



The Library Lookout

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Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

Adult

Fiction

Karon	<i>A Common Life</i>
Tyler	<i>Back When We Were Grownups</i>
Smith	<i>Warlock</i>
Michaels	<i>Pride and Passion</i>
Woods	<i>Cold Paradise</i>
Deaver	<i>The Blue Nowhere</i>

Non-Fiction

Nguyen	<i>The Unwanted</i>
Somers	<i>Eat, Cheat and Melt the Fat</i>
Ellis	<i>Founding Brothers</i>
Royko	<i>For the Love of Mike</i>
Northrup	<i>The Wisdom of Menopause</i>

Children

Wells	<i>Felix Feels Better</i>
Creech	<i>The Wanderer</i>
St. George	<i>So You Want To Be President</i>
Peck	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>
Curtis	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Jim Foster

LAWN SALE - MAY 19

We still need items for the Friends of the Library Lawn Sale on May 19. This will be part of the Cornville Nine-Mile Yard Sale, and the Friends sale will be on the Hastings' front yard as it was last year. Call Marcia Granville (474-7207) or Corrilla Hastings (474-3949) for pick-up, or bring items any time to the Hastings' barn.

SUMMER READING CLUB 2001

Instead of oral book reports, this year the Summer Reading Club for children will consist of activities organized on a point system. Each child who registers for the program will receive two copies of the Reading Club Chart, one to keep at home and the other to leave at the library. Listed on the chart are forty-five different activities with a specific number of points assigned to each. Examples are: "Read a book by your favorite author, ten points; Read an historical novel, fifteen points; Read a tall tale, four points". During the summer, titles of books and points are recorded on the back of the chart. When seventy-five points have been accumulated, the child may choose a prize from the library prize box. After one hundred fifty points, the reader will receive a paperback book and an invitation to an ice cream party in August. Books should be at the appropriate reading level, and children who are not yet reading on their own may have books read aloud to them. All children age four and up are invited to register for SUMMER READING CLUB 2001. The starting date is June 18 and the program will run until August 10.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

The Wednesday afternoon programs for children, beginning on July 11, will consist of six fun presentations by willing volunteers. They include: **Living Treasurers From the Sea** by Kristine Rinaldi, **Discovering Pond Life** by Warren Balgooyen, **Magic Show** by Joe Scozzafava, **Skowhegan Children 100 Years Ago** by Vanessa Caron, **Beavers - Furry Wetland Engineers** by the L.C. Bates Museum, and **Crafting With Wonderful Stuff** by Debora Barter. Fliers will be available soon upstairs in the Children's Room.

LIBRARY PARTICIPATES IN TV TURN-OFF WEEK

April 23 to 27 was the week designated for children to turn off the TV and find alternative activities to enjoy in their spare time. In support of this program, on April 25 the library hosted a reading and craft hour after school for children from the North Elementary School.

WEEDING WORKSHOP

Bill Laney, chairman of the Library Trustees, has announced that a representative from the Maine State Library will come to the Skowhegan Library to present a free Weeding Workshop. The date is Thursday, June 14 from 3 to 5:30. Anyone who would like to attend this workshop is asked to contact Bill or Helen Shaw, as registration will be limited to 12 people. After volunteers are trained, work will begin on weeding old and unused titles from the library shelves.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Another announcement by chairman Bill Laney concerns future Library Trustee meetings. They will be open meetings (except when confidential matters such as personnel discussions may require a closed session) and will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 PM at the library.

GARDEN TOUR TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the July 21 Skowhegan Area Garden Tour are now on sale at the Library, the Town Office, the Chamber of Commerce building, Boynton's Greenhouse, or by calling Marcia Granville (474-7207). At the same time, remember to make your reservation for the "Gourmet Lunch" to be served at the Methodist Church.

FOL ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library will take place at the Library on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 PM. Elections for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer will be held. Following the business meeting, there will be a program of book reviews by area readers of all ages.

