



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Saturday, 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

Our friends from the Skowhegan Savings Bank, President John Witherspoon and Fawn Wentworth, Marketing Officer, toured the library recently. John and Fawn were both very impressed with the work that had been done, especially in the basement. It's because of organizations like the Skowhegan Savings Bank, and the individuals that make up the bank family, that the renovations have progressed as far as they have. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

We hosted a great bunch of folks recently, who showered us with ideas for future library programs. Be on the lookout in the next few months, for different programming in the library.

A number of organizations are now using our new meeting room in the basement. At present, we're using 2 six-foot folding tables. Our Library Friends group has recently agreed to fund the purchase of two heavy-duty tables. When placed side by side, they will make up a conference table 60 inches wide and 96 inches long. It will seat 10 with this configuration, and other smaller groups when not utilizing both tables. The green stacking chairs come courtesy of a donation from the Margaret Chase Smith Library.

Our next "Let's Talk About It" book group series begins on Feb. 22nd. The name of it is "Invisible New England: The Real New England?" The group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, at 6pm. There's no charge to join the group, and a copy of the book may be picked up at the Skowhegan Free Public Library. Our discussions are fun, friendly, and all opinions are valued.

Come join the group, we still have a few spaces available.

I hope you didn't miss our latest author program with John Ford and Mark Nickerson because if you did, you missed a great night out. John and Mark regaled us with humorous stories of their time in law enforcement. Well, if you missed them, you can still check out their books here at the library. What a couple of great storytellers!

Get some sweeties for your sweetie! Stop by the library on Feb. 12th from 10-4 and scoop up some Valentines treats. You know us, they're always priced reasonably, and all proceeds go toward the renovation of the library.

I'll leave you with this thought; "Love is a symbol of eternity. It wipes out all sense of time, destroying all memory of a beginning and all fear of an end." ~Author Unknown

Until Next Month – Dale



Pat Dickey and Toni Jo Blaisdell hold the thermometer showing the level at the \$300,000 mark for the elevator addition funding!

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

The Youth Media Awards for 2016 were announced this month. Included were the Caldecott and Newbery book winners. They were both picture books this year. The Caldecott was FINDING WINNIE by Lindsay Mattick and the Newbery was awarded to the book LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET by Matt de la Peña. Both of these books along with numerous other award winners were ordered for our children's library and will be on the shelves shortly.

In January we had two daycares come for special field trips. We read stories, play games, do projects, and let the kids play in and explore the library. It is a great free, local and "indoor" field trip for the winter months. We love seeing the preschoolers come in and get excited about our library.

We have some exciting things going on in February. It is a short month, but it will be packed with fun activities at the library. During the week of February vacation, we will have something for the kids every day of the week (except Monday, because we will be closed for Presidents Day.) Tuesday, February 16th we will have an exciting Family Story Hour about "the dark." We will have stories, snacks, and a project for the families to enjoy. Wednesday will be our preschool Storytime. Thursday, we will have a science and nature program presented by LC Bates Museum about the wetlands, and Friday we will be having a program just for high schoolers. For more information on any of these upcoming programs, please check out our Facebook page.



FOL LIBRARY LUNCHES

Once again, the Friends are planning the annual "Library Lunches" when delicious bag lunches are prepared and delivered around town. The date this year is Friday, April 15, so mark it on your calendar! (Individuals may order their lunches at the library.)

And, yes, it's great fun to volunteer for this event - just contact one of the Friends officers for more detail.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Amber and Michael Lambke
Ann and Jerry Lynch
Kathy and Bob Dorko
Claire and Chris Perkins
Pam and Dave McDermott
Anna Court
Debra and Melvin Burnham
Peter Mills

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

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Clancy, Tom/ *Under Fire*
Dailey, Janet/ *Texas Tough*
Dams, Jeanne/ *The Gentle Art of Murder*
Deveraux, Jude/ *Ever After*
Finder, Joseph/ *The Fixer*
Frank, Dorothea Benton/ *All the Single Ladies*
Grippando, James/ *Cash Landing*
King, Stephen/ *Finders Keepers*
Lynds, Gayle/ *The Assassins*
Meltzer, Brad/ *The President's Shadow*
Patterson, James/ *Truth or Die*
Steel, Danielle/ *Country*

NON-FICTION

Brokaw, Tom/ *A Lucky Life Interrupted*

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Friday, February 12th from 10 – 4.

Donations of baked goods would be welcome!

LIBRARY PROGRAM PLANNING



Bonnie Chamberlain facilitated a discussion on possible library programs recently. Thirteen patrons attended and contributed suggestions.



John Witherspoon & Dale in the new computer area

SKOWHEGAN SAVINGS GRANTS \$50,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS

Skowhegan Savings Bank's Charitable Foundation has announced matching grants in the amount of \$50,000 towards the construction of the elevator addition on the west side of the Skowhegan Free Public Library. These grants bring Skowhegan Savings Bank's Charitable Foundation total contributions to the library's renovation project, a project started in 2007, to \$150,000. The elevator's construction represents the final phase in the repair, restoration and renovation of the 1889 library building.

"We are very excited to help bring this project across the finish line," remarked John Witherspoon, president of Skowhegan Savings Bank. "The Library is a cornerstone of our community and this project will assure it's vibrancy for years to come."

"The Trustees of the library and I wish to thank John and Skowhegan Savings for their immeasurable help in funding the health and safety renovations of the library," said Dale Jandreau, director of the Skowhegan Free Public Library. "Without the caring and compassion for their community from companies like them, we would never complete the renovations."

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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

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
Feb. 3 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
Feb. 4 Transition Skowhegan Meeting, 6 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 presents Wonderful Wetlands, 2 PM
Feb. 19 Teen Regression Session (for High School Students), 4 to 6 PM
Feb. 20 Visit us at the FAB Fair, 10 to 3
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

MARCH

March 1 Library Trustee Meeting, 6 PM
March 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 PM
March 3 Transition Skowhegan Meeting, 6 PM
March 5 "Seussical" Saturday, 10:30
March 8 Your Government, Your Neighbor, 10 AM to noon
March 9 Library Renovation Committee Meeting, 4 PM
March 12 Socrates Café Discussion Group, 11 AM – 1 PM
March 14 Toddler Time, 10:30
March 15 Family Story Hour: Books and Breakfast, 4:30
March 24 National Park Program from the National Resources Council of Maine, 6 PM
March 26 "Garden Fever Day" – Workshops for the Home Gardener, 10 AM to 3 PM
March 28 Toddler Time, 10:30
March 28 Let's Talk About It book discussion group, Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6 PM