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## **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

**By Melissa Gaspar**

I couldn't wait to let everyone know we received another grant for the Library Heating System Project! The Davis Family Foundation awarded us the very generous amount of \$20,000! In addition, the Bangor Savings Bank donated \$100 to our project. To date we have received \$55,100. in grant money and about \$6000 in fundraising efforts. We are almost to our goal of \$70,000. The Skowhegan Gala will be another fundraising event for the Library Heating Project and will be organized by those wonderful ladies who created the special "Little Black Dress Revue". Many thanks to Davida Barter, Mary Ellen Carpenter, Suzanne Fitzpatrick, and Jeanne Hogate for their creativity and sense of community spirit. The date for this magical evening of dancing is October 25, 2008 at Ken's Celebration Center in Skowhegan. Social hour is from 7 pm to 8pm and dancing will be 8 to midnight. Tickets are on sale at the library for \$50 each.

The Lions Club will be sponsoring the Peace Poster Contest again this year. Students will exhibit their posters at the Skowhegan Free Public Library on Sat Oct 25, 2008 from 11-1pm. A reception of light refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Kathy Perelka is selling gorgeous note cards at the library. You have to see them to appreciate just how beautiful they are. There are 8 note cards per box and Kathy is planning to donate up to \$1000 to the library from the proceeds of these sales.

So many people have joined us to help

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support the library. I would like to thank Ruth Blood and Colleen Jones for their donation of hand-knit scarves, hats, and pocketbooks to sell at the Fall Festival to raise money for the library. Thanks also to Pat Dickey who has been selling used books at the hot dog stand all summer and donating the proceeds to the library. Many thanks to Kristine Rinaldi for the 400 books she donated to the Children's Room this summer. She also donated books for the Holiday Stroll "free books for children" program and many board books for the toddler time program.

The success of a library depends upon the loving support of its community. Without such ongoing help the library would not be the bustling thriving center of the community that it is. Last week I had the joy of attending a conference sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It was the best, most inspiring conference I have ever attended. It was energizing to spend 2 days with 100 people from around the state and the USA who were all passionate about public libraries and the vital services they provide. I was very proud of the great job I know our community is already doing and I would like to thank everyone for their continued interest in making the library an integral part of their lives. The Library Friends, The Renovation Committee, the library staff, trustees, patrons, town government and all the many volunteers and community citizens are helping us bring the best possible library services to the people in Skowhegan. If everyone who loves the library keeps telling their friends and associates what they love about the library our support will only grow stronger and more passionate. Thank you!

## **CHILDREN'S ROOM**

By Katherine LeBlanc

The Children's Room is still really bustling. Many, many programs have been scheduled for September and October, and with this newsletter will try to give you the latest update.

On Saturday, September 27th the library will be hosting the fourth annual Skowhegan Community Fall Festival. As of this writing we have over 130 participants, and it continues to grow daily. I am sure we are going to have wonderful weather, and look forward to seeing everyone that day.

September 30th brings the 50th anniversary celebration of NASA. With a generous donation from the Skowhegan Rotary Club we were able to collaborate with the Margaret Chase Smith Library and bring the Challenger Learning Center of Bangor to the Bloomfield and Margaret Chase Smith Schools. Three hundred very lucky students will have a wonderful program with the Learning Center, and Dr. David Richards from the Margaret Chase Smith Library teaching the students about the connection between NASA and Skowhegan. The students will also receive a FREE air powered rocket and a model of the Orion. Special thanks go out to the Rotary Club, their enthusiasm and their financial support of this project is greatly appreciated.

The library staff will also be volunteering their time at the Career and College fair at the Skowhegan Area High School on October 2nd. It is our hope to build a bridge from the school to the library to offer our services for on-line courses and filling out FAFSA applications etc.

On a final note, a joint letter was sent to each teacher in MSAD #54 from the library, the History House and the Margaret Chase Smith Library. It is our hope that this letter will spark some interest in the services we all offer and add more field trips to our calendars.

## **FRIENDS EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

By Mary Hill

The Executive Board met Sept. 4 and welcomed new member and secretary, Kathy Littlefield, and new member, Anna Court.

We will be selling books and Library cookbooks at the Friends table at the Fall Festival on Sept. 27 as well as having information available for joining the Friends. Sherri Vigue has offered to help Melissa set up. Marcia Granville, Darla Pickett, Dave McDermott, Anna Court and Mary Hill will be working at various times from 10am-3pm.

