

AUGUST 2023

THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SKOWHEGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



UPCOMING EVENTS

CLOSURES & NOTABLE EVENTS

- 8/4 - 8/5 – Book & Bake Sale @ Riverfest Vender Fair (Friday 5-9pm & Sat 10-2pm)
- 8/14 - 8/18 – Annual Book Giveaway
- 9/28 – Our librarians will be guest bartending at Unwined on this evening!

PROGRAMMING

- Every Wednesday** – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30AM
- Every Wednesday** – Patient Navigator for Substance Use Disorders @ 10AM-12PM
- Every Thursday** – Career Center Consultant @ 1-4PM
- Every Friday** – Sit & Knit @ 1 - 3PM

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- 8/1 – N. Star Planetarium (preK-2nd) @ 10AM - 11AM
- 8/1 – N. Star Planetarium (3rd-8th) @ 11:15AM - 12:15PM
- 8/4 – Bake & Book Sale @ 10AM-3PM
- 8/5 – Bake & Book Sale @ 10AM-2PM
- 8/10 – Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals @ 4PM
- 8/15 – Mr. Drew & His Animals Too @ 2PM & 4PM
- 8/16 – Coding Club (Group 2, FULL) @ 3:30 - 5PM
- 8/17 – Coding Club (Group 3, FULL) @ 3:30 - 5PM
- 8/17 – Author Talk w/Chris Packard @ 6PM
- 8/22 – Coding Club (Group 1, FULL) @ 3:30 - 5PM
- 8/24 – Author Talk w/Tim O'Brien @ 6PM
- 8/26 – Mudpies & Fireflies Slime Workshop @ 10:30AM
- 8/31 – LEGO Club @ 3:30-4:30

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- 9/5 – YA Book Club @ 4:15PM
- 9/6 – Tech Class: Internet Safety @ 5PM (Part 1)
- 9/13 – Tech Class: Internet Safety @ 5PM (Part 2)
- 9/14 – Tech Class: Applying for ACP @ 3PM
- 9/19 – Coding Club (Group 1, FULL) @ 3:30 - 5PM
- 9/20 – Coding Club (Group 2, FULL) @ 3:30 - 5PM
- 9/21 – Coding Club (Group 3, FULL) @ 3:30 - 5PM
- 9/22 – Tech Class: Using Devices for Better Health @ 12PM
- 9/28 – LEGO Club @ 3:30 - 4:30PM

HALFWAY THROUGH SUMMER ALREADY...

Wow, it doesn't seem quite real that the summer is already halfway through, does it? June and July are already over, and we've been so busy here at the library that it seems to have happened in the blink of an eye!

Our summer reading programs have been a huge hit so far this year, especially with over 70 people showing up for our fairy and gnome house craft in the park (houses which already have some new residents, as you'll see below!) We've also been having great fun learning about native Maine birds and how to weave baskets from pine needles, thanks to our friends over at ReWild Maine; taking nature walks on a local trail; hearing some of our favorite childhood tales from Maine children's author Cathryn Falwell, as well as the riveting story of Maine author Deb-Jones Phoenix; and making some beautiful pressed flower bookmarks to keep us on track with our summer reading. And we still have a whole month full of fun programs like these coming up in August to go along with our Summer Reading theme of Pinecones & Pages!



Some of the fairy and gnome houses built in Coburn Park



DIY pressed flower bookmarks





HARRY POTTER NIGHT WAS PURE MAGIC ✨

We were FINALLY able to host one of our favorite programs of the year again, for the first time since before covid... a night of Harry Potter trivia and treats! We had a whole host of witches and wizards of all ages arriving in full Hogwarts regalia to be sorted into their respective houses (via delicious Bankery cupcakes filled with the House colors) and battle it out over a few intense rounds of trivia...with the studious Hufflepuff team taking home the House Cup!



