



The Library Lookout

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Library Summer Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

I'm enjoying this warm weather, but if the humidity would go on vacation, I'd wish it bon voyage! I'm not complaining too much though, the muggy days seem to have had a great effect on my raspberry bushes. They're throwing berries by the gallon.

The library, along with the Town of Skowhegan and Main Street Skowhegan, arranged to have the New Balance shoe sculpture placed behind the Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce building. You might have seen Main Street's own Kristina Canon and me being interviewed by WABI TV recently. We were joined by the shoe's sculptor, Barry Norling. I've received many positive comments about the interview, and about us putting the shoe out for display. If you get a chance, stop by the Chamber of Commerce building and take a look at it. The scenes, painted on it by artist Milton Christianson, really do represent a great cross section of life in Skowhegan.

If you think \$5 for a sandwich at a national chain is a great value, then stop by the library and take a chance on something that really has value. We're raffling off two woven baskets just chock full of great items. The baskets are valued at \$466 and \$376 respectively, and are loaded with items such as gift certificates, table runners, books, a handwoven blanket, a Longaberger pocketbook, and many other great gifts. Just

think, if you win your Christmas shopping is all done. How's that for a bargain!

You've watched those older DVD or Blu-ray movies at least a couple of times each, and now they're just gathering dust. You're thinking, "What do I do with all of these movies?" Well, we're looking for donations of gently used DVD and Blu-ray movies. We'd like to continue to expand our collection. Most of our existing collection has come from donations from generous folks like you. If you're thinking it might be time to clean up that DVD or Blu-ray collection, then pack up a bag of them and drop them off at the library. You'll be glad you did.

Two area artists are displaying their works in our new renovated basement. Faith Gilbert and Lynne Harwood have produced a multitude of original art work to spice up the walls downstairs. We're trying to rotate original art work, from local artists, every 3 or 4 months. Stop by the library and check out these artists' work.

I'll leave you with this thought: "to build may have to be the slow laborious task of years. To destroy can be the thoughtless act of a single day." Winston Churchill.

Until next month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The month of July is the busiest month for the children's library. We have two major events up here during this time: the summer reading program and the visit from our friend and benefactor, Kristine Rinaldi. Kristine, who works part time for Scholastic, travels to Skowhegan every summer from her home in Spring, Texas. All year long, she scarfs up every good deal she can, and this year, was able to bring us over 600 books! These books will be used for both our collection and also as giveaways for programs such as the Holiday Stroll. We are also super excited when we see her roll in and start to pull out box after box of beautiful, new books! This librarian (and many, many young readers!) appreciates her very generous donations.

The Summer Reading Program is going full throttle. We have had a combined attendance of 559 kids at all of our programming this month. That is just simply amazing! Our latest program—where over 200 people came out—was a visit from Maine children's author and illustrator, Chris Van Dusen. Thanks to collaboration with the Canaan Public Library, The Children's Book Cellar, and Lake George we were able to get him out to our area for a reading and book signing. He was simply amazing to listen to and despite the heat he sat and signed books and had photos taken for nearly two hours.

Also this past month we have visited the LC Bates Museum, learned how to be nutrition detectives with Ms. Jenn, and got up close and personal with some different animals here at the library. I was excited to see them all...until he pulled out the big snake!

We have three programs left in our Summer Reading Program: Yoga for Kids with Gabrielle, Rocket Races with the Two Crazy Women, and then our Closing Ceremonies. The Yoga program and the Rocket Races program are both programs that you need to register for, so please call the library if you want your kids to attend. As always these are free and open to the public.

So far we have given out over 250 prizes to the kids that have met their weekly reading goals and we still have three weeks left to go! Our prize buckets are getting a little low and we could use some new goodies to put in them. Our prizes (both the little incentives and the local certificates) are all done by donations through our community. We appreciate each and every business, family, or individual who has given to this cause. Help us finish strong!

In September we will be starting (or restarting) our school year programming. Family Story Hour, Tween the Pages, Teen Regression Sessions, and Lego Club will be regular occurring programs. More information about these programs can be found on our website and our Facebook page.

