



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

It's hard to believe how fast time flies. It seems only yesterday I was entering the library for the first time, and now it's been seven years. During that time, I've worked with many great people. They've been so helpful, knowledgeable and kind. I hope I've been a help to you also. We've seen many changes in the last few years, but we've worked hard to ensure they didn't take over, but worked with our stately old building. I think we've succeeded.

We had Mike Taylor, astrophotographer at the library in April. Mike showed us breathtaking photos of the night sky, and gave us tips on how we too could achieve some of these same results.

Our Avian Haven program was a great success. Over 20 folks came out to hear Laura Suomi-Lecker talk about how injured birds are treated and then released back into the wild.

"A Night in Oman". Join Mike Walker as he presents a program on the country of Oman, May 16th at 6:30 PM. Mike will talk about the culture, people and land. He'll also show many of the great photos he took while on his trip.

We're still looking for items to place in our annual yard sale. Jim and Corrilla Hastings have offered the use their barn to display our sale items. If you have some things to donate, just drop them off at the library. For larger items or larger loads, please call Jim and Corrilla at 474-3949 to set up a drop off time. Thanks once

again for making our yard sale a success by donating your items. We can't do it without you!

It's not too early to put a plug in for town meeting. The library needs your help. Each year we're put on the agenda, so residents can vote on whether we receive the funds we need to run the library. It's crucial that this is passed to continue to give you the same great level of service you've had in the past, and also to expand services where we can in the future. We're asking you to please donate one evening of your time to come to the town meeting on June 11th at 7 PM, and vote for our budget. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

I'll leave you with this thought: *"To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do."*
John Adams

Until next month,

Dale



CONGRATULATIONS, ANGIE!
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CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

During April vacation, the children's library was a super busy place. We had nearly 200 kids visit for our programs alone and just under 300 items checked out. If you missed any of the fun, no worries, we are gearing up for the summer and there are always tons of activities and programs to participate in.

May is a transitional month in the children's library. We end our school year programs this month so I can prepare for the summer reading program fun that starts at the end of June. This summer reading program is themed, "Libraries Rock!" and will feature programs and books about music and earth science. We are still collecting prizes to hand out for participants who meet their weekly reading goals, so if you want to make a donation, there is still time. We have already had quite a few roll in. The summer brochures will be heading home with students in grades PreK-5 sometime in early June with all the program details, so be on the lookout.

Tween the Pages Book Club will hold its last meeting for the year on May 2nd. We will be having an ice cream party to celebrate our reading achievements and the hard work we put in this school year. This group of 10 students had an amazing year doing a lot of fun things that all tied back to the books they read. They did art projects, played games, ate lots of snacks, researched Shakespearean insults, and listened to and met an award winning author. They read a total of seven books this school year and I hope they all had as much fun as I did. The book club will be starting back up next September for any interested students in grades 6-8.

During the summer months the library gets really busy. To keep up to date with all the programs and goings-on, please "like" and check our Facebook page often.

CHILDREN'S ROOM WISH LIST

Prizes for Summer Reading Program
Tissues
Disinfecting wipes
White cardstock paper



Maizie and her owner Amy listen as 7 year old Quinn reads a chapter from "Soccer on Sunday" during our Tales with Tails program.

BECOME A FRIEND OF YOUR LIBRARY TODAY!

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library is a not-for-profit organization that helps promote and improve the Library's resources and facilities. Your membership in the Friends provides critical support to our Library. Suggested dues are \$24 for individuals and \$36 for families. Many give even more. Please consider the role that our Library plays in our community, and choose a level of support that's right for you. Whatever you decide, you can be sure that any amount is gratefully received and much needed.

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Please complete this form and mail to: Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Tel. # _____
E-Mail Address _____

Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

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

**CONGRATULATIONS, ANGIE!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

After 7 years and a total of 20 classes Angie will receive her BS degree in Information and Library Services at the University of Maine Augusta on May 12, 2018. At the same time, she will also receive the Distinguished Information and Library Services Student Award which is presented to one graduating student in the department each year.

While also working full time at the Skowhegan Free Public Library, she has received a 3.99 average in her college classes. When asked how she was able to accomplish so many tasks at one time, she said it has been a great advantage to be working at our library while taking courses that were immediately applicable to her job. She pointed out that new ideas could be translated into practices right away.

