



# The Library Lookout

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Saturday, 10-2

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Well, we didn't have a white Christmas after all, but who would have believed the temps! It's like that old poem "My snowblower was nestled all snug in the garage, in hopes that no snowstorm would disturb its -" (o.k. I give up. I don't know what rhymes with garage). Here's wishing all of you, though, a great New Year!

December was very busy. Lots of programs, fundraisers and foot traffic in the library. I'm surprised we didn't wear out the hinges on the front door. We even entered a float (picture my jeep with Christmas lights) in the annual holiday parade. Angie, my wife and I wished everyone a merry Christmas as we drove by. I think the turn out in parade participants and parade watchers was greater this year than last.

Steve Dionne and crew have been refurbishing and repairing all of the windows in the mezzanine section of the library. These will be the last of the windows that have to be redone. The costs of the repairs are federally funded by a CDBG Downtown Façade Improvement grant.

The Maine School and Library Network, who provide our internet service, has just installed gigabit speed in the library. This fiber cable allows much faster downloads of programs, and faster speeds for music and videos. We're one of the first entities in central Maine to receive this update.

Our Holiday Bazaar was a great success. We made over \$900 dollars toward the library renovations. And speaking of the library renovations, when you see Pat Dickey around town, please take a minute to thank her for all of her hard work in fundraising for the library

renovations. Pat has been hard at it for years now, and we really appreciate all she's done for us.

Don't forget, we have a new "Let's Talk About it" book series beginning in February. This spring we'll be studying "Invisible New England." Dr. David Richards has once again graciously volunteered to be the group's facilitator, and has also offered the Margaret Chase Smith facilities for the discussions. There's no charge for the book club, and books will be available at the library around mid-January.

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, authors John Ford (*Suddenly the Cider Doesn't Taste so Good*) and Mark Nickerson (*Blue Lights in the Night*) will present an evening of storytelling and humor as they talk about their interesting and exciting times as a game warden and state trooper. John and Mark have spoken at many different venues, so I'm excited about them coming to Skowhegan. They'll also be signing and selling their books. The program begins at 6:30 PM. Don't miss it!

The library's webpage and Facebook pages get quite a work out. Over 200 folks access one or the other every single month. For the latest and greatest information about what's going on in the library, please go to our webpage at [www.skowhegan.lib.me.us](http://www.skowhegan.lib.me.us). To access our Facebook page from there, just click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of the webpage.

The library will be closed on January 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day, and February 15<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

I'll leave you with this quote "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Until Next Month – Dale

## CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

January is a long, dark, cold month here in Maine--my favorite month to curl up with a good book and read. Currently, I am reading some books that critics are claiming are this year's potential Newberry Award winning books. It's always fun to try to guess which books will be the big award winners. Speaking of award winners, January is also the month that all of the awards in children's and young adult literature are announced. It is kind of like the Superbowl of books. I always watch the award announcements with pen and paper in hand so I can make sure to order the best of the best for our library.

We had a great December here in the Children's library. We started the month with the Holiday Stroll where over 125 kids came upstairs to find Booker, our Elf on the Shelf, make a winter decoration, and pick a free book to take home. Although it was a warm day (not at all wintery) it was a great reminder of what an amazing community we have here.

We also had a special night to celebrate Christmas with some reindeer games. The kids and parents got in on the action. There were lots of snacks, stories, and laughs! We encourage all families to come out to our Family Story Hours. They are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:30 and are always lots of fun for all ages.



*Brayden shows his creation made at the Holiday Stroll*

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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.

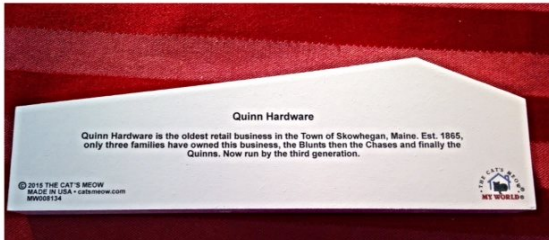
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**Please check the activities you are willing to help with.**

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

## Cat's Meow Collectable



Contact the library if you would like to purchase one of these Cat's Meow Collectables for \$20.00. (proceeds will go towards the Elevator)

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### NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Rod and Renee Worster

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### BOTTLE & CAN RETURNABLES

Thank you for donating your refunds for returnable bottles and cans! Those nickels make a difference!