We will be selling refreshments at the Renovation Committee's "Dancing with the Stars" production. Preliminary plans were discussed; the final work to be done at the November meeting.

The list of non-fiction books for the children's room that were received from the Libri Foundation Grant was circulated.

The next meeting will be November 7 at the library at 6pm. All members of the Friends are invited to attend.

### **Editor's Note:**

Unfortunately, the weatherman did not cooperate on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Festival was cancelled. Many thanks to Katherine who had done a tremendous job at organizing the event. Appreciated also were the many volunteers who were planning to help.

### **LONGABERGER BASKET WINNERS**

Here are the names of the happy winners: Jessica Hughes, Hilma Millett, Kathy Quirion, G. Hewett, Louise Tessier, Louann, Tammy Fogue, Jeff and Kathy Evans, Jane Brackett, Warren Rockwell, Jim Cook, Sheila Osborn, Janet King, Barbara Gill, Talia Fitzpatrick, Pat Spinney, Sara Ruliffson, Don Lowe, Jodi Dyke, Destiny Fitzmorris, Edna Marshall, Linda Laney, Doreen Poulin, Linda Betts, Kelly, Brenda Stinchfield, Nicole B., Marilyn Renfrew, and 2 other names yet to be drawn.

## BOOK REVIEW

By Donna Finley

I have just finished Barbara Walter's autobiography, *Audition: A Memoir* and found it very interesting. I think the insight we have into another person's life shows us that no matter what your income or education, your life experiences certainly form who you are. People often think someone like Barbara has had all she wanted and an easy life. Many of us enjoy a life of happiness and love if we are very lucky, like I feel I have been. Having said that; we all, no matter what we seem on the outside, suffer heartache, illness and the loss of loved ones as we ride the roller coaster of life. No one ever has it all. I very much enjoyed Barbara's insight as she shared her interviews with the reader. It kept my interest as I walked through history of the past quarter century with her. It is great bed-time reading.

## 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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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.  
Refreshments for library activities.  
Making phone calls.

## NEW BOOKS

### Fiction:

Barnes, Linda/ *Lie Down with the Devil*  
Bradford, Barbara Taylor/ *Being Elizabeth*  
Brooks, Terry/ *The Gypsy Morph*  
Brown, Sandra/ *Smoke Screen*  
Cannell, Stephen/ *At First Sight*  
Coben, Harlan/ *Fade Away*  
Coonts, Stephen/ *The Assassin*  
Cook, Robin/ *Foreign Body*  
Francis, Dick/ *Silks*  
Higgins, Jack/ *Rough Justice*  
Howard, Linda/ *Death Angel*  
Kellerman, Faye/ *The Mercedes Coffin*  
Lustbader, Eric/ *Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Sanction*  
McInerney, Ralph/ *Ash Wednesday*  
Maron, Margaret/ *Death's Half Acre*  
Michaels, Fern/ *Final Justice*  
Peters, Elizabeth/ *The Laughter of Dead Kings*  
Reichs, Kathy/ *Devil Bones*  
Sewell, Kitty/ *Ice Trap*  
Siddons, Anne Rivers/ *Off Season*  
Silva, Daniel/ *Moscow Rules*  
Wiggs, Susan/ *Just Breathe*

### NEW AND RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Jim and Lisa Veilleux  
Evelyn Perry  
Mait and Sylvia Richardson  
Mark and Jayne Fortier  
Dina Jeannotte and Joe Scozzafava  
Krystyna Emmons  
Constance Connell  
Mary Merrill



# Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM

Oct. 1 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome

Oct. 7 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

Oct. ~~10/10~~ ~~20~~ Toddlertime, 10:30 AM

Oct. 25 Exhibition of Peace Posters, 11 to 1, Public is invited.

Oct. 25 The Gala, Ken's Celebration Center

## NOVEMBER

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM

Nov. 4 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

Nov. 5 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

Nov. 6 FOL Executive Board meeting, 6 PM. All members of the Friends invited.

Nov. 10 & 20 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM

Nov. 15 "Dancing with the Stars", Skowhegan Opera House

### **The Library Lookout**

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#### **Your librarians:**

Library Director Melissa Gaspar  
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte  
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#### **Your Library Trustees:**

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,  
Lee Granville, Toni Jo Blaisdell,  
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#### **Friends officers:**

Mary Hill, pres.  
Darla Pickett, vice pres.,  
Kathy Littlefield, sec. Sherri Vigue, treas.