



# The Library Lookout

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We are very pleased to welcome our new Skowhegan Library Director, Dale Jandreau. Dale comes to us from the Naples Public Library where he has currently also been director. He and his wife, Sarah, are both looking forward to moving to the central Maine area. Please drop in to say hello to Dale on Friday, April 1 from 10:30 to 11:30 when the staff will host a coffee hour reception.

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## UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Skowhegan History House in conjunction with the Library will host a program on April 13 at 7 PM at the Library on the Civil War. Local historians Lee Granville, Don Finley and William

Laney will assist the audience in understanding what connections Skowhegan had with the Civil War and what effects it had on our community and its families. Additionally, Alan Foxwell & Company will play a selection of melodies of that period. This free event should prove to be both entertaining and filled with new learning for people of all ages. Refreshments will be provided.

The Friends' annual Library Lunches will be delivered on April 15. Orders are being taken now, so check with Francoise if you want your name on the list for a delicious bag lunch at \$7 each. All orders must be in by April 6.

The annual gigantic Lawn Sale is scheduled for May 21 this year. You may bring your items to the Hastings' barn - please call ahead at 474 3949. Furniture, household items, toys, tools, - anything in saleable condition is welcome.

Mark your calendar for the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 5. This is for ALL members of the Friends, not just the Executive Board. More details will follow in the May Lookout.

The Project 2012 Recycling Drive has reached the \$1,000 mark! Keep up the good work and remember the library when you take your cans and bottles to C & M Recycling or the Beverage Mart.

The Penny cans are filling up, thanks to all who donate.

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is the day to go out for a meal at the Golden Eagle Restaurant, 6 AM – 9 PM. These generous people will donate a percentage of all meals sold on that day to the Skowhegan Library Project 2012.

**Thank you, Golden Eagle!**

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick

The month of March was a busy one for the Children's Library. March 2nd was Read Across America day. We went to the local preschools to help celebrate this day by reading a Dr. Seuss book and making Cat in the Hat hats and bow-ties.

It was amazing to see all the young students interact with the story! They even enjoyed a special visit by The Cat in the Hat himself!

On March 15th, we held our first monthly Family Story Hour. We had an amazing turnout of about 30 people! The kids enjoyed listening to a St. Patrick's Day story, trying some traditional Irish soda bread, and going on a treasure hunt for leprechaun gold. April's Family Story hour is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th.

We will be doing a Tropical Vacation theme to chase away the last of those winter blues and welcome in the warmer weather!

Also during the week of April School Vacation, we will be having an Art & Earth week. Each day of the vacation, we will be doing a special art project to celebrate the Earth and Earth Day. We still need some materials for these projects, so we would really appreciate any of these donations: clean yogurt cups, large beads, small bells, acrylic paint, clean milk cartons/juice cartons/2 liter soda bottles, large wooden cooking spoons, twine, bird seed, eye screws, and wooden dowels.

And lastly, some of the local classes from MSAD #54 helped us welcome in the first day of spring by decorating our staircase with a collaborative art project. I would like to thank Mrs. Huggin's kindergarten class from North Elementary, Mrs. Hilton's and Mrs. Welch's first grade classes from Mill

Stream Elementary, and Mrs. Jones's FLS class at Bloomfield Elementary. Please come in and check out all their creative artwork hanging in our stairway!

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*Rachel Stewart, Skowhegan Library Volunteer as the Cat in the Hat and Megan Mahar at the Skowhegan Nursery School.*

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### 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:  
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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

## BOOK REVIEW

*Country Driving* by Peter Hessler

Ever wonder what life is like for the millions of Chinese who produce the countless stuff you buy at your nearby big box stores? Peter Hessler's *Country Driving* is an account of what life is like in three segments of contemporary China – the farm, the tiny not so distant town gobbled up by the rapidly expanding megatropolis, and lastly a government sponsored industrial complex converted overnight from a rolling rural forest into a new city of factories employing thousands of job seeking migrants.

Hessler recently completed a seven-year assignment in China as *The New Yorker* staff writer living intimately with all three cultures. Spanning northern China from the ocean westward along the Great Wall near Inner Mongolia, then back towards a distant town near Beijing, he completes his journey living in south central China. You'll never be able to pick up an apple grown in China, or a watch manufactured with a Made-in-China label at your nearby big box store without thinking about those 1.3 billion Chinese that made your shopping possible.

Jim Hastings

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for Friends of the Library are now payable in April of each year to avoid confusion and to coincide with our membership drive and National Library Month.

For any member whose dues were paid close to this April's deadline -- such as October, November, December, January, February or March-- the fee will be waived until next April. Once this year has passed, the confusion will be gone, with all dues payable next April. This will allow the executive committee to keep better track of income. Library Lookout issues will be sent to dues-paying members and some complimentary issues also are delivered.

Treasurer Kathleen Littlefield agreed to keep track of paid dues. She may be contacted at 474-8486.

## NEW BOOKS

### FICTION

Beaton, M.C./ *Death of a Chimney Sweep*  
Chiaverini, Jennifer/ *The Union Quilters*  
Cussler, Clive/ *The Jungle*  
Fiarstein, Linda/ *Silent Mercy*  
Fielding, Joy/ *Now You See Her*  
Fluke, Joanel/ *Devil's Food Cake Murder*  
Gardner, Lisa/ *Love You More*  
Grimes, Martha/ *Fadeaway Girl*  
Jackson, Lisa/ *Wicked Lies*  
Palmer, Michael/ *A Heartbeat Away*  
Picoult, Jodi/ *Sing You Home*  
Plain, Belva/ *Heartwood*  
Preston, Douglas/ *Gideon's Sword*  
Robb, J.D./ *Treachery in Death*  
Stabenow, Dana/ *Tough Not Dead*  
Thompson, Keith/ *Twice a Spy*  
Verghese, Abraham/ *Cutting For Stone*  
Vreeland, Susan/ *Clara and Mr. Tiffany*  
White, Randy Wayne/ *Night Vision*

### NON-FICTION:

Hillenbrand, Laura/ *Unbroken*  
Proulx, Annie/ *Bird Cloud*  
Rumsfeld, Donald/ *Known and Unknown*


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## GENEALOGY CLASS

Ruth Blood will teach a 6-week Genealogy Class, starting April 21 from 1 to 3 PM. Please register ahead at the library.


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Darla Pickett, pres.  
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## **Calendar of Events**

Children's Story and Craft Hour every Wed. at 10 AM

April 1 Coffee Hour to welcome our new director, 10:30 – 11:30AM

April 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM

April 6 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 6 PM

April 7 Friends of the Library Executive Board Meeting, 6 PM

April 9 Socrates Café at the Blueberry Cupboard 11 AM – 1 PM

April 13 Our Connection with the Civil War, 7 PM

April 11 & 25 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM

April 15 Friends of the Library Lunches delivered

April 18 Library closed for Patriot's Day

April 19 Family Story Hour, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

April 19 – 22 Art and Earth Week in the Children's Room

April 21 Six week Genealogy Class begins, 1 – 3 PM

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