



# The Library Lookout

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## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Blynn Currier

We are still weeding and reclassifying the downstairs section of the library. After this is accomplished, we will start to put our collection on-line. In the meantime the children's collection needs to be reclassified. Boy, I will be glad when this collection is in order.

What a time we had (at the Renaissance Faire) April 23rd. The staff was costumed to perfection, along with Maureen Calder, Corrilla Hastings and Joe Scazzofava. We entertained over 100 people from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. They listened to Joe tell stories, held his swords, made shields, necklaces, parchment paper, stained glass, theatrical masks and much more. Many thanks go out to all who provided juice and cookies for the occasion.

Katherine has been roaming the halls of Skowhegan area schools as "Cat in the Hat" or "Betty Hal the Science Gal". She has presented to over 25 classes and well over 450 kids. Many came in the week of April vacation. It looks like they really were listening.

Diane Drew, Bloomfield Elementary School Librarian, is finishing her internship with us. She has been a tremendous help in reclassifying the collection. Wait until you see the WEB site she has designed for the library. Just another example of the wonderful support we are receiving from our friends. Thank you, Diane.

Milton Christianson's print of the Skowhegan Library have arrived!! Come in to purchase a print for \$30.00, or a postcard for \$1.50. We are also accepting donations to purchase the original to hang in the library. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

## "We'll Miss You"

On May 12th, at the Friends of the Library annual meeting, Corrilla Hastings will turn over her gavel to the new President. She has served the Skowhegan Free Public Library for many years. Her determination, dedication and persistence has inspired Friends of the Library, Trustees and Staff to bring this library up to the standards needed for the 21st century. Her dedication to make the Skowhegan Free Public Library one of the best will always be remembered.

As Library Director, I'd like to thank Corrilla for everything she has done to support this program. Her ideas, enthusiasm, and challenges are what was needed.

Her term of office as President of the Friends of the Library may be over, but we intend to keep her busy as one of our extremely capable volunteers.



Joe Scazzofava shows off his swords at the Renaissance Faire April 23rd.

## ANNUAL FOL DUES

May is the month to pay your annual dues which are so important in helping to fund FOL projects and events for the library. Please make your check payable to FOSFPL, and mail or deliver to the Library. Thank you.

## MAY 22/23 BOOK SALE AND MORE

Do you have some books to donate to the MAY BOOK SALE? We would be happy to receive hard covers or paperbacks, fiction or nonfiction, for children or adults. (Readers' Digest books and text books do not sell, so please avoid them.) Bring your donations to the Hastings' barn at 538 Malbons Mills Road any time. Volunteers have started sorting now, so we would appreciate receiving your books as soon as possible. On the days of the sale, in addition to a barn full of books, we will be selling hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, dessert treats, children's grab bags, and more. Come and show your support for a good cause-----your library!

## MAY FOL MEETING

We are looking forward to hearing FOL member, David Calder, when he entertains us with songs at the May 12 meeting at 7 PM at the library. Please come and bring a friend.

## LIBRARY COOKBOOK

The cookbook is almost ready to go to the printers! After many weeks of collecting, typing, and proofing, we look forward to seeing the finished project soon. Watch for the publication of "Readers' Recipes". Make your Christmas shopping a one-stop effort this year!

## JUNE DANCE

On June 18 from 6 to 8:30, the Friends are sponsoring a dance at the Community Center for students in the 5th through 8th grades. This will be the last dance of the school year, so we're hoping for an enthusiastic response. All proceeds will benefit the Library.

## MEET A TRUSTEE

Someone any family, organization, or community would love to call their own can be found in the person of, Carol Jarvais.

Married to Roger for thirty three years, mother of five grown children, grandmother to five and one more on the way, Carol is proactive in all of the above. From running a daycare for children while her own were young to caring for grandchildren when the opportunity presented itself (three in an eighteen month period) Carol has spent much time devoted to family. Even while continuing to do just that, she has involved herself in different community efforts and other job opportunities.

When youngest son, Craig, was in middle school, Carol was among those in the school halls, first as a substitute and then as an Educational Technician through the Resource Room. After nine years in this capacity, she was back at the home front full time tending to those three grandchildren and "just loving it." While at the middle school, Joe Penley approached her to consider joining the Bloomfield Board of Trustees. She accepted, and along with being a part of the library committee section of the trustees, remained as part of the board for five years. At that time, Carol decided to take a sabbatical from her position on the board to pursue many other interests. After two years she was invited to return and did so wholeheartedly. Today, she not only gives of herself here, but is also a member of the Skowhegan Heritage Council, the GFWC-V Dove Society, and the Lake George Board of Directors. With all of this, Carol still finds time to work part-time as a Marketing Clerk at the Skowhegan Savings Bank Operations Center and enjoy gardening, reading, and biking.

