



The Library Lookout

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Sat. 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Well, I hope Santa was good to you this Christmas. For me, he made sure my children and grandchildren (did I say grandchildren?) were front and center! My kids always ask me what I want each Christmas, but they never like my answer, "you." They just roll their eyes and ask me what I really want (and they still get the same answer). I'm sure many of you are nodding your heads in agreement right now (they'll understand when their kids are grown). Anyways, I hope your Christmas season was bright!

Here in the library this past month, we had a few ups and downs with staff illness. We're all recovered now, but we did find it a tad difficult sometimes covering all the shifts to keep the library open. Thanks for being patient with us. We do try hard to keep the doors open when they're supposed to be, but it's not always possible. By the way, when SAD 54 is closed due to bad weather, we are also. On rare occasion, we close early if the weather is causing it to get too slippery outside (think patron and staff safety).

Our Christmas Bazaar, held on December 6th and 7th, was a resounding success! Many folks stopped by and purchased Christmas crafts, baked goods and quality used books, not to mention the

great time the kids had making Christmas crafts with Miss Angie. Thanks to all of you who pitched in.

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our large print collection. We have quite a selection, and it will only grow as time goes by. Each month for instance, we receive two of the latest romance titles in large print format. If you don't see what you like, ask the staff. We also have a number of titles being temporarily stored in our Mezzanine. These titles are cataloged, and can be readily checked out.

Don't forget about our last Mystery Book Club meeting on January 6th. We'll be discussing "Inspector Morimoto and the Japanese Cranes" by Timothy Hemion. We've had friendly, but lively discussions over the other titles since September. Thanks once again to discussion leader David Richards for his thought provoking questions, and to all that have participated.

Jazz concerts resume at 7pm on January 16th. Andy Russakoff and the gang will be here to entertain you. Come on out, and be warmed up with some great jazz on a cold winter's night.

I'll leave you with this quote. "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." Nelson Mandela

Until next month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

Talk about a busy month! We had over 300 people up here during the Christmas Crafternoon and thanks to Kristine Rinaldi's generous donations, we were able to give out over 200 brand new books to the kids. We also glittered, frosted, glued, and colored countless crafts. The holidays are always a busy time, but lots of fun and great opportunities to make family memories.

A new year is upon us and it is a great time to start some new habits and traditions. If your family doesn't already visit the library on a regular basis, now is a great time to start. During the cold months, the library is a great place to come to get out of the house. We have lots to do for the kids—storytime, toddler time, book clubs and other fun programs; but even if we don't have a scheduled event going on, there are always fun things for the kids to do. We have games, puppets, toys, coloring pages, computers, and of course lots of books to read and explore.

Our Tween the Pages book club is starting back up this month. This is a group of 5 – 8th graders who love reading. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 (except for the month of January—we will be meeting on the 8th due to the holiday on the 1st.) If your child is interested, just contact the library to sign the up.



Charlotte made a Christmas elf at the library Crafternoon!

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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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

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERSHIPS

Patsy Miller



Francoise and Dale wish a
"Happy New Year to all!"

RENOVATION FUNDRAISERS

You did it! In the December issue of the Lookout, we challenged you to bring in an additional \$100 during the month from Bottle & Can Recycling - the result: **\$181.85!!!!** Thanks to all the library supporters who contributed.

A big thank you, too, to all the members and friends of the Renovation Committee, led by our tireless Pat Dickey! The Christmas Bazaar resulted in just under \$1,000 for the Library Renovation Fund.

Now we're looking forward to the annual Library Lawn Sale on May 17 & 18. We're hoping for some bigger items such as chairs, tables, etc. (no appliances). We can store them during the winter if that would help.

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

There will be a Book Discussion Series offered at the Margaret Chase Smith Library on the first Mondays of the month from February 3rd to May 5th. Facilitated by Dave Richards, the books included will be *When We Were the Kennedys* by Monica Wood, *Margaret Chase Smith: Woman of Courage* by Frank Graham, *The Spy Who Came in From the Cold* by John LeCarre and *October 1964* by David Halberstam. For more information, please call 474 7133.

"What book would you like to find under the Christmas tree for your 2014 reading pleasure?"

- Jeff Evans – *A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Film Noir* by John Grant
- Steve Dionne – *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- Margo Reid – *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt
- Bonnie Chamberlain – *The Vatican: All the Paintings: The Complete Collection of Old Masters Plus More Than 300 Sculptures, Maps, Tapestries* by Anja Grebe and Ross King
- Dale Jandreau – *Lest We Forget: An Army Ranger Medic's Story* by Leo Jenkins
- Lee Granville – *Refusal* by Felix Francis
- Carol Jarvis – *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion and *Mud Season* by Ellen Stimson
- Angie Herrick – *Interpersonal Communications: Everyday Encounters* by Julia Wood and *Mary Poppins Trilogy* by P.L. Travers
- Bella Herrick – *The Unofficial Hunger Games Cookbook*
- Marcia Granville – *X is for ?* by Sue Grafton
- Linda Betts – *The Summer Everything Changed* by Holly Chamberlin
- Edna Griffiths – *Fingal O'Reilly, Irish Doctor* by Patrick Taylor and anything by Anne Perry
- Corrilla Hastings – *The Maine Garden Journal* by Lisa Colburn
- Francoise LaBonte – *Until Gabriel Allon* by Daniel Silva
- David Richards – *When We Were the Kennedys* by Monica Wood

"Hopefully Santa came through for all of you!"

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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. 6 Mystery Book Club, 6 PM
Jan. 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Jan. 8 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30
Jan. 8 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Jan. 11 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
Jan. 13 & 27 Toddler Time, 10:30
Jan. 16 Jazz Concert, 7 PM
Jan. 20 Library closed for Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 21 Family Story Hour: Snowmen, 4:30

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 5 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 – 5:30
Feb. 8 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
Feb. 8 Valentine's Day Crafternoon, 10:30 – 1:00
Feb. 10 & 24 Toddler Time, 10:30
Feb. 12 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 13 New Authors Seminar with literary agent, Jan Kardy, 6 PM
Feb. 17 Library closed for Presidents' Day
Feb. 18 Family Story Hour, 4:30
Feb. 20 Jazz Concert, 7 PM