



The Library Lookout

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Library Director's Corner

The next book sale for the library will be Wednesday, August 20th from 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Francoise is looking for volunteers to help; please contact her as soon as possible.

Katherine has 89 busy readers in the Summer Reading Program. This year each reader signs a contract with Katherine and their parents acknowledging how many books they will read, she then sets goals for them. At each step of the way, they receive a prize from the three tote boxes. The theme for this program is "Laugh it up @ Your Library". Blynn has been enjoying lying down on the job, as readers report orally on their books.

Katherine, along with the support of the Friends of the Library, has put together a very exciting program for the summer. The remaining programs are as follows:

July 23- Jack Fisher will be entertaining us with story telling

July 23- Somerset Sports and Fitness Center will give a presentation on good nutrition and staying fit.

July 30- Bonnie Bishop -local storyteller- will be entertaining us with stories and art

August 6- Magician Wes Booth will be presenting "Reading is Magic".

August 13- Northern Stars Planetarium will provide two shows at the Margaret Chase Smith Library at 1:00 and 3:30 p.m.

August 20-The Summer Reading Program will end with a "splash" at Lake George from

1:00 to 3:00. Admission is free for all Summer Reading Program participants.

Pooh's Corner stars Rick and Dorothy Fayhen along with Morris the Lab, entertained us July 16th. The presentation was taped for Channel 16, and along with Rick and Dorothy we had some surprise story tellers. Our very own Tina Burns read as well as Sarah Luckhurst. Jack Fisher joined in with a wonderful story about butterflies. It was an entertaining and exciting presentation for all 35 patrons that attended.

We have been very lucky to have many people who have joined us this summer to read on Wednesdays, but don't forget our wonderful volunteers, Kathy Hughes, Tina Burns, Maureen Calder, and Petra Prokop for always entertaining the children. Many, many thanks.

Thanks to the generosity of the Mary Davies Estate, her friends and family, the Skowhegan Free Public Library will enter the DVD world. \$1725.00 has been given to the library to keep up with modern technology. When Katherine, the Children's Librarian, returns from surgery, Nancy Warren will join her on a shopping spree to begin choosing DVD's.

Congratulations to our Children's Librarian Katherine as she got married on July 4th.

**Don't miss the Library's next
Huge Book Sale
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GARDEN TOUR & ART SHOW

Those who attended the Library Garden Tour & Art Show on June 28 were well rewarded with a beautiful summer day and the opportunity to enjoy ten lovely garden stops. In addition, about twenty artists exhibited and discussed their work at the Tewksbury Building. Lunch was served, and a Chinese Auction displayed sixteen handmade items and gift certificates. A total profit of \$843 will benefit the Library.

Thanks should go to many people who made this event possible. These individuals included the ten host gardeners: Patricia and Sam Horine, Sheila and Alan Foxwell, Jane and Mark Fortier, Gail and Arthur Demmons, Fran and Chic Schiraldi, Carol and Peter Vigneaut, Bunny and Charles Worster, Skowhegan History House, Coburn Park and Cooperative Extension; Christine Smith who organized the Chinese Auction; Maureen Calder and Maxine Russakoff who handled the welcome table; Peggy Graf who contacted artists; Girl Scouts Mary, Olivia and Cat who acted as waitresses; the lunch committee which consisted of Shirley Bastien, Kathy Hughes, Lucille Currier, Dot LaCasse and Corilla Hastings; Maxine Russakoff and Florence Sterns who baked delicious herb bread; and Paul Hughes and Jim Hastings who put up number signs in front of each garden. This is just a partial list of the many people who made this event possible. One additional person, however, who deserves special recognition is Marcia Granville who worked on all the many details necessary for such an occasion.

Library Lover's Cookbook

We need more recipes to complete the cookbook-things like Grandma's Special Chocolate Cake, Dad's Famous Spaghetti and Mom's Fancy French Toast. We can also use food-related poetry and anecdotes about your favorite cooks. The publishing date is getting closer, so don't delay.



SEPTEMBER FOL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the September FOL meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 10 at 7 PM at the Library. At this time, Staff and Trustees will be on hand to lead a discussion on future plans for the Skowhegan Free Public Library. FOL members and area citizens will be welcome to express their ideas and suggestions for the library.