Harry Potter Night



UPCOMING TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

We have our next series of technology classes coming up for the Fall, running September through November. "Internet Safety" and "Identifying Frauds and Scams" are a couple of great classes to take if you're wondering how to better protect your online presence or make sure that you're not being given fraudulent information by scammers in order to gather your personal details. The NDEC's "Applying for the Affordable Connectivity Program" class can be a lifesaver for those who might not be able to afford the full bill required to get broadband internet at their home (did you know the ACP can help you get \$30 a month off your internet bill? Well if you didn't, this class will explain the process for receiving this discount and more!) For those who have been using telehealth systems for their healthcare since the pandemic in 2020, our "Using Software and Devices for Better Health" class will go over how to make the most out of the different programs, apps, and softwares that are available to you in order to better track, manage, and support you in your health. And lastly, after our "iPhone Basics" classes in the spring were a huge hit, this fall we'll be offering a series of "Android Basics" classes for those of you who have an android phone but aren't sure how to use it in it's full capacity.

If none of these sound like what you're looking for in a technology class, don't fret! Our partners over at the National Digital Equity Center continuously offer classes of all sorts online (<https://digitalequitycenter.org/classes/>) or onsite at other participating locations, such as our friends over at MSAD 54 Adult and Community Education (check our their site here for upcoming classes they will be hosting: <https://msad54.maineadulted.org/classes/>).

Upcoming Tech Class Schedule @ SFPL

- Sept. 6 & Sept. 13 @ 5-6pm: *Internet Safety (must pre-register and commit to both dates as this is a two part class)*
- Sept. 14 @ 3-4pm: *Applying for the ACP (must pre-register)*
- Sept. 22 @ 12-1pm: *Using Software and Devices for Better Health (must pre-register)*
- Oct. 30, 31 & Nov. 1 @ 3:30-4:30: *Android Basics (must pre-register and commit to all three dates as this is a three part class)*
- Nov. 9 @ 10-11am: *IDing Frauds and Scams (must pre-register)*



SUMMER READING IS ALMOST OVER!

We are halfway through the summer, and that means there's just a few weeks left for adults and children alike to focus on busting out their reading goals for the summer and collecting their prizes! Whether you're trying to reach 100 minutes of reading a week with your kiddos or searching for that perfect book with a forest on the cover to read at the lake (that's two bingo board spots in one!), we can help you find exactly what you're looking for.



Learning about Maine birds with ReWild



Maine children's author Cathryn Falwell



Pine needle basket weaving with ReWild



Hiking the Coburn Woods trail



And speaking of summer reading, July saw us pulling our grand prize winner randomly from all of our adult SRP participants, and the winner of the lovely picnic backpack, Maine state park pass, and state park journal is... our lovely patron Susan! We hope you get to use this prize to enjoy some of what makes Maine such a great state this summer and fall.





Staff Picks of the Month

Angie - *Fairytale* by Stephen King

Bree - *Chasing Shadows* by Greg Skomal

Josie - *What Moves the Dead* by T. Kingfisher

Gabrielle - *Mushroom Rain* by Laura K. Zimmermann

Lydia - *To Sleep in a Sea of Stars* by Christopher Paolini

BOOKS AND BAKED GOODS

We have two fundraising events coming up... a "book and bake" sale and our annual book giveaway.

The book and bake sale is coming right up and will be held at the Riverfest vender fair in the riverfront lot (between Unwined and the Pub) on Friday, Aug. 4th from 5-9pm and Saturday, Aug. 5th, from 10-2pm. We should have an abundance of delicious homemade baked goods for sale, as well as a selection of books to choose from - perfect for cozying up with at home after all the fun riverfest events!

And, as we do every year, we are holding our annual book giveaway (outside along the front walkway, weather permitting, or inside the lobby if it happens to rain) the week of the Skowhegan Fair, from August 14th - 18th. The books we set out during this event are totally free for the taking (though we happily accept monetary donations), as any that don't get taken will be recycled after the event is over. We'd much prefer to give these books a second chance with folks we know will read them!



Any funds raised during these two events will be going towards our HVAC replacement project.

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