



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Saturday, 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

All these wind gusts lately have reminded me of childhood days of kite flying. Who doesn't remember buying a kite for a nickel or dime, sliding the balsa wood slats through the corner holders, attaching the string then running down a field to get it aloft. What a great feeling of exhilaration you experienced as you saw the kite dancing in the wind. Just look out though for Charlie Brown's kite eating tree!

Our art show reception and exhibit was a great success. About 40 people came by to admire local artists' work. The items will be on display in the new basement area for about a month. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the work will benefit the library. My thanks to the artists for allowing us to display their creations.

The new conference tables have been placed in the downstairs conference room. They look great! Thanks once again to our Library Friends group for their generous donation.

We're beginning to shift some of our collection in anticipation of renovation work resuming in the next couple of months. Part of this movement, will be merging some of our collection that has been stored in the mezzanine, back into one collection. If you happen to notice a bigger large print collection, and also a larger Maine non-fiction collection, then you're seeing some of

these changes. As always, if you can't find an item please just ask. We'll be more than happy to help you out.

To honor our GREAT library volunteers during national volunteer week (April 10th – April 16th), the library will be having a luncheon for them on Friday, April 15th from 1 to 2pm. During this time, the library will be closed so that volunteers and staff can spend time together without interruption. If you see one of our volunteers that week, please take a moment to say thanks. They're not paid, but they're precious!

Can you say "Green Thumb?" If so, then you need to be here on April 9th from 10am to 3pm for our Garden Fever workshops. Learn from some of the best. There's no cost for these workshops. We'll be breaking for lunch though, so brown bag a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

The library will be closed on April 18th for Patriot's Day. Patriot's Day is a holiday celebrated in New England only. It commemorates the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War.

Author Derek Volk will be here on April 21st at 6:30pm (note the date change from April 6th to April 21st), to talk about his book "Chasing the Rabbit." In it, Derek shares his experiences raising a son on the Autism spectrum. Both Derek and son Dylan write about the challenges, triumphs and coping strategies from Dylan's early days, to adolescent years, to life in the "real world" as a young adult.

Until Next Month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

If you see pinwheels out front at the library it is because April is Child Abuse Prevention month and a pin wheel is a symbol of childhood innocence. The children's library, in collaboration with KV CAP, will be celebrating all month long. Every Wednesday at 10:15 we will be hosting a special storytime with a local first-responder as a guest reader. We hope that you will bring your preschoolers out for a story, an activity and a quick hello with some friendly men and women who are always there to help us out. This month long celebration ends with Skowpendous Family Fun Night on April 22nd, from 5:00 – 7:30. This is a free event for family with games, food, prizes, music, activities and giveaways. I will be there handing out free books, so make sure you come and see me.

We also have some fun activities going on this month during April Vacation. Tuesday, we have Family Story Hour at 4:30, Wednesday is our storytime at 10:15, Thursday evening we will be having our 2nd Teen Regression Session (for High School Students) from 4:00 – 6:00, and Friday we will be at Skowpendous Family Fun Night.

Looking ahead to this summer, we are beginning to plan and prep for our Summer Reading Program. We are still in need of prizes for kids who meet their weekly reading goals. Thanks to some generous donations, we have a start, but we are still looking to collect more. These prizes can be anything from sidewalk chalk, to an art kit, to bubbles, to silly putty, to temporary tattoos. We are basically looking for any new and non-food item that can be used as a reward for children between the ages of 2-12. If you have more questions or can help us out, please give Miss Angie a call at 474-9072.

Looking even further ahead, we would like to start a Lego Club at the library next school year. The kids have spoken, and we have heard-but in order to do this we need Legos! Any Lego pieces (whether they are kits or just random Legos new or used) will do. If your workplace or family could sponsor or donate a Lego kit or container of Legos, we would be very appreciative. We will take your Lego donations starting any time!

