



# The Library Lookout

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Saturday, 10-2

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

And so it begins, again: contractors walking the building, working out what they'll be doing in the next phase of our renovations. Stay tuned in the next few months for more dust and noise, but all of it for the betterment of the library. We can't wait for the day when the elevator and the rest of the health and safety improvements are finished. I'll post monthly updates here to keep you informed.

And speaking of the renovations, February 1<sup>st</sup> was the official first day of the basement renovations being open. The 6 public computers were occupied as soon as we opened the door. Our new genealogy area will allow us to finally put all of our genealogy items in one spot, instead of being in 3 different places in the library. Our new meeting room has been used on more than one occasion this past month. All in all, there have been many positive comments.

Our Valentine Bake Sale was a sweet success. We made over \$250 from our sales of crafts and goodies. My special thanks to all those generous folks who baked for us.

Transition Skowhegan is meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the library. Its' part of Transition Towns, a worldwide movement dedicated to making our local areas, such as Skowhegan, more resilient in these changing times. There's no charge for joining the

group. If you'd like more information, please call 474-7370.

Ryan Parker from the Natural Resources Council of Maine will present a program on creating a national park in Maine on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Come hear what the Natural Resources Council of Maine is proposing, and the pros and cons of the park.

My thanks to Jim and Corilla Hastings and Lynda Quinn for staffing our table at the recent FAB Fair. Their generosity allowed our staff some much-needed R&R. Kudos to these fine folks.

I'll leave you with this thought; "the secret of getting ahead, is getting started" Mark Twain.

Until Next Month – Dale

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*Genealogy Room*

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

February vacation found the children's library bustling with activity. We had fun in the dark, making popsicle stick sleds, learned about animals that live in the wetlands, and then even high schoolers got in on some library fun with a regression session and pizza party.

This month, we will have a Seussical Storytime on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. There will be snacks, stories, and activities, so please bring the kids in to help celebrate.

March is also the month where we celebrate all things maple syrup! So our next Family Story Hour is all about breakfast. Join us on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 for a silly storytime featuring my favorite meal of the day! Also in celebration on Maine Maple Sunday, we will be holding an Ice Cream Social on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00.

There have been lots of changes in the library lately. Our basement has been renovated and opened to the public and things are being shifted around a bit. Upstairs there has been a change or two as well. We finally have a great Teen Study Room. This cozy, little room has two new computers, new computer chairs, a work space and some fun new decorations. If you haven't checked this space out, please do. The kids have already "moved in" and use it daily.

Even though we are not quite into Spring yet, in the Children's Library we are busy thinking about the Summer Reading Program. Many fun programs and activities have already been booked! In years past, parents and community members have ask if there is any way they can help with this fun and educational program. The answer is YES! We are very, very short on prizes to award the kids who fulfill their reading goals, so we are asking for help to restock our prize box. Some examples of what we have given

away are: matchbox cars, chalk, balls, jump ropes, water bottles, Lego mini figures, small craft kits, glow sticks, packages of markers or crayons, water guns, silly putty, water snakes, puzzles, costume jewelry, etc. We do try to steer away from food prizes because Gifford's Ice Cream and Pizza Hut usually give us some coupons to hand out and we also ask that everything donated is new. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miss Angie in the Children's Library.



*Teens enjoy hanging out at the "Regression Session"*

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### **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, Maine 04976

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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

## Welcome to Tanya Folsom

The Library has welcomed a new staff member recently. Tanya Folsom, a 1996 Skowhegan Area High School graduate, is working in the computer area every weekday afternoon from 2 to 6 PM and every other Saturday. Her primary job is to help patrons with computer use and research. During her spare minutes she has been cataloging genealogy material, and learning about the many other tasks involved in library reports and recordkeeping.

Tanya hopes to graduate this year from KVCC with a degree in Liberal Studies. You may have met this busy person at Gifford's Ice Cream where she has worked during the last two summers. Tanya and her husband, Shadow, live on a "mini farm" in Skowhegan. They have four dogs, two horses, chickens, ducks and an unknown quantity of cats. It's plain to see that Tanya loves animals!

Tanya is very enthusiastic about her position at the library and loves working in the newly renovated basement. "Everyone who comes into the computer area mentions how nice it is," she said. She also commented on the beautiful wood trim throughout, and pointed out the new gate made by Steve Dionne that has been installed at the entrance to the Genealogy Room.



*Tanya Folsom at her desk in the Computer Area*



*Mark and Zach enjoy the new Teen Study Room*

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## FOL LIBRARY LUNCHES

Once again, the Friends are planning the annual "Library Lunches" when delicious bag lunches are prepared and delivered around town. The date this year is Friday, April 15, so be sure to sign up for a lunch! (Individuals may order their lunches at the library.)

Packets for those who have volunteered to collect orders from businesses will be available at the March 9<sup>th</sup> FOL Executive Board Meeting.

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## GARDEN FEVER DAY

The Library together with the Bloomfield Garden Club is planning a **GARDEN FEVER DAY** to be held at the library on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM. Workshops on Perennials, Herbs, Vegetables and Flowering Shrubs will be led by local experts. This program is FREE.

More details will be posted at the library and online within the next several weeks.



## **The Library Lookout**

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### **Your librarians:**

Library Director Dale Jandreau  
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick  
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### **Your Library Trustees:**

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### **Friends officers:**

Co Chairs: Margo Reid, Kathy Evans, Jeanne Shay  
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

## **Calendar of Events**

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

### **MARCH**

March 1 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM  
March 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30 PM  
March 3 Transition Skowhegan Meeting, 6 PM  
March 5 "Seussical" Saturday Storytime, 10:30  
March 8 Your Government, Your Neighbor, 10 AM to noon  
March 9 FOL Executive Board Meeting, 4 PM  
March 9 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM  
March 12 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 AM – 1 PM  
March 14 Toddler Time, 10:30  
March 15 Family Story Hour: Books and Breakfast, 4:30 to 5:30  
March 24 National Park Program from the Natural Resources Council of Maine, 6 PM  
March 25 Ice Cream Social, 3 to 4 PM  
March 28 Toddler Time, 10:30  
March 28 Let's Talk About It book discussion group, Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM

### **APRIL**

April 5 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM  
April 6 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30  
April 6 Author Talk, 6:30 PM "Chasing the Rabbit" by Derek Volk  
April 7 Transition Skowhegan Group, 6 PM  
April 9 Garden Fever Day, 10 AM to 3 PM in the Memorial Room  
April 9 Socrates Café discussion group, 11AM to 1PM in the Meeting Room  
April 13 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM  
April 18 Library closed for Patriot's Day  
April 19 Family Story Hour: Frogs and Fun, 4:30 to 5:30  
April 21 Teen Regression Session (for High School students), 4 to 6 PM  
April 22 Come see Miss Angie at Skowpendous Family Fun Night  
April 25 Let's Talk About it Book Club, 6PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library

