



THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT April 2006

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

The Skowhegan Free Public Library is celebrating National Library Week from April 3-April 7th 2006. We will have a photographic time line of the Athena automated cataloging system on display for all to view. Come in and see what has been happening all year behind the scenes as the staff and volunteers have worked to put the library items into an online data base. You can now go to: <http://solar.maine.edu/> to look up an item. If the Skowhegan Library owns that item you will see it listed. You will also see if the item is available or checked out. You can look at our holdings from any computer with internet access.

During National Library Week we will have special bookmarks and coloring pages for kids. We will be giving away 50 library book bags and a brochure on the History of the Skowhegan Public Library.

The Children's Room is already using the scanner to check books in and out. We will soon have the system up and running at the adult circulation desk as well. Presently all of the books have been bar coded. We began bar coding books last June 2005 and finished in March 2006. Many thanks go to our volunteers who helped with this project, especially Corilla Hastings and Mary Smith. As soon as the adult non-fiction books are loaded into the system, our library collection will be fully automated.

We have begun offering the new Skowhegan Public Library card to adult patrons. This new card has a beautiful picture of the library and is bar coded to facilitate checking books in and out with the scanner. Patrons may decide if they would like to turn in their old numbers for a new

bar coded card or keep their old card with their familiar number. We will be able to check out books with either card. It is entirely up to the patron what they would like to do. New patrons will automatically receive the new bar coded library cards. Children will continue to use the older cards.

The library book fair on March 17 and 18th was a great success. We made about \$200. Thank you to everyone who came to buy books. We plan to use this money to help update some of the computer equipment at the library.

We hope many people will come into the library during National Library Week April 3-7th 2006 to see all the changes that are going on at the Skowhegan Free Public Library.

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

By Katherine LeBlanc

The Children's Room at the library will be celebrating spring from 11:00 to 2:00 on April 21st. Come and plant a seed, bring it home and watch it grow. Play with sidewalk chalk, have your helmet checked with Officer Dagnault from the Skowhegan Police Department, and make a craft. Come celebrate Spring and have some fun.

Wish List: yogurt or applesauce single serving containers for the kids to plant seeds in.

New books in the Children's Room this month:

Eric Carle classics

Snowflake Bentley

The Lotus Seed

Magic Tree House #35 Night of the New Magician

Geronimo Stilton's The Wild Wild West

Guardians of Ga'hoole #8 The Outcast

The Secrets of Droon #24, #25, and #26.

The Rainbow Fairies, Inky and Heather

Haddix's Among the Enemy

The Keys to the kingdom #4 Sir Thursday by Garth

Nix
Dragon Slayers Academy #13-16

NEW RELEASES

Fiction:

Archer, Jeffrey *False Impression*
Brown, Rita Mae *Sour Puss*
Brown, Sandra *Secret Splendor*
Brunstetter, Wanda *The Storekeeper's Daughter*
Brunstetter, Wanda *The Quilter's Daughter*
Gabbay, Tom *The Berlin Conspiracy*
Graham, Heather *The Island*
Griffin, W.E. B. *The Hostage*
Grimes, Martha *The Old Wine Shades*
Hannah, Kristin *Magic Hour*
Kava, Alex *A Necessary Evil*
King, Stephen *The Cell*
Miller, Linda Lael *One Last Look*
O'Shaughnessy, Perri *Sinister Shorts*
Parker, Robert B. *Sea Change*
Patterson, James, *The 5th Horseman*
Picoult, Jodi *The Tenth circle*
Steele, Danielle, *The House*

NON-FICTION:

Brown, Sylvia *Contacting Your Spirit's Guide*
Nazzario, Sonia *Enrique's Journey*
Osteen, Joel *Your Best Life Now*
Rocha, Sharon *For Laci*
Alexander, William *The \$64 Tomato*

Books on Order for April

Fiction:

Archer, Jeffrey *False Impression*
Berg, Elizabeth *We Are Welcome Here*
Clark, Mary Higgins *Two Little girls in Blue*
Coben, Harlen *Promise Me*
Crais, Robert *The Two Minute Rule*
Davidson, Diane Mott *Dark tort*
Dunant, Sarah *In the Company of the Courtesan*
Hart, Carolyn *Dead Days of summer*
Hoag, Tami *Prior Bad Acts*
Jackson, Lisa *Shiver*
Kellerman, Jonathon *Gone: A Novel*
Michaels, Fern *Hey, Good Looking*
Parker, T. Jefferson *The Fallen*
Perry Anne *Dark Assassin*
Perry, Thomas *Nightlife.....*