MEET A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

This month we wish to feature the work of a very special volunteer who has donated countless hours to the library during the last five years. Sadly, we must also say goodbye to Jim Foster who has moved to a new home in Utah. Jim's work on providing and installing computers to the library will not be forgotten, and only he knows how many times he received a call for "HELP!" to get the machines back in working order! With Mary Davies, Jim started and subsequently compiled and printed every issue of this newsletter since July 1998. He served as vice president of our own FOL, and president of the Friends of Maine Libraries. Clearly, Jim believes in libraries. The Skowhegan Free Public Library has been very fortunate to have benefited by his time, ideas and enthusiasm. Thank you, Jim, and we wish you happiness in your new home.

Jim's new address

Jim is moving from Skowhegan to Lehi, Utah. His new address, until the new house is finished, will be 445S 430E, Lehi, UT 84043. His email address at airolink will be shut off. He will set up with a new ISP at the beginning of August when he arrives in Lehi.

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BOOK REVIEW by Jonathan L. Doty, SAMS Student

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Have you ever read a creepy book? Well, *Coraline* fits that bill. This book is about a little girl named Coraline who has just moved into a new flat with her two parents. She is an explorer and loves to wander about. But inside her flat is a door that she knows holds mysterious adventures behind it. When Coraline opens it, she finds a man and a lady much like her mom and dad, except for one simple thing. Instead of eyes, they have Buttons! They give her tons and tons of attention unlike her regular mom and dad did, however, they reek of evil. When she returns to her flat she finds that her parents are missing.

If you want to find out the ending to this creepy and exciting story, read the book *Coraline*.

BOOK REVIEW by Benjamin Doty, SAHS Student

Top Ten Shakespeare Stories by Terry Deary
Top Ten Shakespeare Stories is an interesting and fun book. It has ten popular stories written by the famous William Shakespeare written so that children can understand and enjoy them. Also, after the stories, interesting facts are provided about Shakespeare, England in Shakespeare's time, and the plays. Every page has wonderful and funny pictures that help to tell the stories.

The play Macbeth is about a man named Macbeth who lived hundreds of years ago. One day, Macbeth happened to walk up to three witches who were making magic in a cauldron and chanting "Double, double toil and trouble; fire, burn; and cauldron bubble.....Cool it with a baboon's blood, then the charm is firm and good." (Yes, those words were actually written by Shakespeare.) The witches cast a spell on Macbeth and tell him that he will be the King of Scotland. When Macbeth was going to ask the witches how he would be King, they disappeared. Macbeth walked home and his wife told him that the old King of Scotland, King Duncan, was coming to visit them that night. Macbeth and his wife then put the King's guards to sleep with a drugged drink and assassinated the King with the guard's daggers. Macbeth and his wife blamed the King's death on the guards and Macbeth became King of Scotland. Macbeth was an evil King and soon people started to hate his

rule. They organized a rebellion, led by the brave Macduff. That night, Macbeth's wife sleepwalked and fell over the castle's walls, so Macbeth went out to fight Macduff and his army, alone, but still using witches' magic. To find out what happens next, you should read the story in *Top Ten Shakespeare Stories*.

In the facts part of the book, the curse of Macbeth is talked about. For example, on August 7, 1606, a child actor died backstage during a performance of Macbeth. Another time, a cat walked on stage during a dramatic speech, and the audience burst out laughing. The actor playing Macbeth, angry at the cat, kicked it off of the stage. Later, during a sword fight, the actor playing Macbeth was accidentally stabbed and severely wounded. In conclusion, *Top Ten Shakespeare Stories* is a great book that is both funny and dramatic.

LIBRARY HOURS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10-6	10-6	10-6	10-7	10-6	10-2

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. Individuals, \$8. Seniors & Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at the Library the second ednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings. (474-3949)

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Calendar of Events

- August 6 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
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- August 13 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- August 13 Northern Stars Planetarium 1:00 and 3:00 at the Margaret Chase Smith Library "Tell a Story in the Stars"
- August 20 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- August 20 Summer Reading Program Year End Party, 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Lake George
- September 3 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- September 10 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- September 10 Friends of the Library meeting at 7:00 pm at the Library, Library Staff, Trustees and Friends discuss the future of our Library. The public is urged to attend and share their views.
- September 17 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- September 24 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- October 1 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- October 8 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- October 15 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- October 22 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room
- October 29 Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room



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Friends of the Skowhegan

Free Public Library

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Your Librarians are:
 Library Director Blynn Currier, Assistant Librarian Francois Labonte, Children's Librarian Katherine Connell,
 Your Library trustees are: Bill Laney, Warren Shay, Lee Granville, Toni Jo Blaisdell and Carol Jarvais
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