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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I've been fortunate this month to be able to spend time with both my children and their spouses. Not to mention my grandsons. Our family isn't large, but it is lively at times. As my 85 year old dad told me recently, "it goes by so fast." Slow time down some this coming month by spending time with those you love.

Our mystery book club is going great guns. Each month we have about 20 folks participating. David Richards facilitates our meetings, and gets us to look at the book in different ways.

The Greater Skowhegan Women's Clubs members were in attendance on Oct. 10th. We hosted a "thank you" reception for them because of all they've done for the library over the years. Yours truly spoke to the crowd, shared a mini movie with them, and then took them on a tour of the renovations. Needless to say, we had a great time.

We packed the house on Oct. 17th! Our local jazz musicians entertained us for two hours with some great jazz standards, and other free-lanced adaptations of popular songs. Stop by

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the library on Nov. 21st at 7pm, for another night of great jazz music.

Author Annette Vance Dorey was on hand on Oct. 23rd to share her new book with us "*Miss Dr. Lucy*" and *Maine's Pioneering Female Physicians 1850's – 1920*. Maine, and even Skowhegan, was fortunate to have some great female physicians. Mel Burnham, from The History House, displayed a collection of medical devices from that era, including a complete surgeon's kit from the Civil War (let's just say I'm glad we live in the era we do).

The Maine Quilters Guild is displaying some of this year's challenge quilts in the Memorial Room. The topic for this year is "the words we live by." Stop by and take a look at this beautiful assortment of picture size quilts. We'll also be displaying the Lions Club Peace Posters this year in November.

If you haven't gotten a chance to sign our petition to get on the warrant for next year's budget, please do so. We have to turn it in soon, and we want to give everyone who's a Skowhegan resident a chance to sign. We still have a couple of copies at the library, so please stop by and sign.

I'll leave you with this thought; "experience is not what happens to you; it's what you do with what happens to you" Aldous Huxley

Until next month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

October has certainly been a busy month in the Children's Library. We had a visit from local author, Barbara Winslow. She read her book, *Fancy and Francis*, at our Family Story Hour. The kids enjoyed hearing the story and asking questions about the real life events and people who inspired the story. We also had a visit from two classes of 4th graders from the Margaret Chase Smith School. Approximately 40 students explored the library while doing a fun scavenger hunt that taught them about the history and the day-to-day procedures here. They were an excited and energetic group who I look forward to see coming back to start using their new library cards!

And we have certainly had some excitement involving Halloween. We had a Halloween "Crafter"noon and for the third year in a row, the library and the Downtown Businesses have coordinated to host the Downtown Trick-or-Treating Parade (this year with the help of the Community Center as well). Even the rain and cold temperature didn't stop kids from coming out and participating in all the fun. I estimated that roughly 200 kids made their way around Water Street stopping in at many of the businesses. It was quite a sight to see the long line of princesses, ghosts, skeletons, witches, and other fantastic costumes. After the parade the kids were invited to come into the Skowhegan Opera House for a kid-friendly Halloween play called the Vanishing Pumpkin. Lots of giggles, costumes, candy, and hopefully memories abounded that day! I would like to thank the Community Center, The Skowhegan Police Department, and of course the Downtown Businesses for making our Downtown Trick-or-Treating Parade a continued success.



The Works Family at the Downtown Halloween Parade

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERSHIPS

Anna Lee Court
Henry and Mary Lou Mollerus
Deb and Mel Burnham
Sandi Hight

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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

BOOK REVIEW

By Marcia B. Granville

Sue Grafton's *W is for Wasted* is on store shelves now. I snatched a copy as soon as I saw it. In this book, private detective, Kinsey Milhone tells us how two dead people changed her life. One was a former associate whom she had not seen in years. The other, she had never seen until she was called into the morgue to identify him.

On the surface, the two deaths are completely unrelated. As so often happens in fiction and sometimes in real life, the surface is completely misleading. Still, Kinsey manages to collect a lot of disparate facts and make sense of them. It is fun to see how she manages the appearance and disappearance of various people in her life. Is Dietz gone forever? Was R. T. really a cousin of sorts? And what about Ed?

Sue Grafton's work is always worth reading. I always have a hard time waiting for the next letter to appear. I also play a guessing game, trying to figure out what the next title will be. *X is for X-ray? Xylophone? Xerox? Xmas?*



Volunteer Edna Griffiths and Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte admire donations for the Luck of the Draw Auction.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Brown, Rita Mae/ *The Litter of the Law*
Chiaverini, Jennifer/ *Spymistress*
Childs, Laura/ *Gilt Trip*
Cussler, Clive/ *Mirage*
Deaver, Jeffery/ *The October List*
George, Elizabeth/ *Just One Evil Act*
Gilbert, Elizabeth/ *Signatures of All Things*
Grisham, John/ *Sycamore Row*
Johansen, Iris/ *Silencing Eve*
Khoury, Raymond/ *Rasputin's Shadow*
Kingsbury, Karen/ *Fifteen Minutes*
Lamb, Wally/ *We Are Water*
Mayor, Archer/ *Three Can Keep a Secret*
Paretsky, Sara/ *Critical Mass*
Parker, Robert B./ *Silent Night*
Patterson, Richard North/ *Loss of Innocence*
Pelecanos, George/ *The Double*
Sandford, John/ *Storm Front*
Scottoline, Lisa/ *Accused*
Smith, Wilbur/ *Vicious Circle*
Steel, Danielle/ *Winners*
Turow, Scott/ *Identical*
Wiggs, Susan/ *Candlelight Christmas*
Woods, Stuart/ *Doing Hard Times*
Woodsmall, Cindy/ *Dawn of Christmas*

Non-Fiction

Gladwell, Malcolm/ *David and Goliath*
O'Reilly, Bill/ *Killing Jesus: a memoir*
Steel, Danielle/ *Pure Joy*

SPECIAL EVENTS

(to benefit the Renovation)

The Luck-of-the-Draw Auction will be held on Saturday, November 2 at the American Legion. Over 200 items to tempt you!

The annual Christmas Bazaar will take place at the library on Dec. 6 and 7. Would you like to bake some goodies? Please sign at the circ desk.

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Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

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Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 Luck-of-the-Draw Auction at the American Legion, 9 AM - noon
Nov. 4 "Refreshing the Whodunit" Mystery program, 6 PM
Nov. 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 6 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30
Nov. 7 FOL Executive Board meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 11 Library closed for Veteran's Day
Nov. 13 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 16 Socrates Café, 11 - 1
Nov. 19 Family Story Hour: Crazy Cupcakes! 4:30
Nov. 21 Jazz Concert, 7 PM
Nov. 25 Toddler Time, 10:30
Nov. 27 Library closes at 4 PM for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

Dec. 2 "Refreshing the Whodunit" Mystery program, 6 PM
Dec. 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Dec. 4 Tween the Pages Book club, 4 PM
Dec. 6 & 7 Christmas Bazaar at the Library
Dec. 9 & 23 Toddler Time
Dec. 11 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM
Dec. 17 Family Story Hour: An Evening with Elves, 4:30
Dec. 21 Socrates Café, 11 – 1
Dec. 24 Library closes at 2 PM