



Wish List

We'd like books on tape, software for ages 3-8. We wish the world was as full of nice people as we have in Skowhegan and we wish you a happy holiday and time to curl up with a good book.

HOLIDAY DELIGHTS

Children

Videos:

Jingle Bells Sing-a-long
A Christmas Carol
The Christmas Visit

Books:

Light the Lights
Herschel and the Hanukkah Goblins
Celebrate our Jewish Holidays
Christmas in the big house

Adults

Holiday Food Fun
Miss Read's Village Christmas
A Different Kind of Christmas...Alex Haley
Our Christmas Story...Billy Graham

Your Librarians are Helen Shaw, Francoise Labonte, Lois Moody and Thelma Butler

Your Library Trustees are Warren Shay, Carol Jarvais, Betsey Hall, Kathy Dorko, Toni Blaisdell and Rick Anzelc
Friends Officers are Jim Hastings, Pres., Mary Davies, V.P., Marcia Granville, Sec. and Hilma Millett, Treas.

CORRECTIONS

The new step railings will be made of metal, not of wood, as we mistakenly reported last month.

The book discussion group meets at 7 pm the first Monday of each month, not at 6:30.

The Library Lookout

December 1998 Tel: 474-9072

MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS PRESIDENT JIM HASTINGS

Although it seems like yesterday, it was late February of this year when Ann Davis, Gardiner Librarian, spoke at the first meeting of the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library. Much has been accomplished since then as we work in cooperation with the Trustees and Staff, to promote the library facilities and services for all members of the community. As I write this to you, our membership has grown to 92 individuals. This fact alone shows the enthusiasm with which the community supports the revitalization of our library. With my thanks to each of you, I send my Holiday Greetings.

LATEST NEWS

In November, Story Hour director Corilla Hastings attended a Storytelling Workshop, sponsored by Maine Library, Central Maine District, at the Waterville Public Library. She found some innovative ideas and is already trying them out. She'll attend another in January in Belfast, Me. Our children and parents have a wonderful time Wednesdays at 10 am. Corilla volunteers both the story hour prep and delivery time and travels at her own expense to keep learning how to engage and educate our littlest patrons. Her motto must be "Look Good, Be good, Do Good." A lesson for us all.

Congratulations and Best of Luck to Waterville Public Library Staff, Friends and Trustees as they start up their Friends organization. They're excited about doing more outreach and offering programs. Libraries have to keep in the forefront of public service and they intend to do it. Friends President Jim Hastings, Jim Foster and Mary Davies attended their start-up meeting and provided our history and experience in the process.

Thanks to Jim Hastings for the beautiful box of greens under the sign.

The Boardman Memorial Fund has realized over \$1200. We are grateful.

The new bookcases have arrived and they are wonderful. Excellent work by Francis "Pete" Lashon. The castors will be a great help and the new cases are sturdy and user-friendly. Trustee Carol Jarvais, Friend Corilla Hastings and the staff got a real workout setting them up, moving books from and to. Jim Foster and Jim Hastings went by and removed the old cases to the basement. More good exercise. Libraries are aerobic, mind and body.

The reading room has been rearranged to afford more useable space for reading. The library continues to improve.

NEWSFLASH..... We have Books on Tape, courtesy of the Maine State Library. Ask for them at the circulation desk.

The Friends hosted Celebrity Readers on Dec. 6. Many thanks to our readers; Police Chief Butch Asselin, Principal Jean Pillsbury, Dr. Lorraine Paradis, Shop & Save Mgr. Sherl Chouinard, Principal Deborah Primmerman and SHS Basketball player Brayden Clement. A jolly good time was had by all.

Please remember your library when planning memorials and bequests. A gift to the library renovation program is tax-deductible.

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. The next meeting will be on November 4 at 7:00 pm. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings (474-3949) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Hilma Millett, P.O. Box 215, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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COMING EVENTS



Book Discussion Group (adults). The next book will be *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albion, in discussion on **January 4** at the Library at 7 pm. There's room for one more. We meet first Mondays of each month..



Prof. Jeff Evans presents "They Went Thataway" Tue. **Dec.8** at 7 p.m. A look at the cowboys in film. Don't miss it. This program will be held on the FIRST FLOOR, which will make it easier for many of us to attend.



The **January 6** meeting of the Friends of the Library will close with a program called "The History of Handbells" by Roberta Knowles and includes a 12th night concert by the Riverside Ringers Ensemble. This meeting will be held on the first floor.



Story and Craft hour for children each **Wed** at 10am. Lots of fun with Corrilla Hastings.



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