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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

The Skowhegan Public Library is having a special used book sale of vintage and valuable books. This 3-day event will begin on Wednesday evening August 9, from 7 – 9 pm. It will continue on Thursday and Friday August 10th and 11th from 11 am – 5 pm. The prices of the books will depend on the estimated value of the books and range from \$1 to over \$1000. Reasonable best offer prices will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Many of the books for sale were withdrawn from the library collection years ago due to their worn condition or the fact that they are outdated or too fragile for public use. A special committee was formed to make recommendations to the trustees concerning the books that have been in storage. Although most of the books in storage will be retained, the committee recommended some books, which were considered no longer useful to the collection, be available to the public for sale. Proceeds from this sale will go to the Skowhegan Public Library Renovation Fund.

The trustees have begun meeting with Sylvanus Doughty to draw up plans to make the Skowhegan Public Library handicap-accessible and to do some needed renovations to the building. This month the front façade of the building is scheduled to be repaired. The mason, Gerald Drake and Co. will be remortaring and repointing the brick work. The library applied for and received a grant of \$3000. from the Morton-Kelly Foundation to help pay for the brick work.

We have also applied to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for more grant money to help with other renovations. We hope that the community will come out and help support they

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library at this special used book sale fundraiser.

Other special events this month are a Contemporary Art Presentation by Cathy Melio on Thursday Aug 3rd at 10:30 am in the Memorial Room. This free event is open to the public and promises to be very enlightening and interesting. And don't forget The Old Time Radio Club. We will be meeting Fridays Aug. 4, 11 and 18th from 10:30-noon. It's a lot of fun. Come and see for yourself. Melissa Gaspar

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

By Katherine LeBlanc

Our summer reading program has reached 107 readers this year! What an amazing number of dedicated readers that we have in Skowhegan!

Our "Letter boxing Scavenger Hunt" held on July 12th was a huge success. Forty eight people participated for a historical scavenger hunt throughout Skowhegan going to such places as Coburn Park, the post office, Superior Court and the swinging bridge just to name a few. We have received wonderful feedback with a hope that we can provide this kind of fun again next year.

The Chewonki Foundation presented from Mice to Moose on the 19th with another 50 children participating in this hands on exhibit of the different types of mammals that reside in Maine. My favorite part was the live bat that was paraded around for the children to see.

Looking forward we are still in search of more organizations, businesses, artists, crafters, musicians etc to set up at the Fall Festival on September 9th from 10-2 in Coburn Park. We had such a spectacular time last year, that I am hoping that we can top it this year. Please pass the word on that this is a FREE festival, although you must bring your own tables and chairs. Please call the library to receive more information.

JULY – AUGUST NEW RELEASES

FICTION:

BARNETT, JILL	<i>THE DAYS OF SUMMER</i>
COONTS, STEPHEN	<i>THE TRAITOR</i>
CUSSLER, CLIVE	<i>BLACK WIND</i>
DAILEY, JANET	<i>CALDER STORM</i>
DEAVER, JEFFERY	<i>THE COLD MOON</i>
EVANOVICH, JANET	<i>TWELVE SHARP</i>
FFORDE, KATIE	<i>RESTORING GRACE</i>
FURST, ALAN	<i>THE FOREIGN</i>
	<i>CORRESPONDENT</i>
LINDSEY, JOHANNA	<i>CAPTIVE OF MY</i>
	<i>DESIRES</i>
LOWELL, ELIZABETH	<i>THE WRONG HOSTAGE</i>
MCCALL SMITH, ALEXANDER	<i>BLUE SHOES</i>
	<i>AND HAPPINESS</i>
MCCULLOUGH, COLLEEN	<i>ON, OFF</i>
MARGOLIN, PHILIP	<i>PROOF POSITIVE</i>
PARKER, ROBERT B.	<i>BLUE SCREEN</i>
REICHS, KATHY	<i>BREAK NO BONES</i>
RICE, LUANNE	<i>SANDCASTLES</i>
SPINDLER, ERICA	<i>COPYCAT</i>
STEEL, DANIELLE	<i>COMING OUT</i>
TROLLOPE, JOANNA	<i>SECOND HONEY</i>
	<i>MOON</i>
UPDIKE, JOHN	<i>TERRORIST</i>

NON-FICTION:

ALBRIGHT, MADELEINE	<i>THE MIGHTY &</i>
	<i>THE ALMIGHTY</i>
COOPER, ANDERSON	<i>DISPATCHES</i>
	<i>FROM THE EDGE</i>
ILIBAGIZA, IMMACULEE	<i>LEFT TO TELL</i>
PHILBRICK, NATHANIEL	<i>MAYFLOWER</i>
RUSSERT, TIM	<i>WISDOM OF OUR</i>
	<i>FATHERS</i>
SANCTON, TOM	<i>SONG FOR MY</i>
	<i>FATHER</i>

Just a reminder:

We are now on our Summer Schedule.

