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By Melissa Gaspar

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will be read each week. After completing those books, the participant records the information on to the log provided, and returns to the library for a prize. Prizes consist of **FREE** cones from Gifford's Ice Cream, **FREE** Personal Pan Pizza's, from Pizza Hut or a prize out of the prize box. It is that easy!

You may participate whether you are a **family reader** or an **independent reader**. Registration begins on June 25<sup>th</sup>, and reading must be completed by August 17<sup>th</sup>. Reading may begin on the day of registration, and a total of **five (5)** prizes will be given to each reader. Additionally each week there will be a **FREE** event or performance for the children. The following is this year's schedule:

- \*July 11 Books shelves with Kristine Rinaldi  
1:00 to 3:00
- \*July 18 Tour of the Skowhegan History House  
1:00
- \*July 25 Hiking Silver Trail with the Trail Blazer  
group 11:00 a.m. Joyce Street Skowhegan
- \*August 3 Author/Illustrator Scott Magoon drawing

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The Skowhegan Free Public Library will be participating in the Maine Nutrition Network Grant again this year. We are very excited to be collaborating with the Skowhegan Farmer's Market which will open on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please call 474-9072. I look forward to seeing you this summer!

### **Happy Reading!**

### **COMING EVENTS**

The Skowhegan Public Library will be hosting a Used Book Sale on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am - 5 pm. Pick up some excellent books for that Fourth of July reading by the lake or pool. Hardcover \$1 Paperbacks \$.50 Children's \$.25. The best prices in town! All proceeds go to the Library Renovation Fund. Thank you for supporting the library!

### **Summer Hours**

Monday through Friday 10:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays

### **New Books for Summer Reading**

#### **Fiction:**

- Mary Balogh / *Simply Magic*
- Mauve Binchy / *Whitethorn Woods*
- Rita Mae Brown / *Puss'n Cahoots*
- Sandra Brown / *Two Alone*
- Dorothy Cannell / *Whitering Heights*
- Tracy Chevalier / *Burning Bright*
- Lee Child / *Bad Luck and Trouble*
- Mary Higgins Clark / *I've Heard that Song Before*
- Harlan Coban / *The Woods*
- Michael Connelly / *The Overlook*
- Robert Crais / *The watchman*
- Deborah Crombie / *Water Like a Stone*
- Barbara Delinsky / *Family Tree*
- Don DeLillo / *Falling Man*
- Joy Fielding / *Heartstopper*
- Lisa Gardner / *Hide*
- Heather Graham / *The Dead Room*
- Sarah Graves / *Trap Door*
- Carolyn C. Hart / *Set Sail for Murder*
- Jo Hill / *Heart-shaped Box*
- Khaled Hosseini / *A Thousand Splendid Suns*
- Susan Issacs / *Past Perfect*
- Lisa Jackson / *Absolute Fear*
- Kate Jacobs / *The Friday Night Knitting Club*
- Pam Jenoff / *The Kommandant's Girl*
- Jonathan Kellerman / *Obsession*
- Tim LaHaye / *Kingdom Come*
- Alexander McCall Smith / *The Good Husband of Zebra Drive*
- Larry McMurty / *When the Light Goes*
- Stephenie Meyer / *New Moon*
- Fern Michaels / *Free Fall*
- David Morrell / *Scavenger*
- Michael Norman / *Commission*
- Michael Palmer / *The Fifth Vial*
- Robert B. Parker / *High Profile*
- T. Jefferson Parker / *Storm Runners*
- James Patterson / *Step on a Crack*
- Anne Perry / *We Shall Not Sleep*
- Jonathan Raban / *Surveillance*
- Karen Robards / *Obsession*
- Nora Roberts / *Valley of Silence*
- John Sanford / *Invisible Prey*
- Lisa Scottoline / *Daddy's Girl*

Wilber Smith / *The Quest*  
Stuart Woods / *Fresh Disaster*

**Non-Fiction:**

Ishmael Beah / *A Long Way Home*  
Jimmy Carter / *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*  
Charlotte Chandler / *Ingrid Bergman*  
William Cohen / *Love in Black and White*  
Stephen Flynn / *The Edge of Disasters*  
Charles Hamlin / *Life and Times of Hannibal Hamlin*  
Ali Hirsi / *Infidel*  
Bill O'Reilly / *Culture Warrior*  
Richard Preston / *The Wild Trees*  
Deborah Rodriguez / *Kabul Beauty School*  
Daniel Tammet / *Burn on a Blue Day*  
Calvin Trillin / *About Alice*  
Lee Woodruff / *In an Instant*  
Rosalind Wiseman / *Queen Bees and Wannabes*

**New and Renewed Members for May and June**

Jenna Hamilton-Thorne, Corrilla and Jim Hastings, Lou and Debbie Hight, Maili Bailey and Iver Lofving, Mary McCann-Baker, Thomas and Lynda Quinn, and Mary Stuart.

**FOL and Library Renovation**

There was not always a Friends of the Library organization in Skowhegan, but there have always been loyal patrons and many of them were concerned about the lack of access for the handicapped, an outdated collection and no prospects of the library entering the computer age. Here, in outline form, is the beginning of the Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library story. There isn't room this month to list all of the activities undertaken by the Friends. More will follow in later issues.

1998: February 27, a group of longtime library supporters joined together to discuss how SFPL could be kept up to date and prepared for the future in a time of change for libraries nationwide. They invited Ann Davis, Director of the library in Gardiner, Maine, to discuss the challenges she had faced in preparing her facility for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Davis brought up the fact that the Gardiner and Skowhegan libraries were built at about the same time in the late 1800's and served communities of a very similar size and background. Among the issues she discussed with the group were setting

program goals for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, addressing structural & repair problems for the existing building, the need to consider handicap access & safety problems and the need to consider new technologies such as computers and the internet, talking books and movie & music CD's. Another meeting was scheduled for March.

Further meetings resulted in a public survey of wants and needs for use of the library, the establishment of the organization's by-laws and, finally some fund raising activities.

More of the FOL history will appear in our next newsletter which will not appear until August, 2007.

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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 Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

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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.

# Calendar of Events

## JUNE

**Every Wednesday** Story and Craft Hour, 10 a. m. in the Children's Room

June 5 Library Trustee meeting 6 p.m. at the library. The public is welcome.

June 6 Library Renovation Committee meeting 6 p.m. at the library. New members and ideas welcomed.

June 11 & 25 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Children's Room

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August 13 & 27 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Children's Room

## The Library Lookout

Friends of the Skowhegan

Free Public Library

c/o Marcia B. Granville

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### Your Librarians are:

Library Director, Melissa Gaspar,

Assistant Librarian

Françoise LaBonte,

Children's Librarian,

Katherine LeBlanc

### Your Library Trustees are:

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,

Lee Granville, Toni Jo Blaisdell,

Carol Jarvis and Corrilla Hastings

Ex Officio, Maureen Calder

### Friends officers are:

Maureen Calder, Pres.,

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