



# The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Can you say COOL! Come to the library and enjoy the new “air conditioning!” Our new Samsung units are now keeping us, and the collection, cool and dry. We’re the new “hot spot” for cool in Skowhegan. Thanks to everyone who donated to the library renovations. This is the fruit of your generosity.

Emily Schroeder, from the Maine State Library, was here on July 11th to speak about how to get the most from Ancestry.com. The program was well attended. Our library has partnered with the state in order to bring you the library version of Ancestry.com. This may be accessed from any computer in the library. If you have a hankering to find out about your ancestors, please stop by.

My thanks go out to the sponsors of the Friends Golf Tournament. Without the generosity of these businesses and individuals the tournament wouldn't have been a success. For a listing of those businesses and individuals who contributed, please see our webpage.

The library will once again have a booth at the Skowhegan State Fair. We'll be selling gently used books at great prices. Stop by and say hi if you get a chance, we'll be in Constitution Hall.

A representative from MaineGeneral's HealthReach RSVP (Retired & Senior

Volunteer Program) will staff an information table at the library, on August 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. The RSVP program is looking to sign up volunteers, and to talk about what the program offers. RSVP volunteers are needed to provide transportation to the VA Hospital in Augusta, help veterans and families sign up for benefits, train veterans to use the My HealthVET website to find health care information, refill prescriptions, make doctors' appointments and more. Please stop by or tell your friends.

The library will be hosting a Maine Humanities Council “Let's Talk About It” program. The Humanities Council will be providing the books for our upcoming fall book club “Refreshing the Whodunnit.” Beginning Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, we'll be reading 5 mysteries and discussing them through the wit and wisdom of our facilitator David Richards, Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library. The book club meets the first Monday of each month at 6pm at the library (the first meeting in Sept. will be pushed forward until the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept. due to the Labor Day holiday). This is a five month program with the books being provided by the Maine Humanities Council. There is no charge for this program. Books will be available in August for loan for the program.

I'll leave you with this thought; “Books are a uniquely portable magic.” — Stephen King.

Until next month – Dale

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

I don't know if you have been in the library lately, but if you have you will have noticed a huge difference. The air conditioner is up and running and it feels AMAZING! It is cool, comfortable and a much healthier environment to be in now. Thank you to everyone who donated, fundraised, and worked hard to make the library an even more inviting place to be during the sweltering days of the summer!

I think we are nearly finished marking the order of books that are part of a series. If you've been in lately you can see that all of the youth and young adult books that are part of a series now have a bright yellow number on their spine. This should make it easier for kids to find the next book they need. We are always working on making it easier to find and locate the books our patrons are looking for! That being said, I am still plugging away at changing over our non-fiction section. The Dewey decimal system is being replaced by Subject Headings. Once the change is completely made, books will be shelved according to their subject and will be color-coded for easier reference. I am excited to see this project completed, but until then we are dealing with a bit of a split between the old system and the new system.

Our Summer Reading Program is wrapping up and we have had a ball "Digging into Reading!" The kids are reading, collecting prizes, learning, and having fun with all the different topics that have gone along with the theme. Most recently, we have learned about bugs and visited Coburn Park to make Fairy and Gnome houses. Although the reading program is winding down, it's still not too late to join in on the fun. We still have some exciting programs left. Cathryn Falwell, a very talented Maine author/illustrator will be here on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 doing a fun program based around her newest book Rainbow Stew. The library does have a limited number of her books for sale at the library to purchase for signing. Please see Angie if you are interested. They will go fast! Then on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> we will finish the Summer Reading Program with a day at Lake George. This is free for any child (and their immediate families) who signed up for our Summer Reading Program. Bring your beach gear, a picnic lunch and spend the day rewarding the kids for a job well done with all that reading!

## CHILDREN'S ROOM WISH LIST

Markers, glue sticks, Elmer's glue, colored pencils, tissues, white cardstock.

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*Ari and Jorja Brown admire the beautiful handcrafted Toy Chest made by Norman Dickey. Raffle tickets are on sale at the library; winner will be drawn on August 5.*

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## Friends of the Library Golf Tournament

Other than a brief rain shower and wind that sent umbrellas flying, the 12 teams that made up the afternoon tournament seemed to have a good time. Afterwards, Lakewood Golf Course put on a feast for tired golfers, and, thanks to generous donors, prizes were awarded to winners of various contest.

Thanks to the golfers who braved a questionable weather forecast, thanks to the hole spotters, Jayne Hart and Ann MacMichael, who sat in the heat for five hours, thanks to Ann Lynch who sold strings and mulligans, thereby increasing our purse, and special thanks to Peggy Gifford who kept the three non-golfers running the show from making blunders.

We are so grateful to the many hole sponsors whose names can be found on the library website and to those who donated money and gift certificates you are the ones who made the day possible. Our library is once again the beneficiary of your generosity.

By the way, we cleared \$3,411.01!