Monday through Friday 10 am- 6 pm

Toddler Program: 6 mo.-3 years old.

2nd and 4th Mondays 10:30 am

Aug. 14th and Aug. 28th

Story Hour and Craft , Wednesdays at 10 am.

WIRELESS INTERNET CONNECTION!

Do you have a laptop, but no connection to the Internet at home? Or do you just need a quiet place to work on your laptop without interruption? The library is the place for you! Just click on to the Internet, choose the library station and put in the password, "readbooks". *Voila*, as the French say. You're all set! Come try it out anytime the library is open.

COMING EVENTS

Contemporary Art Presentation

By Cathy Melio

In the Memorial Room

10:30 am August 3rd

Free Admission

Vintage Book Sale

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm August 9th

11:00 am to 5:00 pm August 10th

11:00 am to 5:00 pm August 11th

Vintage and Valuable books no longer needed in our collection will be sold. Some are in too fragile a condition for regular use by our patrons. Prices from \$1.00 to more than \$1000.00 will depend on the condition of the books and their estimated value. Reasonable best offer prices will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS

The library is happy to accept donations of books from the public, but please call before dropping them off. Readable, saleable books are a welcome asset. If you belong to a book club, but only wish to read a book once, we will be happy to circulate it among our readers. If you have been collecting books for a long time and wish to get rid of some of them, the library may add some to the collection and sell others. However, the library cannot use outdated textbooks or books that are dirty, mangled, moldy or in other kinds of poor condition. The recycling center on Stewart Hill Road has a bin for old books.

Please call 474-9072 before dropping books at the library. Thank you.

BOOK REVIEW

By Marcia Granville

Dragon's Kin by Anne McCaffrey and Todd McCaffrey

Many years ago, my imagination was captured by the dragons of Pern, a planet dreamed up by Anne McCaffrey. The first book about the inhabitants, both human and draconic, of the planet Pern which circled Rukbat, a G-type star in the Sagittarian sector, was published in 1968. Over a dozen more have been written and published since.

Now, for the first time, Anne has invited her son, Todd McCaffrey, to join her in the skies of Pern.

Dragon riders have long scoffed at the notion that watch-whers could be related to their beloved mounts. But they are related and they have unique powers of their own. They can see in the dark, for instance, and can detect bad air in the depths of a coal mine. They could be of immense help to the miners of Natalon, but some of the miners don't believe in them, especially Tarik.

Young Kindan, an aspiring harper, loses his entire family and its watch-pher to a mining accident and is chosen to hatch and train a new watch-pher. This means an end to his hopes for a musical career, but his blind friend, Nuella, assists him in the training of Kisk.

Tarik and his cohorts do their best to undermine everything in Natalon for reasons of their own. Kindan and Nuella learn more about the talents of watch-whers, especially those of Kisk.

Dragon's Kin is filled with the drama, human interaction, tragedy and triumph that characterize all of the books about the planet Pern. It is a fun and fascinating book to read.

FAVORITE AUTHORS

By Marcia Granville

Robin Pilcher is another author that I discovered because of his famous mother, Rosamunde Pilcher. Curious to see whether the son of the woman who wrote *The Shell seekers* could write as well, I purchased *An Ocean Apart*. He can write! He has also written at least two more books; *A Risk Worth Taking* and *Starting Over*. I have enjoyed them all.

New and Renewed Members

Jamie and John Brown,

Elinor Clark,

Melissa Gaspar,

Alan Hartman

Dorothea and Gerald LaCasse

Thanks, everyone.

Visit the library website at:

Find out if we have your favorite authors at: www.skowheganlib.me.us

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- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities.

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Calendar of Events

August

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

August 1 Library Trustee meeting, 6 pm The public is welcome to attend.

August 3 Contemporary Art presentation by Cathy Melio in the library's Memorial Room at 10:30

August 4 Old Time Radio Club 10:30 at the library

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August 14 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

August 18 Old Time Radio Club 10:30 at the library

August 28 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

September

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September 25 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 am in the Children's Room

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