



The Library Lookout

January 2018

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207 474 9072

Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat. - 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Well, it looks like we got our white Christmas after all. I hope you all had a great holiday season. I know I did, celebrating with family and friends. It doesn't get any better than that!

We've had a great month in December. Our Holiday Bazaar was very successful, our children's programming reached many young people, and the library was busy hosting a variety of groups. Lots of people in and out. The cold weather didn't dampen their spirits.

If you haven't gotten a chance to stop by and ride the elevator yet, you don't know what you're missing. What a simple and convenient way to get from floor to floor. You can even gain access from the outside of the building. Just follow the paved walkway to the elevator tower door. Handicapped? There are two designated handicapped parking areas behind the library. Just look for the signs.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is sponsoring craft classes this winter. Beginning January 11th at 10am, Billie Sherman will teach students how to do card embroidery, make jewelry, fuse glass, etc. These are free classes that are offered each month, with all materials furnished for the student. Sign up is required in order to ensure class size isn't too large, and that

enough craft material is on hand. Call the library at 474-9072 to get your name on the list, or stop by during regular business hours. Due to unpredictable winter weather, classes may be postponed to another date. As a rule of thumb, the library is closed if MSAD54 is closed.

The library is experiencing some problems with the heat in the basement level. We have placed a number of electric heaters to help combat the cold. Even with them, the space can be a little chilly. The parts needed for the basement heating units have to be factory built, so this is taking some time. Please be patient. Your comfort is very important to us.

We're having an art show open house, in the basement level of the library, on Thursday, January 4th from 6 to 8pm. The artist being featured is the late Marion Sherman of Skowhegan. Her family has graciously consented to allow us to hold a silent auction of her paintings on display to benefit the library, and the Wesserunsett Arts Council. Any bid will be accepted. Highest bidder will of course take the painting home.

Don't forget, the library will be closed January 1st for New Year's Day, and also January 15th, for Martin Luther King Day.

Until next month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

Did you know that 68% of America's fourth graders do not read at a proficient level? How about the fact that one out of six children who do not read at age level by the end of third grade will not graduate from high school? Were you aware that children who are read to 3 times a week or more are twice as likely to be in the top 25% of their class? It's clear that reading is extremely important. Reading to your child builds vocabulary and pre-literacy skills that can help translate to reading. So if reading to or with your child is not a daily habit, maybe now is the time to make it one. January is the time of year when many people make New Year's resolutions. We all get a fresh start and new clean sheet to begin again. Is reading with your child more, a resolution for you? If not, maybe it should be.

We had a busy month in December. Over 120 kids visited during the Holiday Stroll to pick out a new book donated by Kristine Rinaldi. Tween the Pages met and did collaborative art pieces. The high schoolers had their Regression Session and celebrated the holidays with a potluck, a Yankee Swap, and gingerbread house decorating. Even our youngest patrons got in on the holiday fun with a special cookie storytime where we read about cookies and then got to decorate and eat some!



Emerson enjoys her Christmas cookie after our cookie themed Storytime



*Library tree at Redington Memorial Home
Decorated by Judy McCarthy, Judy Whittemore,
Virginia Petruzielo and Pat Dickey*

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

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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

FOL FUNDRAISERS

Holiday Bazaar raised: \$823!

EMTEEZ recent refunds: \$310
HANNAFORD donation box: \$148
All funds will benefit the library!

THANK YOU

“COMING SOON”!

May Lawn Sale: May 18 & 19

As you clean out those closets on a cold winter's day, please remember the annual Library Lawn Sale!



Josie and Breanna

JOSIE AND BREANNA JOIN LIBRARY STAFF

You probably have noticed that the Library has welcomed two new Library Assistants to its staff in recent months. Both Breanna Bussell and Josie Pease work from 2 to 6 each afternoon.

Breanna lives in Harmony, is a graduate of Dexter High School, and has finished two years at University of Maine in Farmington. Usually seen at the main circ desk, she also lends a hand to Angie upstairs in the children's area when needed. She has always loved reading and especially likes to interact with patrons and help them select material that interests them.

Josie has been working downstairs in the computer area and genealogy room since November. She lives in Lexington Township and attended Carrabec high school. She has recently graduated from Farmington, majoring in anthropology. During college she worked at the university library, and is now especially enjoying our wonderful genealogy collection. She is happy to help patrons with their genealogical searches.

Please stop by and welcome these two members of the staff. Ask Breanna for suggestions of a good book to read, and consult Josie about finding more about your relatives from the past.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Bunn, Davis/ *Firefly Cove*
Chiaverini, Jennifer/ *Enchantress of Numbers*
Crais, Robert/ *The Wanted*
Gabaldon, Diana/ *Seven Stones to Stand or Fall* (LP)
Griffin, W.E.B./ *Death at Nuremberg*
Higgins, Kristan/ *Now That You Mention It*
Jaeger, Meredith/ *The Dressmaker's Dowry*
Johnson, Fenton/ *The Man Who Loved Birds*
Mayer, Archer/ *Trace*
Morgan, Robert/ *Chasing the North Star*
Nathan, Amy Sue/ *Left to Chance*
North, Claire/ *The End of the Day*
Roberts, Nora/ *Year One*
Rollins, James/ *The Demon Crown*
Rushdie, Salman/ *The Golden House*
Sullivan, J. Courtney/ *Saints for all Occasions*

NON FICTION

Beavan, Colin/ *How to be Alive*
Grant, Adam/ *Original*
Harper, Bob/ *The Super Carb Diet*
Purnell, Sonia/ *Clementine* (Biography)
Sobel, Dava/ *The Glass Universe*
Souza, Pete/ *Obama*
Szerlip, B. Alexandra/ *The Man Who Designed the Future* (Biography)

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Library Staff

Library Director: Dale Jandreau
Youth Services Librarian: Angie Herrick
Library Assistants: Francoise LaBonte,
Breanna Bussell & Josie Pease

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Co Chairs: Bonnie Chamberlain & David James
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

JANUARY

Jan. 1 Library closed for the New Year's Holidays
Jan. 2 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM
Jan. 3 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30 (for students in grades 6 – 8)
Jan. 4 Art Show Open House, 6 to 8 PM. View Marion Sherman's work
Jan. 4 Transition Skowhegan meeting, 6 PM
Jan. 8 Let's Talk About It book group, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
Jan. 9 Lego Club Jr, 3:15 – 4:15 (for students in grades 1 – 3)
Jan. 9 Lego Club, 4:30 – 5:30 (for students in grades 4 – 6)
Jan. 10 FOL Executive Board meeting, 4 PM
Jan. 11 Card embroidery with Billie Sherman, 10 AM
Jan. 13 Socrates Cafe discussion group, 11 AM to 1 PM
Jan. 15 Library closed for Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 25 Card embroidery with Billie Sherman, 10 AM

FEBRUARY

Feb. 6 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 7 Tween the Pages Book Club at 4:00 (for middle school students)
Feb. 8 Jewelry making with Billie Sherman, 10 AM
Feb. 10 Socrates Cafe discussion group, 11 AM to 1 PM
Feb. 16 High School Regression Session, 6 to 8:30 (for high school students)
Feb. 19 Library closed for President's Day

Feb. 20 Slime Making, 1 to 3 (all children under 10 must have an adult helper)

Feb. 22 Jewelry making with Billie Sherman, 10 AM

Feb. 22 Lego Afternoon, 3 to 4:30

Feb. 23 LC Bates Museum presents: INSECTS, 10:30 AM