



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat. 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

O.K., how many of you have circled March 20th on your calendars? I see those hands. Good for you. For those of you who are scratching your heads in confusion, take a peek at your calendar. You'll see what I'm talking about.

Reports, reports, reports. 'Tis the season to write annual reports. If you've seen me hunkered down behind my computer screen with a furrowed brow and look of intense concentration, then you've seen me working on one of these reports. Remember, for your safety, please don't feed the grumpy bear behind the computer screen when he's working (the exception, is if you're bearing chocolate chip cookies).

I'd like to take a minute to thank a person whose work you might not know of, but whose job in the library is very important. His name is Charles Bolstridge, and he's our Janitor. Charlie has been here for almost four years now, and has done an outstanding job. Since you normally won't hear of someone praising their Janitor, I thought it was only fitting that I be the one to start the trend. If you've ever gone into a public building and seen how neat and clean it was, then thank the Janitor. Charlie has cleaned up our messes for all these years, and has been faithful in doing it. Thanks Charlie, you're Aces in my book!

We're training some new volunteers this month. If you happen to stop by the library and see a face you don't recognize, then it's

probably one of them. Please be patient with them as they learn how to run the Adult or Children's Circulation Desks. There's a lot to learn. Thanks for your help.

I had a great time at the FAB Fair last weekend. Though the attendance seemed a little down, I got the chance to speak with a number of folks about the library and the library renovations.

If all goes as planned, the library will resume renovating the basement in March. A few of the improvements in the basement will be two new handicapped restrooms, a private meeting room, a staff kitchenette, a janitor's closet, a computer room, and a room to house the entire genealogy collection in one area. It will take some time to move materials and equipment that are upstairs to their proper locations in the basement after the renovations, but we'll try to make the move as soon as possible after that.

I'll leave you with this thought: "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." Thomas Edison

Until next month - Dale



CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Earlier this month, the 2014 Youth Media Awards were announced. There were lots of winners, but one that was very exciting for us was **The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus** written by [Jen Bryant](#) and illustrated by Maine's own, [Melissa Sweet](#). It's always nice to see local talent get recognized! Other awards were the Newbery Award which was given to **The Crossover** written by Kwame Alexander, and the Caldecott Award which was given to **The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend**, illustrated and written by Dan Santat. These books and other winners and honor books have been purchased for our library.

February certainly has been a cold and snowy month. In honor of this icy weather, we had some special guests come to our Family Story Hour. Anna and Elsa from Disney's "Frozen" came and sang, read, colored and took photos with over 50 kids in attendance. It was a lot of fun to see lots of smiling faces as they greeted these two famous "Frozen" sisters. Many of the kids even came dressed up as their favorite movie character.

Next month's Family Story Hour is all about hats, so join us on Tuesday, March 17th at 4:30 for a silly storytime and wear your favorite silly hat!

Even though we are not even quite into Spring yet, in the Children's Library we are busy thinking about the Summer Reading Program. Many fun programs and activities have already been booked! In years past, parents and community members have asked if there is any way they can help with this fun and educational program. The answer is YES! We are very, very short on prizes to award the kids who fulfill their reading goals, so we are asking for help to restock our prize box. Some examples of what we have given away are: matchbox cars, chalk, balls, jump ropes, water bottles, Lego mini figures, small craft kits, glow sticks, packages of markers

or crayons, water guns, silly putty, water snakes, puzzles, costume jewelry, etc. We do try to steer away from food prizes because Gifford's Ice Cream and Pizza Hut usually give us some coupons to hand out, and we also ask that everything donated is new. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miss Angie in the Children's Library.



Princess Elsa and Princess Anna with Addison and Izzie Lynch

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 check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

NEW BOOKS

MIX AND MATCH - READERS and BOOKS

Here are titles of some books that have been enjoyed by Library patrons and staff during these LONG winter months! Have some fun and see if you can match the books with the names of the readers listed below.

Here are the books:

The Maine Woods by Henry David Thoreau
The Birthmarked Trilogy by Caragh O'Brien
Mounting Fears by Stuart Woods
Euphoria by Lily King
A Different Kind of Honor by Robert N. Macomber (book 6 in the Honor Series)
The Third Target by Joel Rosenberg
Several mystery-thrillers by Robin Cook
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Stephanie Plum series by Janet Evanovich
Forever by Pete Hamill
Sylo by D.J. MacHale

And here are the readers who enjoyed them:

Pat Dickey, Françoise LaBonte, Angie Stockwell, Kathy Littlefield, Toni Jo Blaisdell, Margo Reid, Angie Herrick, Dale Jandreau, Lynnette King, Carol Jarvis, David Richards



Princess Elsa – Sydney Atkinson and
Princess Anna - Julia Badaraco

FICTION

Archer, Jeffrey/ *Mightier than the Sword*
Berenson, Alex/ *Twelve Days*
Fluke, Joanne/ *Double Fudge Brownie Murder*
Gardner, Lisa/ *Crash and Burn*
Hannah, Kristin/ *The Nightingale*
Kellerman, Jonathan/ *Motive*
King, Laurie/ *Dreaming Spies*
Lippman, Laura/ *Hush, Hush*
Mallery, Susan/ *The Girls from Mischief Bay*
Michaels, Fern/ *In Plain Sight*
Oke, Janette/ *Where Trust Lies*
Robb, J.D./ *Obsession in Death*
Rollins, James/ *Blood Infernal*
Spindler, Erica/ *The First Wife*
Steel, Danielle/ *Prodigal Son*
Tyler, Anne/ *A Spool of Blue Thread*
Unger, Lisa/ *Crazy Love You*
Ward, Amanda/ *The Same Sky*

NON-FICTION

Irving, Nicholas/ *The Reaper*

GARDEN FEVER DAY

On Saturday, March 28th, the library will join with the Bloomfield Garden Club to present a day of free workshops for all those winter-weary gardeners who are eager to once more see the color green! From 10 AM until 3 PM, gardening experts will be on hand at the library to share their knowledge on Garden Design, Growing Vegetables, Raised Beds, and Herbs and Perennials. Participants are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch; beverages and desserts will be provided. Although not essential, pre-registration would be appreciated. Snow date (perish the thought!) will be April 11th.

Please call the library for more information or to pre-register.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Elaine Cannell

Remember: FOL Membership renewals are due in April

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Your librarians:

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

Your Library Trustees:

Toni Jo Blaisdell,
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

MARCH

March 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
March 4 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30
March 9 Toddler Time, 10:30
March 11 Your Government, Your Neighbor. Meet with a representative from Senator King's Office, 10-12
March 11 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
March 14 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 to 1
March 17 Family Story Hour, Silly Hats!, 4:30
March 20 Ice Cream Social in honor of Maine Maple Sunday, 3 to 4 PM
March 23 Toddler Time, 10:30
March 28 "Garden Fever Day", 10 AM – 3 PM

APRIL

April 1 Tween the Pages, 4 PM
April 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
April 8 Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM. All welcome.
April 11 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 to 1
April 13 Toddler Time, 10:30
April 17 Friends of the Library Annual Bag Lunch Event
April 21 Family Story Hour, Earth Day, 4:30
April 24 See us at Skowpendous, 5 to 7:30
April 24 "Teaching Decorative Scroll Saw Woodworking" by Elsa Apetz, 7 PM
April 27 Toddler Time, 10:30

