



THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT September 2007

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

After a very busy July the library continued to simmer with activity throughout August. We had another month where more than 3000 items were checked out. Story hour and Toddlertime were busy this summer. At the last Toddlertime in August we had a group of 25 parents, infants and toddlers. The youngest was only 1 month old! The group was led by Verna Pierre a volunteer who specializes in working with parents and very young children to develop a love of books and reading. The children made painty hand prints to bring home. Thank you Verna for all your help with Toddlertime at the library.

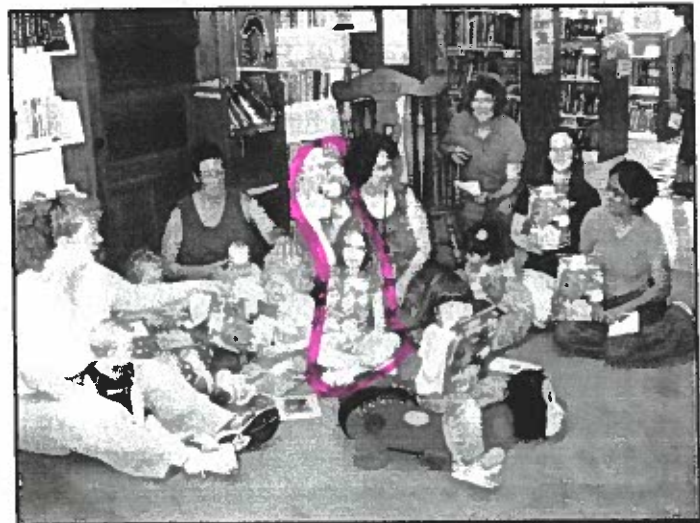
Another special volunteer this summer was Katelyn Belyea. For her 4H project she read books to raise money to support the library renovation. First she gathered sponsors from her family and community. Then she set out to read 64 books. She accomplished her goal and has raised over \$200 and she isn't done yet. Money is still coming in from her sponsors. Just imagine, Katelyn is only 7 years old and already she is doing a lot to help her community. I will give an update of her total contribution in the next Library Lookout. Thank you to Katelyn Belyea for her time reading and to Tina Burns, her mother, who helped her organize the project.

Tina is one of our volunteer readers for Story time and has been for years. Each month she reads and plans awesome crafts for the children. I would like to thank Tina for all that she does for the library as well.

Mark your calendars for this:

Another exciting event coming up in October is **Ruth Blood's Genealogy Class**. It will begin on **Wed. Oct 17, from 3-5pm**. If you would like to

sign up for this informative class with lots of one on one support for researching your family, please call the library at 474-9072. Thank you to Ruth Blood for offering this very popular class.



Seven-year-old **Katelyn Belyea**, holding up the book in the center of the picture, gathered sponsors for her reading goal of 64 books this summer. The money is still coming in and she has collected \$200 so far. Thank you, Katelyn!

COMING EVENTS

The Skowhegan Free Public Library is gearing up for the third annual **Skowhegan Community Fall Festival**. On **September 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Coburn Park will once again be full of food, music, crafts, art and most of all **FUN**.

Among the attractions will be tables for The Friends of the Library who will be selling books to benefit the library and for the Library Renovation Committee (LRC), who hope to have flyers explaining the planned renovations.