Wish List

Prizes for the Summer Reading Program
Tissues
White Copy Paper
Disinfectant Wipes
Safety Scissors (for children)
Gently used children's DVDs

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



Author Chris Van Dusen looks at one of his books with Lucas Mayo.

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.

RIVER FEST CRAFT FAIR

Handmade crafts made by talented library patrons and friends will be on sale at the River Fest Craft Fair on Saturday, August 6th, 9 AM to 3 PM.



Wyatt enjoying the Silly Swimmers program at the LC Bates Museum

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Booth, Claire/ *The Branson Beauty*
- Brackmann, Lisa/ *Go-Between*
- Burdick, Serena/ *Girl in the Afternoon*
- Castillo, Linda/ *Among the Wicked*
- Close, Jennifer/ *The Hopefuls*
- Ephron, Delia/ *Siracusa*
- Fairstein, Linda A./ *Killer Look*
- Feldman, Suzanne/ *Absalom's Daughters*
- Garner, Karen S./ *Pachou, The Beginning of the Past (Large Print)*
- Green, Jane/ *Falling*
- Hamilton Mary Mann/ *Trials of the Earth*
- Harbison, Beth/ *One Less Problem Without You*
- Johansen, Iris/ *Night and Day*
- Lindsey, Johanna/ *Make Me Love You*
- Mallery, Susan/ *Daughters of the Bride*
- McCall Smith, Alexander/ *Chance Developments*
- McCall Smith, Alexander/ *The Revolving Door of Life (Large Print)*
- Meltzer, Brad/ *The House of Secrets*
- Mariarty, Liane/ *Truly Madly Guilty*
- Noory, George/ *Night Talk*
- Pearson, Ridley/ *White Bone*
- Santo, Courtney Miller/ *Three Story House*
- Silva, Daniel/ *The Black Widow*
- Steel, Danielle/ *Magic*
- Susann, Jacqueline/ *Valley of the Dolls*
- Thayer, Nancy/ *The Island House (Large Print)*
- VanAllen , Lisa/ *The Night Garden*
- Van Preng, Menna/ *The Dress Shop of Dreams*
- Weisberger, Lauren/ *The Singles Game*
- Wilson, Anne A./ *Clear to Lift*
- Winter, Jessica/ *Break in Case of Emergency*
- Young, Heather/ *The Lost Girls*

NON-FICTION

- Olsen, Gregg/ *A Killing in Amish Country*
- Garner, Karen S./ *What If? God Without Religion (Large Print)*
- Osteen, Joel/ *The Power of I Am*



NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Kathy & Paul Hughes

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Library Staff

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Tanya Folsom

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Friends officers:

Co Chairs: Margo Reid and Jeanne Shay
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

AUGUST

Aug. 2 Yoga for Kids at 10:00 and 10:45 (Pre-registration required)
Aug. 2 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Aug. 6 River Fest Craft Fair - Visit the Library Table!
Aug. 9 Ready, Set....Blast Off! Rocket Races with the Two Crazy Women at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 10:30,
(Pre-registration required)
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
Aug. 19 Summer Reading Program ends
Aug. 29 Teen Regression Session Paint Night (This is for High School students only and pre-registration is required)
Aug. 30 Library Open House, 6 PM. To see all the latest changes in the library.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 Transition Skowhegan, 6 PM
Sept. 5 Library closed for Labor Day
Sept. 6 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 7 Tween the Pages Book Club (for students in grades 6 – 8), 4:00 to 5:30
Sept. 12 Let's Talk About It book club, 6 PM, at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
Sept. 13 Lego Club Jr at 3:15 to 4:15 (for students in grades 1 – 3, pre-registration required)
Sept. 13 Lego Club at 4:30 to 5:30 (for students in grades 4 – 6, pre-registration required)
Sept. 14 FOL Executive Board meeting
Sept. 14 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
Sept. 20 Family Story Hour: Shark Attack! 4:30 PM
Sept. 24 Bigelow Brewery Night, 5 to 7 PM, Tickets only \$10 each