Kathy Evans, Jeanne Shay, Margo Reid  
Co-Chairs, Friends of the Library

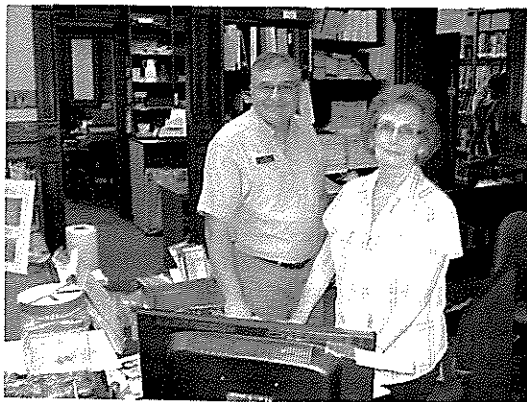
## SKOWHEGAN LIBRARY: A "COOL" PLACE!

A big step forward has been reached in the Skowhegan Library Renovation project. The HVAC System throughout the building has been completed resulting in making the library a very comfortable place to spend time on these hot and humid summer days. "I love it!" commented a patron recently. "I'd stay all day here if I could."

"With a decrease of temperature and humidity, the energy and productivity of both patrons and staff have visibly increased," Library Director Dale Jandreau remarked. "And the improved environment is beneficial to the collection as well." Dale went on to explain that the new units, mounted near the ceiling of each room, are very energy efficient and required no big ductwork to install. They can be set individually as desired. At this time of year the units lower the temperature while pulling moisture out of the air. In the early fall the units are expected to heat the building until November when they will be shut down and the boiler will be used. The same will be true in the spring when the new units can once more take over the job of keeping the building at a comfortable temperature. It is expected that this will result in considerably less use of oil.

Children's Librarian Angie Herrick pointed out that since the installation of the new units kids are now prolonging and really enjoying their visits to the library. Just recently, she answered a call from a patron who wanted to be sure the air conditioning was turned on before making the trip to the library. As for herself, Angie said, "It helps me stay on task and get my job done."

As has been true with previous library improvements, the HVAC System installation is due to the generous and enthusiastic support of both businesses and individuals in the Skowhegan area



*Dale & Françoise: Happy with the new AC!*

## NEW BOOKS

### Fiction

Adler, Elizabeth/ Please Don't Tell  
Andrews, Mary Kay/ Ladies' Night  
Box, C.J./ Highway  
Brooks, Terry/ Witch Wraith  
Burke, James Lee/ Light of the World  
Coulter, Catherine/ Bombshell  
Deveraux, Jude/ True Love  
Doiron, Paul/ Massacre Pond  
Fairstein, Linda/ Death Angel  
Johansen, Iris/ Hunting Eve  
Kava, Alex/ Stranded  
Lindsey, Johanna/ One Heart to Win  
Matthews, Jason/ Red Sparrow  
Rice, Luanne/ Lemon Orchard  
Silva, Daniel/ The English Girl  
Slaughter, Karin/ Unseen  
Steel, Danielle/ First Sight

### Non-Fiction

Bowen, James/ Street Cat Named Bob  
Vietze, Andrew/ Boon Island

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## RENOVATION FUNDRAISERS

On July 30, the Renovation Committee will be hosting a **Blueberry Fest** at the library starting at 10 AM. Books and Baked Goods will be featured.

On the following Sunday, August 4 from 11 to 3, we will take part in a **Craft Fair** in the Park sponsored by Main Street.

The **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** will take place on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 to 4 PM at Lakewood. Hats, gloves and costumes are in order. \$10 per person for people 8 to 80 and \$5 for people under 8 and over 80.

Tea, punch and goodies for all!

The **Luck-of-the-Draw Auction** will be held on Saturday, November 2 at the American Legion. More information on this event will be coming soon.

Thank you for taking your **Recycled Bottles & Cans** to EMTEEZ and the Beverage Mart for the Library!

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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

### AUGUST

- Aug. 1 Maine children's author/illustrator, Cathryn Falwell visit, 10:30 (Limited books will be on sale at the library to purchase for signing.)
- Aug. 4 Craft Fair at the Park, sponsored by Main Street
- Aug. 5 Toy Box raffle drawing
- Aug. 6 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
- Aug. 8 See our "mini Library" at the Skowhegan State Fair
- Aug. 9 Lake George Day (for children registered for the Summer Reading Program), 9 to 1
- Aug. 10 Socrates Café 11am
- Aug. 12 & 26 Toddler Time, 10:30
- Aug. 14 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
- Aug. 20 Family Story Hour, Pete the Cat!

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
- Sept. 9 & 23 Toddler Time, 10:30
- Sept. 9 Let's Talk About It program begins; "Refreshing the Whodunnit," facilitated by David Richards, 6 PM
- Sept. 11 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
- Sept. 14 Socrates Café 11am
- Sept. 17 Family Story Hour: Pizza Party
- Sept. 22 Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Lakewood, 2 - 4 PM