



The Library Lookout

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Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

Adult

Fiction

Karon, *A Common Life*
Shreve, *Last Time They Met*
Steel, *Lone Eagle*
King, *Dreamcatcher*
Diamant, *The Red Tent*

Non-Fiction

Sudlow, *A Vast Army of Women*
Ellis, *Founding Brothers*
Nguyen, *The Unwanted*
St. George, *So You Want to Be President*
Gould, *Tales From Rhapsody Home*

Children

Jacques, *Lord Brock Tree*
Paulsen, *The Beet Fields*
Brodzinsky, *The Mulberry Bird*
Spinelli, *Stargirl*
Paschoff, *Stars and Planets*

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Jim Foster

LIBRARY WEEK CONTESTS AND DISPLAYS

In recognition of National Library Week, April 1-7, The Skowhegan Library hosted a variety of events and contests.

Judges, Dot Cleaver and Lori Creamer have announced the Poster Contest winners as follows: K-grade1, Bradly Prescott; grades 2-3, Jaimi Poland; and grades 4-6, Ellen Alsop.

The Jelly Bean Guessing Contest winner is Jon Gagnon who guessed that there were 510 jelly beans in the jar, not far from the actual count of 519.

Poetry Contest Winners from the 7th and 8th grades were: First: "Father" by Kenneth Easler; Second: "Gas Chamber Goodbye" by Kasey Folsom and "A lesson Learned" by Ashley Holt. Honorable mention (in alphabetical order): Eliabeth Aldrich, Amanda Clark, Brandy Doyle, Tammy Everett, Andria Larouche, Michaele Poulin, Karissa Simonelli, and April Weese. All poetry entries came from students of Skowhegan Area Middle School. Judges were Helen Shaw, head librarian, Norine Carter, avid reader and writer of poems, and Barbara Whitkop, participant in creative writing programs.

All these winners were awarded prizes at the Library Week Party on Saturday, April 7 from 11:30 to 12:30. In addition to the contests, a wonderful collection of story dioramas was on display upstairs in the Children's Room. Congratulations and thanks to all the young people who participated in these events!

SPRING GARDEN LECTURE SERIES

As a welcome to Spring (!), a series of four garden lectures has been scheduled to meet at the Library. First on the list was Carol Vigneault who presented a program on Perennials on April 4. Next will be Stacey Pugh who will talk on Flowering Shrubs on April

18. Nancy and Jack Harrill will speak about Herbs on May 2, and Warren Balgooyen's subject will be Native Plants & Water Gardens on May 16. All these lectures will be held at 7 PM at the Library. There is no charge, and both active and armchair gardeners are welcome to attend

LVA GUEST SPEAKER AT THE LIBRARY

The public is invited to attend the last session of the Skowhegan Literacy Volunteer workshop at 5 PM on Tuesday, May 1 at the Library. The speaker will be Ed Boucher, a former LVA student from Oldtown.

Boucher has become a spokesman for LVA for the state of Maine. He was a VISTA Volunteer for three terms, and in 1988, he won the Jefferson Award for public service in literacy.

Ed is currently working as Congressman Baldacci's driver when he is in Maine. This gives Ed a great avenue for spreading the message of literacy; it would be hard to imagine him meeting a politician and not telling him about LVA and what it has done for him.

Boucher continues to travel throughout the state speaking to people who have trouble reading. It is so important for someone who has been there to be a positive example for all those who may be afraid to come and get the help they need.

We are looking forward to Ed's visit to the Skowhegan Library. For more information call 628 5451.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

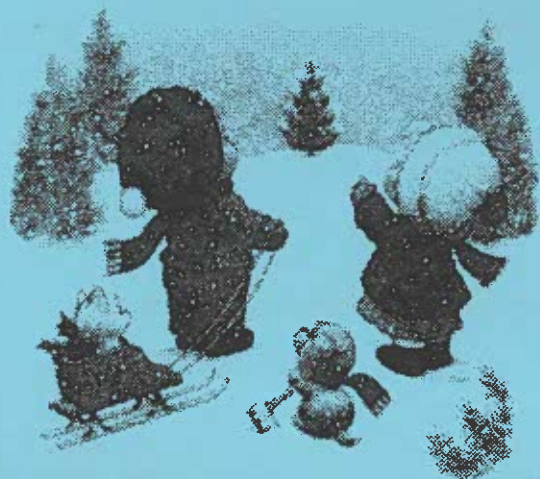
The FOL Annual Meeting will be on May 9 at 7 PM with book reviews by Skowhegan readers.

Our annual Lawn Sale will be held on May 19. Bring your items to the Hastings' barn any time or call 474 3949.

The Book Discussion Group, sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council and led by David Richards, had its first meeting on April 10 when Sarah Orne Jewett's book, *The Country of the Pointed Firs*, will be the subject. There is still time to sign up for this program at the Library.

Now that Spring has arrived, plans are well underway for the July 21 Garden Tour. Tickets will soon be on sale at the Library, Boynton's Greenhouse, the Chamber and the Town Office, or by calling Marcia at 474 7207. Remember to buy your ticket in advance (saving \$2) and to reserve your place for a "Gourmet Lunch" at the Methodist Church! Cost is \$10 in advance (\$12 at the door) for the tour, and \$5 for the lunch (by reservation only). As added attractions on the day of the tour, there will be an Art Show at the Church and a Concert in Coburn Park. Mark your calendars now!

And finally, chairperson, Kathy Hughes announces that Children's Nonfiction Campaign books have started to arrive.



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LD1433 YOUR CHANCE TO HELP

Please contact your State Legislators and express support for LD1433. This bill will extend the NEW CENTURY PROGRAM into 2001. Last year we received \$20,000 in a matching grant, which allowed us to do window repair on half the library windows. This year we could finish the job with the help of this program.

The library also received a grant of \$3,000 for computer equipment through the NEW CENTURY COLLABORATIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

Please help put some of your tax dollars to work in your hometown. Legislators need to know there is interest in acting early on this bill. It'll only take a few minutes and it won't cost a dime, so please show your support for this bill and for the future of Skowhegan.

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WINTER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ADULT	1-8:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

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. individuals, \$8. Seniors & Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings (474-3949).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR.1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 18 Garden Lecture: Stacey Pugh, Flowering Shrubs. 7:00 PM. at the Library.
- April 27 Bag Lunch fundraiser. Details will appear in the Lookout as we get nearer the date.
- May 1 Literacy Volunteer Workshop. Speaker: Ed Boucher. 5:00 PM at the Library
- May 2 Garden Lecture: Nancy and Jack Harrell, Herbs. 7:00 PM. at the Library.
- May 9 Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library Annual Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Library.
(Election of Officers. Book Reviews.)
- May 15 Book Discussion Group, *As We Are Now*, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Library.
- May 16 Garden Lecture: Warren Balgooyen, Native Plants and Water Gardens. 7:00 PM. at the Library.
- May 19 Lawn Sale. All day at the Hastings.
- June 12 Book Discussion Group, *The Beans of Egypt, Maine*, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Library.
- July 21 Skowhegan Area Garden Tour, 10:00-5:00. beginning at Centenary United Methodist Church,
Dr. Mann Road.



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