



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat. 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I keep asking myself “who left the freezer door open?” That must be the only explanation for the cold weather we’ve been enduring. As one man said to me “it’s so cold even the dog wants a cup of coffee.” But cheer up, soon we’ll be complaining about the mosquitoes.

I’d like to thank Francoise and Angie for pinch hitting for me while I was on vacation this past month (this is the vacation I’ve been trying to take since September). They kept the library running smoothly while I was away.

January is usually a slower month at the library. We’ve used the time to work on cataloging issues, and updating library policies. I’m looking forward to filing my annual report with the state in February (I winked when I wrote that). It’s all part of the paperwork we have to do in the library business.

Don’t forget, the last meeting of our mystery book club is Monday, February 3rd at 6pm here at the Library. This is the make-up date for the meeting that was cancelled because of bad weather in January.

Be here on February 13th at 6pm as Literary Agent, Jan Kardys, answers the question “You Wrote a Book, Now What?” Jan says “I’m concerned about helping

writers prepare their manuscripts before they submit to a literary agent.” She’ll cover researching the competition and how to do it professionally and effectively; you’ll study the submission guidelines for each agent; you’ll learn about the best query letters and how to write a query letter; you’ll learn how to keep a detailed checklist for self-published authors - what you need to do; and you’ll also talk about self-publishing vs traditional publishing (what to do, and what your book publisher will and won’t do for your book); and you’ll also work with a chart of all the various departments within a publishing company and how you can help them; these, along with other important topics, will be discussed. So, if you’ve ever wondered what it takes to get a book published, or you have a book you’d like to publish, don’t miss this free class.

Also on February 13th from 10-6, the library will be having a Bake and Craft sale. Chuck those New Year’s resolutions to lose weight, and stop by the library for some delicious Valentine’s Day treats (I can already taste the chocolate). You’ll be glad you did!

I’ll leave you with this thought; “love keeps the cold out better than a cloak”
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Until Next Month, Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

January is always an exciting time in youth literature with the announcements from the American Library Association of the Youth Media Award winners. For a children's librarian, this is kind of like the "Superbowl." This year we had some excellent books take center stage. The three categories that I am most interested in are Printz Award, the Newbery Award, and the Caldecott Award. The Printz Award goes to the best book written in the previous year for young adults, the Newbery Award is awarded to the best children's book, and the Caldecott is awarded to the picture book with the best illustrations. This year's winners are as follows:

Printz Award: Midwinter Blood by Marcus Sedgwick.

Newbery Award: Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

Caldecott Award: Locomotive by Brian Floca

For a complete list of all the winning books in each category, visit the ALA Youth Media Awards website. The winning books (as well as the honor books) will be ordered and added to our library collection, so keep an eye out for them to be hitting the shelves soon!

Also, this month, the voting starts for all kids who want to help choose the Maine Student Book Award Book. The Skowhegan Library will be taking votes of any kids in grades 4 – 8 who want to make their voices heard. April 1st, voting closes and the winners will be announced. Want to know more about any of the books on the list or how to vote? Come in and talk to Miss Angie or visit <http://msba.umeedu.maine.edu/>

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day this month with a Valentine's Day "Craft"ernoon on Saturday, February 8th from 10:30 – 1:00. There will be lots of "love"ly crafts for the kids to make and take home. So join us here at the library for a fun time!

Miss Angie's Wish List:

Tissues
Crepe Paper/Streamers -- Red and other assorted colors
Copy Paper
Ziplock Baggies -- assorted sizes
New and/or Gently used children's DVDs

LIBRARY LUNCHES

The Friends of the Library are making plans for the annual "Library Lunches" on Friday, April 18.

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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Please complete this form and mail to:
Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street,
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Name _____
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Tel. # _____
E-Mail Address _____

Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Chiaverini, Jennifer/ *Mrs. Lincoln's Rival*
 Childs, Laura/ *Eggs in a Casket*
 Cook, Robin/ *Cell*
 Cornwell, Bernard/ *The Pagan Lord*
 Fisher, Suzanne Woods/ *The Calling*
 Gardner, Lisa/ *Fear Nothing*
 Higgins, Jack/ *The Death Trade*
 Kidd, Sue Monk/ *The Invention of Wings*
 Knott, Robert/ *Robert Parker's Bull River*
 Koontz, Dean/ *Innocence*
 Krentz, Jayne Ann/ *River Road*
 Margolin, Phillip/ *Worthy Brown's Daughter*
 Patterson, James/ *First Love*
 Quindlen, Anna/ *Still Life With Bread Crumbs*
 Rankin, Ian/ *Saints of the Shadow Bible*
 Robards, Karen/ *Hunted*
 Rollins, James/ *Innocent Blood*
 Taylor, Brad/ *The Polaris Protocol*
 Woods, Stuart/ *Standup Guy*

NON-FICTION

Divine, Mark/ *The Way of the Seal*



A Thursday night Jazz Concert at the library

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

There will be a Book Discussion Series offered at the Margaret Chase Smith Library on the first Mondays of the month from March 3rd to June 2nd. Facilitated by Dave Richards, the books included will be *When We Were the Kennedys* by Monica Wood, *Margaret Chase Smith: Woman of Courage* by Frank Graham, *The Spy Who Came in From the Cold* by John LeCarre and *October 1964* by David Halberstam. For more information, please call 474 7133.

RENOVATION FUNDRAISERS

We're looking forward to the annual Library Lawn Sale on May 17 & 18. In addition to the usual lawn sale treasures, we're hoping for some bigger items such as chairs, tables, etc. (no appliances, please). We can store them during the winter if that would help.

Meanwhile, do come to our Valentine's Day Bake and Craft Sale at the library on February 13 from 10 to 6!



Hurry, or we'll be late for the Valentines Bake Sale!

Don't you be late, or you'll miss all the deals!

Skowhegan Free Public Library is having a Bake and Craft Sale on Thursday, Feb. 13th from 10 to 6

Get Crafts and Sweets for your Sweetie!

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

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

FEBRUARY

Feb. 3 Make-up date for "Refreshing the Whodunit" 6 PM at SFPL
Feb. 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 5 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30
Feb. 8 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
Feb. 8 Valentine's Day Crafternoon, 10:30 – 1:00
Feb. 10 & 24 Toddler Time, 10:30
Feb. 12 Renovation Committee meeting, 1 PM
Feb. 13 Valentine Bake & Craft Sale at the library, 10 to 6
Feb. 13 New Authors Seminar with literary agent, Jan Kardys, 6 PM
Feb. 17 Library closed for Presidents' Day
Feb. 18 Family Story Hour, Dragons, 4:30
Feb. 20 Reader's Theater 1:30 - 3:00 (Students in grades 2-5)
Feb. 20 Jazz Concert, 7 PM

MARCH

March 1 Dr. Seuss Day
March 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
March 5 Tween the Pages Book Club (Students in grades 5-8), 4 – 5:30
March 8 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
March 10 & 24 Toddler Time, 10:30
March 12 Renovation Committee meeting, 1 PM
March 18 Family Story Hour, Pancake Pandemonium!
March 20 Jazz Concert, 7 PM