TABITHA KING TO SPEAK AT FOML CONFERENCE

The Friends of Maine Libraries (FOML), of which the Friends of Skowhegan Free Public Library is a member, announced on May 6 that Tabitha King, the wife of author Stephen King and a well-known supporter of the Maine Library community, will be the keynote speaker at the 10th Annual FOML Conference.

The Conference will be held on Friday, September 28, 2001, at the Senator Inn and Conference Center in Augusta.

The theme for this year's conference is "The Book in the New Millenium." The FOML website (www.friendsofmainelibraries.org/organizations/foml) explains the choice of topic:

"Everyone involved with libraries is watching closely the changes occuring in book publishing and distribution.

"What is the future of the handheld memory-chip-powered "E-Book?"

"Will reading books on-line catch on? Is there a place in the future for traditional publishers? bookstores?... (gasp) ... libraries?

"We don't promise answers, but the speakers and workshops will narrow the questions, and report on the latest developments."

Based upon feedback from conference attendees, this year's conference format will be revised somewhat to permit attendees to spend more time visiting exhibits. And big, clear signs will lead you through the Senator labyrinth to workshop sessions!

Friends interested in attending or wanting more information should contact Jim Foster (jfoster@somtel.com, 474-2589). Hopefully Skowhegan will have a good representation.

Back issues of the Library Lookout, links to library and reference sites, and other useful material can be found on our Skowhegan Friends website:

mainetoday.koz.com/maine/friends

Book Reviews

By Marcia Granville

Anne McCaffrey, *The Tower and the Hive*

If you are in the mood for intrigue, politics and fantasy with a little science fiction thrown into the mixture, you will probably like almost anything Anne McCaffrey has written. Most of her books take place on planets or in space far from Earth. *The Tower and the Hive* is the latest in a series that center around the family of a telepath called The Rowan. Her world is peopled with those who have *talent* and those who do not. The *talent* takes several forms of which telepathy is only one. Needless to say, there is jealousy, suspicion and conflict arising from those who lack *talent*. In the meantime, there are alien life forms that threaten invasion of Earth and her space colonies.

Robin Pilcher, *An Ocean Apart*

For a satisfying visit to a more familiar world, *An Ocean Apart* will transport you from Scotland to New York and back again. David Costorphine is struggling to come to terms with the death of his wife as well as raise three children and run a business. This book could be classed as a romance but with a major difference. A man writes it from a man's point of view. The characters are likable, with the exception of a certain few, and they are entirely believable, as is the plot. Like *The Tower and the Hive*, this book also contains elements of intrigue involving an enemy invasion.

(Robin Pilcher is the son of Rosamunde Pilcher who wrote *The Shell Seekers*.)

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WINTER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ADULT	1-8:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

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, individuals, \$8, Seniors & Students, and \$15, for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings (474-3949).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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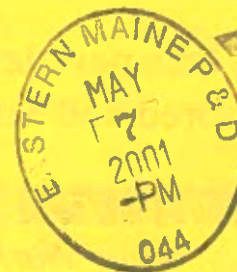
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 9 Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Annual Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Library. (Election of Officers. Book Reviews.)
- May 15 Book Discussion Group, *As We Are Now*, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Library.
- May 16 Garden Lecture: Warren Balgooyen, Native Plants and Water Gardens. 7:00 PM. at the Library.
- May 19 Lawn Sale. All day at the Hastings.
- June 5 Library Trustees Meeting. 4:00 PM at the Library.
- June 12 Book Discussion Group, *The Beans of Egypt, Maine*, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Library.
- June 14 Weeding Workshop, 3-5:30 PM at the Library. See page two for details.
- June 18 Beginning of Summer Reading Club for children. See page one for details.
- July 3 Library Trustees Meeting. 4:00 PM at the Library.
- July 11 Wednesday afternoon program for children. See page one for details.
- July 18 Wednesday afternoon program for children. See page one for details.
- July 21 Skowhegan Area Garden Tour, 10:00-5:00. beginning at Centenary United Methodist Church, Dr. Mann Road.



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