



The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

This month, I'd like to introduce you to two library degree student volunteers with whom we've had the pleasure of working. I've asked both of them to tell you a little bit about themselves. The first, Kim Nelson, says that:

As a child I attended five different elementary schools by the fifth grade and the first place I always located in school was the library. As I grew I sought out my local public libraries as well. I would save all my allowance money to purchase books. When my family moved to Maine, my first job was at the local bookstore. After raising my family, I was lucky enough to return to work at that same bookstore until it closed. I decided to continue my love of books and helping people by pursuing my library degree. My classes focused on a variety of aspects of the library field including technology. Librarians have always been at the forefront of making sure information is available to all who seek it. This is something I truly believe. Through my internship and volunteer experience, I am able to help patrons in their quest for information. I look forward to my career as a librarian now that I have my B.S in Information and Library Science."

The second, Hannah Luce, says she has joined the library team as an intern for several weeks this summer. She is working

toward her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Rutgers University and is excited to be learning about all aspects of public librarianship. She goes on to say that her areas of interest include adult and child literacy, and reference services. My thanks to both of these enthusiastic volunteers for their willingness to learn new library procedures and techniques, and their hard work.

Our annual library yard sale was a roaring success. We couldn't have done it without your help, your donations, or your purchases. These funds are a big help, as we continue to raise money to complete the basement renovations.

I can't stress enough the importance of coming to **TOWN MEETING** this year. We really need your help. Please be at the town hall on **June 8th at 7pm** to show your support, and to vote to pass our article in the town budget (we're number 32) Funding from the town is critical to keeping the library operational 52 weeks a year. Please mark this down on your calendar.

I'll leave you with this thought; "when I read about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that American society has found one more way to destroy itself." Isaac Asimov

Until Next Month - Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Calling all Super Readers!

The Every Hero Has a Story summer reading program is gearing up and sign-ups will begin on June 8th. We are inviting all kids ages 2 to 12 to participate. It's an 8 week long program that begins on June 23rd and is aimed at keeping kids engaged in reading and learning all summer long. Registering your kids is as simple as coming in to the library to fill out a sign-up sheet. (The first 100 kids get a free bag with goodies!) The kids who sign up will keep track of their weekly reading all eight weeks, and for each week they fulfill their goal, they get a prize. It's that easy. Last year, our participants read 1,481 books. Let's see if we can beat that this year!

In addition to reading for prizes, we also offer weekly storytimes and weekly family programs. Our summer storytimes will be all about everyday heroes. We will have guest readers like fire fighters, doctors, EMTs, and police officers. These storytimes will take place every Wednesday at 10:00. Our family programs are a lot of fun activities that are open and free to all. Some of the programs are here at the library and others are out and about in the community. All of these programs are on Tuesdays and the descriptions of them can be found on our website and on our Facebook page. Schedules of programs will be going out to Skowhegan kids in grades K-5 within the next couple of weeks or you can pick one up at the library when you register your child/children.

Because we have so much going on during the summer in conjunction with our summer reading program, we want to remind you that our Toddler Time, Family Story Hour, and Tween the Pages Book Club ended in May. These programs will pick back up in the fall.

I would like to say a special thank you to Amari Meisner who donated \$105 to the summer reading program. Amari is sponsoring two of the Tuesday family programs and we are very grateful for her generosity! She is a true "everyday hero!"

Wish List for the Children's Room

White cardstock
Tissues
Small prizes for the summer reading program



Amari Meisner, "Everyday Hero"

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 _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
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

Andrews, Mary Kay/ *Beach Town*
Atkins, Ace/ *Robert B. Parker's Kickback*
Bond, Larry/ *Lash Up*
Boyle, Gerry/ *Once Burned*
Child, Lincoln/ *The Forgotten Room*
Cussler, Clive/ *Piranha*
Deaver, Jeffery/ *Solitude Creek*
DeMille, Nelson/ *Radiant Angel*
Haruf, Kent/ *Our Souls at Night*
Hunter, Stephen/ *Ripper*
Jackson, Lisa/ *Never Die Alone*
Johnson, Craig/ *Dry Bones*
Lescroart, John T./ *The Fall*
Martini, Steve/ *The Enemy Inside*
Monroe, Mary Alice/ *The Summer's End*
Oates, Joyce Carol/ *Jack of Spades*
Page, Katherine Hall/ *The Body in the Birches*
Palmer, Michael/ *Trauma*
Thayer, Nancy/ *The Guest Cottage*
White, Karen/ *The Sound of Glass*

NON-FICTION

McCullough, David/ *The Wright Brothers*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

Gerald and Dorothea LaCasse
Mark and Lynn Perry
Kathleen Hughes
Norman and Patricia Dickey
Allen and Janet Mayhew
Robert and Gloria Nicholson
Patsy Miller

FOL NEWS

Organized by the Friends of the Library, a **Golf Tournament** will be held on July 11, 2015 at the Lakewood Golf Course starting at 1 PM. The cost of \$44.00 includes lunch and lots of prizes, including the chance to win a car!

Come support the Skowhegan Free Public Library and have fun!

HANDMADE ITEMS NEEDED for RIVER FEST CRAFT FAIR Saturday, August 8, 2015

The Renovation Committee is asking for handmade items for this next major fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards the construction of the elevator. Please help!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patricia Dickey at 474 2769 or Judy Bowzer at 474 8992.

Reminder:

The **Returnable Bottles and Cans** drive is ongoing. Please continue to either take your recyclables to EMTEEZ and ask the clerk to retain the money for the Library, or take them to any other recycling center and bring or send the money to the library. Thank you!

ANNUAL LIBRARY LAWN SALE

The Annual Lawn/Barn Sale held on May 15 and 16 was a huge success with the final total raised of \$2,148! Thank you to everyone who contributed items and also to the individuals who helped sort, price and transport the leftovers to be sold at another **Barn Sale** to be held on June 27 at 108 Lakewood Road (Route 201 north of Skowhegan) from 9 to 3.



Bonnie Chamberlain and Dottie LaCasse sell some "treasures" at the recent Library Lawn Sale

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte

Your Library Trustees:

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Corrilla Hastings, Carol Jarvais,
Sara McCabe, Lynn Perry,
Lynda Quinn, Warren Shay
Ex Officio: FOL Chair

Friends officers:

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

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

JUNE

June 2 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM

June 3 Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM

June 8 Registration for Summer Reading Program begins

June 8 Skowhegan Town meeting, 7 PM

June 10 Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM

June 23 Summer Reading Kickoff – Buster B. Concert at Coburn Park, 11:30

June 27 Barn Sale for Library Renovation, 108 Lakewood Rd. (Rt. 201 north of Skowhegan), 9 to 3.

June 30 Nature's Heroes at the LC Bates Museum, 10:30

June 30 Youth Mental Health First Aid, 9 AM to 6 PM

JULY

July 3 Library closed for holiday

July 7 Women Can Be Heroes Too! at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 10 AM

July 7 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM

July 8 Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM

July 11 Golf Tournament at Lakewood, 1 PM

July 14 Maine author/Illustrator visit, Kevin Hawkes, 10:30 AM (Books will be on sale at the events)

July 21 Superheroes to the Rescue, 4:30 PM

July 28 Tales of Heroism and Nonsense Puppet Show, 10 AM