subjects. Don't miss out!

Believe it or not; spring is coming, and spring means Annual Library Yard Sale at the Hastings' barn at 538 Malbons Mills Road! Donate those items that are cluttering up your home (please no electronics though). All proceeds will benefit the Library Renovation Fund. Because of your generosity, past yard sales have been a hit! Please keep up our batting average by donating to the yard sale.

I'll leave you with this quote from Author John Jakes this month: "I have always had a special affinity for libraries and librarians, for the most obvious reasons. I love books. (One of my first jobs was shelving books at a branch of the Chicago Public Library.) Libraries are a pillar of any society. I believe our lack of attention to funding and caring for them properly in the United States has a direct bearing on problems of literacy, productivity, and our inability to compete in today's world. Libraries are everyman's free university."

— Until Next Month - Dale

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

"Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope." – Dr. Seuss

This month, I visited North Elementary to bring a little of Seuss's fantasy to the kindergarteners in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America. Each class I went into, I was greeted with a group of eager students ready to listen and learn more about the author and his stories. As I entered each classroom, the class was looking at the library's website on their new classroom promethean boards. The kids were able to take virtual tours of our library, look at our new children's books, and even visit our fun and games page where they could play some Dr. Seuss games. As this was only the second day that our new website had been out, it was neat to see it being used in such an exciting venue.

Another very exciting event for us was a visit from Newbery Honor author, Cynthia Lord to our Tween the Pages Book Club. Over the month of February the book club kids had been reading her newest novel, Half a Chance and Ms. Lord graciously agreed to come in and surprise them in the middle of our meeting. She sat with us as we discussed the book, answered questions, shared a snack inspired by her book with the group, and then gave all of them an autographed copy to keep. It was a very special event and I hope these kids will treasure meeting such an inspiring author. This book club, will be running until May, and then restarting in September. If you are interested in signing your child/children (who are in grades 6 -8) please do, it surely is a lot of fun!

The Skowhegan Nursery School took a field trip to our library this month as well. Nineteen very excited preschoolers came in to explore our library. They saw the renovations in the basement, got to climb the "twisty" staircase, played, and listened to some stories. I am always excited to see new faces light up at what fun can be had at the library. This was a very polite and eager group of preschoolers and I hope that my new friends come back and visit me soon.

As I mentioned in last month's Library Lookout, we are still looking for donations for our Summer Reading Program Prizes. Our prize box

was nearly depleted last year, and the prizes are used to reward kids who have met their weekly reading goals. For a list of examples please see our Facebook page, or call Miss Angie. We always appreciate the support we get from our Community!

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*Miss Angie and EllaNora Davis at North El*

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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

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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

## NEW BOOKS

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

Elinor Clark  
Barbara and Peter Whitkop  
Albert and Davida Barter  
Marge and Will Reid  
Judi McCarthy  
Maureen Davis and family  
Jeanne and Warren Shay  
Patsy Miller  
Virginia Jordan  
Jen York  
Kathy Littlefield

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS *are due in April*

*Please make checks payable to  
Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library  
9 Elm St., Skowhegan*

Your contributions to the Friends have been put to work this past year. Last May we donated \$5,822.00 to replace upstairs lighting to a more efficient system that will reduce the cost of electricity each month. Just recently, we voted to buy a fire door as part of the basement renovation.

*We appreciate your generosity. Thank you!*

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### Mark your calendar!

for the interesting woodworking demonstration by  
Elsa Apetz on Friday, April 24 at 7 PM

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Maine author, Cynthia Lord visited the Tween Pages Book Club

### FICTION

Berry, Steve/ *The Patriot Threat*  
Box, C.J./ *Endangered*  
Bradford, Barbara Taylor/ *The Cavendon Women*  
Brett, Simon/ *The Tomb in Turkey*  
Coben, Harlan/ *The Stranger*  
Cussler, Clive/ *The Assassin*  
Fielding, Joy/ *Someone is Watching*  
Fisher, Suzanne Woods/ *Anna's Crossing*  
Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia/ *Star Fall*  
Jance, J.A./ *Cold Betrayal*  
Kanon, Joseph/ *Leaving Berlin*  
Llosa, Mario Vargas/ *The Discreet Hero*  
Macomber, Debbie/ *Last One Home*  
Patterson, James/ *NYPD 3*  
Perry, Anne/ *The Angel Court Affair*  
Snelling, Lauraine/ *A Harvest of Gold*  
White, Randy Wayne/ *Cuba Straits*  
Winspear, Jacqueline/ *A Dangerous Place*

### NON-FICTION

Larson, Erik/ *Dead Wake*  
Morton, Andrew/ *17 Carnations*

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**GARDEN FEVER DAY** at the library was enjoyed by a group of more than thirty-five eager gardeners on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks go to members of the Bloomfield Garden Club who supplied delicious refreshments and beautiful door prizes, and to our informative and enthusiastic speakers. Peter Bastien, Olivia Atherton and Buddy Thomas led the workshops that included Growing Vegetables, Raised Bed Gardening, Garden Design, and Herbs and Perennials.

Now all we need is warmer weather!

### ANNUAL YARD SALE

The Annual Yard Sale to benefit the Renovation Fund will be held this year on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 at the Hastings' barn, 538 Malbons Mills Road. If you have items to donate, please call 474 3949. As always, we are looking for gently used household items, baskets, toys, tools, books, puzzles, games, sports equipment, and furniture that can be lifted by two "senior citizens"! Please, no electronics.

## **The Library Lookout**

**9 Elm Street**

**Skowhegan, ME 04976**

### **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

## APRIL

April 1 Tween the Pages, 4 PM

April 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

April 8 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM. All welcome.

April 11 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 to 1

April 13 Toddler Time, 10:30

April 17 Friends of the Library Annual Bag Lunch Event

April 21 Family Story Hour, Earth Day, 4:30

April 24 See us at Skowpendous Family Fun Day – in the Municipal Parking Lot, 5 – 7:30

April 24 "Teaching Decorative Scroll Saw Woodworking" by Elsa Apetz, 7 PM

April 27 Toddler Time, 10:30

## MAY

May 4 Children's Book Week Party & Book Swap, 4:30

May 5 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM

May 6 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM

May 9 Socrates Café discussion group, 11 to 1

May 11 Toddler Time, 10:30

May 13 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM

May 13 Annual Friends of the Library public meeting, 6 PM

May 15 & 16 Annual Yard Sale at Hastings' barn, 538 Malbons Mills Rd. (benefit: Library Renovation)

May 16 Last day for Saturday open hours until October

May 19 Adult Mental Health First Aid class sponsored by NAMI Maine (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 9 - 6

May 19 Family Story Hour, 4:30

May 25 Library closed for Memorial Day