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### LIBRARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Library Christmas Bazaar held on December 4th and 5th was a great success thanks to all of the many contributors and workers. THANK YOU!

The assortment of cookies, fudge, breads and cakes was especially popular! Library patrons and friends are outstanding bakers!

Be sure to stop in for another sample of delicious treats during the Valentine Bake Sale on February 12th!

## NEW BOOKS

### FICTION

- Bohjalian, Chris/ *The Guest Room*
- Burke, James Lee/ *House of the Rising Sun*
- Clancy, Tom/ *Commander in Chief*
- Holm, Chris/ *The Killing Kind*
- Jackson, Lisa/ *After She's Gone*
- Kingsbury, Karen/ *Chasing Sunsets*
- Kingsbury, Karen/ *Angels Walking*
- Koontz, Dean/ *Ashley Bell*
- Krentz, Jayne Ann/ *Secret Sisters*
- Perry, Thomas/ *Forty Thieves*
- Rollins, James/ *The Bone Labyrinth*
- Rosenberg, Joel/ *The First Hostage*
- Steel, Danielle/ *Precious Gifts*
- Taylor, Brad/ *The Forgotten Soldier*

### NON-FICTION

- Kaplan, James/ *Sinatra: The Chairman*
- Nutt, Amy Ellis/ *Becoming Nicole*

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### LIBRARY PROGRAMS

There will be a "Brain-storming" meeting on Wednesday, January 20 at 4 PM to discuss ideas for Library Programs for both adults and children. Now that we have a wonderful new Meeting Room in the basement, the library can host small meetings, workshops, lectures or gatherings during the day (as well as the evenings) without disturbing patrons' use of the Memorial Room or the circulation desk.

Any library patron is most welcome to attend this meeting on the 20th, or to submit suggestions before that time. Please contact one of the librarians for more information.

## **The Library Lookout**

**9 Elm Street**

**Skowhegan, ME 04976**

### **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

### **JANUARY**

Jan. 5 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM  
Jan. 6 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM  
Jan. 9 Socrates Café discussion group, 11 AM to 1 PM  
Jan. 11 AED Training for staff and interested parties, 8:30 AM at the library  
Jan. 11 Toddler Time, 10:30  
Jan. 11 Let's Talk About It Book Club at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM  
Jan. 12 Your Government, Your Neighbor – meet with a representative from Senator King's office, 10 AM - noon  
Jan. 13 Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM  
Jan. 13 FOL Executive Board meeting, 4 PM  
Jan. 16 Socrates Café discussion group, 11 AM to 1 PM  
Jan. 18 Library closed for Martin Luther King Day  
Jan. 19 Family Story Hour, Adventures with Yeti, 4:30 PM  
Jan. 20 Library Programs discussion, 4 PM  
Jan. 25 No Toddler Time  
Jan. 28 Author talk with John Ford and Mark Nickerson, 6:30 PM

### **FEBRUARY**

Feb. 2 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM  
Feb. 3 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM  
Feb. 8 Toddler Time, 10:30  
Feb. 9 Your Government, Your Neighbor – meet with a representative from Senator King's office, 10 AM – noon  
Feb. 10 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM  
Feb. 12 Valentine Bake Sale, 10 AM – 4 PM  
Feb. 13 Socrates Café discussion group, 11 AM – 1 PM  
Feb. 15 Library closed for President's Day  
Feb. 16 Family Story Hour: The Dark, 4:30 PM  
Feb. 18 LC Bates Program (Time TBA)  
Feb. 19 Teen Regression Session (for High School Students), 4 to 6 PM  
Feb. 22 Toddler Time, 10:30  
Feb. 22 New "Let's Talk About It" program at Margaret Chase Smith Library. "Invisible New England", 6 PM