



The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

The Library Trustees, Staff and Volunteers can't thank you folks enough for approving our annual budget at the town meeting. You're always so understanding of our needs, and we don't take your support for granted. It's because of you, that the library has been able to serve the citizens of Skowhegan since 1889. Kudos to you all!

Rat-atat-tat, boom, bang! What's that? I can't hear you over all the renovation noise. My thanks to all of you who are being patient with us at the desk. There's been so much noise from the workers that many times we can't hear you. But, all of this work is for you. After we're done, we'll have the Mezzanine level opened up (this will allow us to increase our collection size); we'll have another handicapped restroom on the second floor; and of course, most importantly, our new elevator. But, we can't do this without your continued support. We still need to finish raising funds to complete the project. Please, give as generously as you're able.

Stop by the library and check out our new book display from Yale University Press. All of these non-fiction titles are funded by an endowment from the estate of Charles Albert Coffin, a Skowhegan resident and first President of General Electric. The library has been the recipient of these funds for many years now and we always look forward to going shopping for those great Yale

University Press titles.

The upstairs teen/study room will be closed for a couple of weeks. We've temporarily moved items from other parts of the library to this room to open up the area on the second floor for the contractors to work on the new staircase, elevator opening, and to do ceiling work.

I'd like to thank Francoise and Tanya for the good job they're doing in the basement level. Not only do they assist our patrons with computer issues, but they've also been instrumental in cataloging many titles for the Genealogy Room.

I'll leave you with this thought: "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." Pablo Picasso.

Until next month – Dale



New stairway from second floor down to Mezzanine

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian



Ms. Angie, Gary, the Ice Cream Man and Musician Rob Duquette at the Kick Off Concert

The summer reading program is up and running and so far, we are off to a great start. If you haven't signed your children up for it yet, don't worry there is still time. We have a lot of family programs lined up during this eight-week long program. We have an author visits, a yoga session, a concert, live animals and more! For a full list of events with more details, please see our Facebook page.

We are still collecting prizes for the summer reading program. Typically we give out about 400 little incentives to our readers for meeting their weekly goals. If you can donate a few goodies (new and non-food) to our prize box, we would be very grateful. It's amazing how quickly our prizes deplete.

The whole point of our summer reading program is two-fold. One goal is to keep kids reading and stop the "summer slide" from happening. The summer slide is when kids stop doing academics during the summer months and when they get back to school in the fall, they are actually a little behind where they were when they finished school the previous summer. We encourage kids (and families) to read, read, read!

The second goal of the summer reading program is to gets kids excited about the library and the world around them.

We do this by offering various free programs throughout the summer and having lots of exciting things for families to participate in. We like to see kids engaged with hands on learning, projects, activities, our community and each other. If you have any questions about the programs going on this summer, please call.



Musician Rob Duquette and the kids enjoyed the music!

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

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

ELEVATOR BASKET RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now on sale @ \$5 each for the **ELEVATOR BASKET RAFFLE**. The names of two lucky winners will be drawn at the Library Brewery Event on Sept. 24th. Both baskets are filled with a variety of wonderful items and gift certificates. You may buy your ticket at the library or from any of our trustees or committee members.



Basket # 1 - Value: \$466.00



Basket #2 - Value: \$376.00

RIVER FEST CRAFT FAIR

Needed: Handmade craft items for the Library table at the River Fest Craft Fair on Saturday, August 6th. Items may be left at the library.

UPCOMING BAKE SALES

Everyone knows that the Library bakers are the best cooks in town! We'll be asking for your talents on Election Day, November 8 and again at the Holiday Fair on December 2 and 3.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Box, C.J./ *Off the Grid*
 Blackwood, Grant/ *Tom Clancy Duty and Honor*
 Carnarvon, Lady Fiona/ *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey*
 Doiron, Paul/ *Widowmaker*
 Evanovich, Janet/ *The Pursuit*
 Frank, Dorothea Benton/ *All Summer Long*
 Giffin, Emily/ *First Comes Love*
 Haseldine, Jane/ *The Last Time She Saw Him*
 Hilderbrand, Elin/ *Here's to Us*
 Hussey, Elaine/ *The Oleander Sisters*
 King, Stephen/ *End of Watch*
 Lamprell, Mark/ *The Lover's Guide to Rome*
 Livingstone, Natalie/ *The Mistress of Clivenden*
 Noyes, Anna/ *Goodnight, Beautiful Women*
 Palmer, Diana/ *Defender*
 Patterson, James/ *The Games*
 Perez-Reverte, Arturo/ *What We Become*
 Proulx, Annie/ *Barkskins*
 Robson, Jennifer/ *Somewhere in France*
 Ryan, Alex/ *Beijing Red*
 Tyler, Anne/ *Vinegar Girl*
 Woods, Stuart/ *Dishonorable Intentions*

NON-FICTION

Arnold, Jennifer/ *Life is Short*
 Berry, Pastor Richard/ *Sheltered by Jesus*
 Brockmann, Mark/ *Indigenous Lithic Sources of Northeastern North America*

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

The Worster Family	Stephen Yeaton
Barbara & Peter Whitkop	David Richards
Carol & Roger Jarvais	Diane Crowley
Kathy & Jeff Evans	Sylvia Richardson
Mardi & Alex Pakulski	Maureen Davis
Deborah & Louis Hight	Elinor Clark
Margo & Will Reid	Lesa O'Donnell
Dottie & Gerald LaCasse	Kathy Littlefield
Amber & Mike Lambke	Mary Merrill
Rhonda Daggett	
Bonnie & Richard Chamberlain	
Randall Franck & Patsy Miller	

Some **CAT'S MEOW COLLECTABLES** are still available. Contact Pat Dickey if you'd like to buy one.

BOTTLE & CAN RETURNABLES

Please remember to request that your refund is credited to the library. We've brought in \$232.90 since January; that's 4,658 nickels! CHEERS!

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
Children's Librarian Angie Herrick

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

JULY

July 4 Library closed for Independence Day

July 5 Silly Swimmers at the LC Bates Museum at 10 AM

July 5 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM

July 12 Your Government, Your Neighbor, 10 AM - noon

July 12 "Ready Set Fly!" with Sparks' Ark Live Animal Show, 1:30 PM

July 13 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM

July 19 Fuel Your Engines with Ms. Jenn and the Nutrition Detectives, 4:30 PM

July 26 Maine author/illustrator visit, Chris Van Dusen at Lake George Regional Park at 3:30 (books will be on sale at the event)

AUGUST

Aug. 2 Yoga for Kids at 10:00 and 10:45 (Please call Ms. Angie to register for this program.)

Aug. 2 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM

Aug. 6 River Fest Craft Fair - Visit the Library Table!

Aug. 9 Ready, Set....Blast Off! Rocket building and racing at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 10:30, (Please call Ms. Angie to register for this program.)

Aug. 9 Your Government, Your Neighbor, 10 AM – noon

Aug. 10 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM

Aug. 16 Summer Reading Program closing ceremonies Storytime, 4:30