In regard to her role on the Bloomfield Board of Trustees Library Committee, she sees it as being a part of the "behind the scenes" operations of the library rather than the day to day decision making. She also believes her part involves helping to keep things on a positive path by informing more people of what the library has to offer, spreading the word, and encouraging patronage.

Carol feels that there have already been many improvements towards making the atmosphere conducive towards more community involvement. More collaboration between staff, Friends of the Library,



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and the trustees has been a definite plus to that end. The proposed plans for expansion would allow personnel of the library to offer even more.

As a personal message to those who have not been to the library in recent times, she would "encourage (you) to come see the changes and enjoy the atmosphere that is very apparent when you walk through the door."

Carol Jarvais, a gracious and energetic woman is an asset to and a fan of this community and its organizations; not the least of which, is Skowhegan Free Public Library. Thank you, Carol, most graciously.

## 2004 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

### Schedule of Performers

It's only the beginning of May, but we have the children's reading program for the summer already planned, performers scheduled and the Margaret Chase Smith Library reserved for the Planetarium show. Now it's up to you. Read the schedule and mark your children's calendars. They won't want to miss these exciting Wednesday afternoons.

**July 14 Rhythm Inlet** presenting "A World of Drums: the magic of rhythm for the whole family!" sign up is necessary, limit of 35 people. This group uses authentic, handmade instruments. This program is for all ages, abilities and challenges. Learn about and play a collection of exotic drums and percussion instruments. Showtime 1:00 p.m.

**July 21 Joe Scazzofava, Magician.** Joe has donated his time in previous years, most recently at the Renaissance Faire. Joe does a variety of magic tricks. Show time 1:00 p.m.

**July 28 Monica Grabin.** Monica performs a singing history program for all ages. She performs songs and tells tales that will pique their interest. Songs of pioneers, immigrants, women, children, workers on the railroads, in mines, factories and sweatshops. Come sing along and be swept up in the drama of her tales. Show time 1:00 p.m.

**August 11 Judy Pancoast Kids Pop.** Kid pop is a family concert that promotes literacy through music workshops. Judy's event is filled with upbeat, original music. Show time 1:00 p.m.

**August 18 Northern Stars Planetarium.** This presentation has been funded by the Margaret Chase Smith Library, and will be held at the Library itself

due to space constraints. This inflatable star theatre with special effects and a sound system. Space is limited, and sign up is necessary. Show time 1:00 p.m.

**August 25 Annie Wenz performs Music of the World.** Annie is a traveling folk artist who demonstrates instruments and songs from around the world. This will be our year-end party. Audience participation with percussion and indigenous instruments is key to this program. Show time 1:00 p.m.

### Book Review

By Michael Lambke

*Nurses at the Front--Writing the Wounds of the Great War*, edited by Margaret Higonnet

Newly re-released collection of short stories written by two nurses who are also amazingly progressive writers considering they were penned nearly 100 years ago. Using a wry, and occasionally sardonic humor and layered prose, they convey the waste of human life in war. Using their unique view into the soul of humanity they explore both the mundane repetition of life and it's unique qualities for each traveler on their journey. The writing is superb; the content timely given our current war. Had it not been banned in it's time, it may have spawned a radio sitcom like MASH fifty years earlier.

## 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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# Calendar of Events

## MAY

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

May 4 Library Trustee meeting, 4 pm at the library The public is welcome to attend.

May 12 FOL annual meeting at 7 pm There will be election of officers followed by Dave Calder who will entertain us with some of the song he has written. Please come and bring a friend. You will enjoy yourselves.

May 22/23 Book Sale at the Hastings' farm. The barn is full of books and other things. There will be two days to browse through the collection and go home with your favorites. Hotdogs and other goodies will be on sale.

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Friends of the Skowhegan  
Free Public Library  
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**Your Librarians are:**

Library Director Blynn Currier,  
Assistant Librarian François Labonte,  
Children's Librarian Katherine Connell,

**Your Library trustees are:**

Bill Laney, Warren shay,  
Lee Granville, Toni Jo Blaisdell  
And Carol Jarvais

**Friends Officers are:**

Corrilla Hastings, Pres.,

Maureen Calder, Sec.

Corrilla Hastings, treas.