CHILDREN'S WISH LIST

Legos, Prizes for Summer Reading Program, tissues and disinfecting wipes



Miss Angie & Olivia at Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration

New & Renewed FOL Memberships

Sheila Robbins

Elaine Cannell

Carol Ann & Wesley Lam

Mary & Alan Burgess

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

FOL NEWS

April 15th is FOL Lunches Day. Hope you've ordered one of those delicious homemade bag lunches! Volunteers have been busily preparing for the event, and even more willing helpers will be making and delivering the sandwiches! This fundraiser goes a long way in purchasing much-needed items for the Library.

April is FOL dues month. Please send your annual membership dues to the Library.

The Friends Executive Board has three new members. Welcome to Chelsey Carrier, JoEllen Gifford and Hannah Luce!

ANNUAL LAWN SALE

The Annual Lawn Sale will be held this year on both Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 at the Hastings' barn at 538 Malbons Mills Road. Donations of furniture, tools, toys, and household goods are being accepted now either at the library or at the barn. (Please call 474 3949) All proceeds will go towards the ELEVATOR ADDITION!

SWEDISH WEAVING CLASS

Elsa Apetz will present a Swedish Weaving Class starting on Wednesday, April 20 at 10AM and continuing on the following two Wednesday mornings. Pre-registration is required as the number is limited, so please call the library today!

GARDEN FEVER DAY

A day of Garden Workshops will be held at the library on Saturday, April 9 from 10 to 3. Sponsored by the Bloomfield Garden Club along with the Library Renovation Committee, the event's subjects will include:

- Vegetable Gardening
- Cooking with Herbs
- Growing Perennials
- Flowering Shrubs

Please call the library for more details.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Ballantyne, Lisa/ *Everything She Forgot*
- Benjamin, Melanie/ *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*
- Brunstetter, Wanda/ *The Restoration*
- Carey, M.R./ *Girl With All the Gifts*
- Childs, Laura/ *Devonshire Scream*
- Cussler, Clive/ *The Gangster*
- Dams, Jeanne M./ *Blood Will Tell*
- Deaver, Jeffery/ *The Steel Kiss*
- Greene, Vanessa/ *The Vintage Teacup Club*
- Griffando, James/ *Gone Again*
- Jance, J.A./ *Clawback*
- Kinghorn, Judith/ *The Memory of Lost Senses*
- Parker, T. Jefferson/ *Crazy Blood*
- Punk, Michael/ *The Revenant*
- Mitchard, Jacquelyn/ *Two If By Sea*
- Rendell, Ruth/ *Dark Corners*
- Sawyer, Robert J./ *Quantum Night*
- Steele, Danielle/ *Property of a Noble Woman*
- Thompson Robert/ *Katherine Carlyl*

NON-FICTION

- Harmain, Claire/ *Charlotte Bronte*
- Robertson, Robin/ *100 Best Vegan Recipes*



at the Library Art Show

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Your librarians:

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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

APRIL

April 5 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
April 6 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30
April 7 Transition Skowhegan Group, 6 PM
April 9 Garden Fever Day, 10 AM to 3 PM in the Memorial Room
April 9 Socrates Café discussion group, 11AM to 1PM in the Meeting Room
April 13 Your Government, Your Neighbor, 10 AM – noon
April 15 Library Volunteer Luncheon, 1 to 2 PM. Library closed during this hour.
April 18 Library closed for Patriot's Day
April 19 Family Story Hour: Frogs and Fun, 4:30 to 5:30
April 20 Swedish Weaving Class, 10 AM - today and the next two Wednesday mornings
April 20 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM
April 21 Author Talk, 6:30 PM "Chasing the Rabbit" by Derek Volk
April 21 Teen Regression Session (for High School students), 4 to 6 PM
April 22 Come see Miss Angie at Skowpendous Family Fun Night, (Municipal parking lot) 5 – 7:30
April 25 Let's Talk About it Book Club, 6PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library

MAY

May 3 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
May 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30
May 5 Transition Skowhegan Group, 6 PM
May 10 Your Government, Your Neighbor, 10 AM – noon
May 11 Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM
May 14 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 AM to 1 PM
May 17 Family Story Hour: Dirt Don't Hurt! 4:30 to 5:30
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May 30 Library closed for Memorial Day