Peters, Elizabeth *Tomb of the Golden Bird*
Pickard, Nancy *The virgin of Small Plains*

Robards, Karen *Vanished*
Scottoline, Lisa *Dirty Blond*
Strout, Elizabeth *Abide With Me*
White, Randy *Key West Connections*
Woods, Stuart *Dark Harbor*

Non-Fiction:

Burton, Robert *The Audubon Backyard Birds*
Greenlaw, Linda *Recipes from a Very Small Island*
Ross, Sally *Attracting Birds to Your Backyard*
Server, Lee *Ava Gardner: Love is Nothing*

Thorndike, Virginia *Islanders: Real Life on Maine Island*

New Members and Renewals

Maili Bailey and Iver Lofving, Jayne, Mark and Lucas Fortin, The Govoni family, Carol and Wesley Lam, Scott and Katherine LeBlanc, Hilma Millet, Dr. Nicholson, P. Lorraine Perkins, the family of Oto Prokopova, Lynda and Tom Quinn, Marilyn and Roger Renfrew, Kristine Rinaldi, Mary Stuart and Renee Wooster

Please note: The library will follow MSAD 54 weather alerts. If school is cancelled, the library will be closed for the day.

FARMINGTON BOOK SALE

Literacy Volunteers will sponsor a used book sale on Saturday, April 29 from 9 to 5 and Sunday, April 30 from 9 to 3 at the Elks Lodge next to the West Farmington Northeast Wood Turning Mill. For more information, call 778-3460. (Note: On Sunday, the books will be priced at \$1 per bag!)

BOOK REVIEW

By Phil Russakoff

The Lost Monroe by R. J. Ellis

Bob Ellis graduated from Skowhegan High School, has family in the area and is married to my daughter, Marcia. He is a retired business executive and they live in southern Maine.

The Lost Monroe is a novel of politics, movie making, personalities, history and crime with adult language and themes; it is fast paced, well written, fascinating combination of real people and of fictitious characters.

The book is not available in book stores but can be purchased on-line from Amazon, Borders and EX Libris. There are reader reviews and individual comments can be added.

Young Adult Book Review by Jasmine Duest

I just finished reading Ptolemy's Gate. This was the third book in the Bartimaeus Trilogy. The book was good. It had lots of drama, and twists and turns in the plot. If you like fantasy or Harry Potter books you would like the Bartimaeus books. The books could be described as Harry Potter meets the Arabian Nights. There was lots of magic and evil genies. The end of the books is a little hazy though, and keeps you wondering about things. (This book was voted an ALA Best book for young adults)

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Have you bought a raffle ticket for the Empire Falls Signature Quilt yet? Eighteen of the stars of the film signed blocks of the quilt, including Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Helen Hunt and Aidan Quinn. This you chance to have an attractive 34" x 39" wall hanging with its own "walk of fame" on it. Not only that, it was hand-crafted by our own Somerset Sampler Quilters. If you haven't purchased yours, come to the library and do so today. Time is getting short! The winning ticket will be drawn on May 20th.

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LIBRARY LAWN SALE

Saturday, May 20 is the date for the annual Library Lawn Sale held at Hastings' barn on the Malbons Mills Road. All proceeds will benefit the library. Please bring your donated items to the library or directly to the barn. We're looking for furniture, toys, games, tools, dishes, glassware, baby equipment, hobby materials, decorations, etc.

PREVIEW SALE

Cut out this coupon and come to the Hastings Farm on Malbons Mills Road. Help price and set up items for the Library Lawn Sale on May 19th to be eligible for the Library Lawn Sale Preview Sale. Helpers will be able to purchase choice bargains that night before the sale offi-

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Please complete this form and mail to Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

Name _____

Address _____

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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.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

April 3-7 National Library week

April 4 Library Trustee meeting, 6 pm The public is welcome to attend.

April 7 Library Lunches made and delivered by time requested.

April 10 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

April 13 Knitting for the Heart and Soul 6:30 to 8:30

April 21st Celebrate Spring! 11:00 to 2:00 in the Children's Room

April 24 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

April 28-29 Farmington Book Sale 9 to 5 on Sat. 9 to 3 on Sun.

MAY

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

May 2 Library Trustee meeting, 6 pm The public is welcome to attend.

May 8 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

May 22 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

The Library Lookout

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