Angie named two classes that have been especially helpful to her. "Advanced Reference Services and Materials" dealt with how libraries are changing. Due to computers, patrons now have questions that are much more complex. They want more detailed answers and the opportunity to dig deeper into subject matter. Libraries have had to change, be able to provide detailed information and become far more than just a collection of books.

Another class that has been an especially useful one to Angie's work was "Library Services to Teens". Teenagers, she said, has been an underserved population at libraries. In her UMA class she studied the psychology of working with teens as a group. She learned program and outreach ideas. Since the completion of our library renovation, she has established specific places in the library especially for teens: the octagonal room where kids can congregate, and the connecting room to the mezzanine which she has named the teen "lounge" where they can read, use computers and socialize.

As Skowhegan's Youth Services Librarian, Angie has both short-term and long-term goals. During the next year, she wants to learn to play the ukulele so that she can use it during story time, and learn sign language. In January 2020, she would like to enroll in a Master's program through the University of North Texas at the University of New Hampshire in Manchester with most classes conducted online.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Baldacci, David/ *The Fallen*
- Boland, Shalini/ *The Secret Mother*
- Bunn, Davis/ *Firefly Cove* (LP)
- Carr, Robyn/ *The Family Gathering*
- Clark, Mary Higgins/ *I've Got My Eyes on You*
- Coulter, Catherine/ *The Sixth Day*
- Croft, Kathryn/ *Silent Lies*
- Deaver, Jeffery/ *The Cutting Edge*
- Flanagan, Richard/ *First Person*
- Frazier, Charles/ *Varina*
- Gear, William/ *This Scorched Earth*
- Goodman, Joanna/ *The Home for Unwanted Girls*
- Hale, Jenny/ *The Summer House*
- Moore, Christopher/ *Noir*
- Patterson, James/ *The 17th Suspect*
- Perry, Anne/ *Twenty-One Days*
- Ross, Ann B./ *Miss Julia Raises the Roof*
- Rossiter, Nan/ *Summer Dance*
- Sanford, John/ *Twisted Prey*
- Scottoline, Lisa/ *After Anna*
- Slater, K.L./ *The Mistake*
- Snelling, Lauraine/ *A Breath of Hope*
- Sullivan, Mark/ *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* (LP)
- Thayer, Nancy/ *A Nantucket Wedding*
- Thomas, Jodi/ *Mornings on Main*
- Wax, Wendy/ *One Good Thing*
- Wolitzer, Meg/ *The Female Persuasion*
- Woods, Stuart/ *Shoot First (Think Later)*

NON FICTION

- Allen, Jonathan/ *Shattered*
- Comey, James/ *A Higher Loyalty*
- DeRaps, Ernest G./ *Lighthouse Keeping*
- Jenkins, JoAnn/ *Disrupt Aging*
- Patterson, James/ *All American Murder*

LIBRARY LUNCHES

The Library Lunches fundraiser was a great success! 265 lunches were sold and \$2,100 raised for the library! THANK YOU to all who organized the event, baked desserts, collected orders, made the sandwiches and delivered the finished products – a wonderful team project made possible by many volunteers.

FRIDAY SWEET TREATS

Thanks to Jayne Hart for organizing those monthly First Friday Sweet Treats! For this month the date will be Friday, May 11th due to a schedule conflict. Come and choose a treat to take home to your family. 10 AM to 6 PM.

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Library Staff

Library Director: Dale Jandreau
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Chair: Bonnie Chamberlain
Tracey Brown, sec. David James, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

MAY

May 1 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
May 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:00 – 5:30
May 11 Friday Sweet Treats, (moved from May 4th) 10 AM – 6 PM
May 12 Socrates Cafe discussion group, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
May 14 Lego Club Jr., 3:15 – 4:15 PM
May 14 Lego Club, 4:30 – 5:30
May 15 Let's Talk About it Book Club at Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6:00 PM
May 16 Mike Walker will speak on his trip to Oman, 6:30 PM
May 18 & 19 Annual Lawn Sale at Hastings' barn, Malbons Mills Road
May 19 Last Day for winter hours
May 28 Library closed for Memorial Day

JUNE

June 2 Teen Regression Session, 6:00 – 8:30 (For High School Students only)
June 5 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
June 11 Town Meeting 7 PM. Please vote for the library budget!
June 19 Let's Talk About it Book Club at Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6:00 PM
June 25 Summer Reading Program begins
June 26 LC Bates Museum presents: Rocks Rock!