



# The Library Lookout

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## LATEST NEWS

*Compiled by Jim Foster*

### *Towards Renewing the Collection*

A workshop for volunteers on assisting the library staff in weeding books which are in poor condition, obsolete, or no longer reflect the needs of library users from the collection was held at the Library by Bonnie Dwyer of the Maine State Library on June 14th.

As a result of the workshop, it became apparent that there was a need first to decide what in general we want our collection to look like. As a result, the Trustees have decided to add several members to the current book selection committee in order to broaden its perspective. Hopefully, the new members will include a high school student, the parent of a younger child, a representative from SAD 54 school libraries and possibly a representative from the Margaret Chase Smith Library. Recommendations for selection will be made within the limits of the book buying budget. Philip Russakoff and Margaret Reid have agreed to co-chair the expanded book selection committee.

A volunteer weeding committee will also be formed. The selection committee and the weeding committee will work together in order to achieve the best results for the community.

### *NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM*

#### **Summer Reading Club**

Those yellow reading charts are piling up in the Children's Room as many young eager readers join the Summer Reading Club! Some readers have already passed the 75 point mark and have chosen a prize from the Library Prize Box. At 150 points they'll be eligible for a "Gala Library Party" in August (more about this later), and the opportunity to select a brand new paperback book of their own. It's not too late to sign up and join the fun so ask Mrs. Moody for the details. The club is open to anyone aged 4 years and older.

#### **Wednesday Afternoon Programs**

The first program of the series will be at 2 PM on July 11 when our loyal library friend, Kristine Rinaldi, visits once more with her fascinating "Living Treasures from the Sea". Don't miss it! And check the calendar in this newsletter for the subsequent Wednesday programs.

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## **Log Days Parade**

Yes! The Library will be represented on July 28 at the Log Days Parade. Chairperson for this event is Christine Smith who is working on some wonderful ideas for a library float. We'll look forward to cheering on a group of enthusiastic young readers, exhibiting their love for books as they ride down Madison Avenue.

## **Summer Story Hour**

As a result of requests received by Mrs. Moody, the Wednesday morning Story and Craft Hour will resume on July 11 at 10 AM. Library volunteers who have agreed to sign up for one or two Wednesdays include: Mary Turbyne, Mary Stuart, Dot Cleaver, Debora Barter, Louise Tessier, Kathy Hughes and Corrilla Hastings. All ages are welcome as we enjoy some stories, sing some songs, play some games and do a simple craft.

## ***Our Sympathy***

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library would like to express our sympathy for Head Librarian Helen Shaw, who lost her husband Moses in June. Helen herself is convalescing from surgery and should be returning to the Library soon.

## ***Library Lunch***

Our apologies for not reporting this in an earlier newsletter. In April the Friends sold and delivered more than one hundred lunches around town and raised \$550 for the Renovation/restoration Fund. We owe thanks to the many ladies who baked cookies and to those who made and delivered the sandwiches. We appreciate your generosity with your time and efforts to make the day go smoothly. We also want to thank our sponsors; Northstar Orchards, Shop 'n' Save and Sam's Club for their generous contributions. We couldn't have done it without your generosity. Thank you.

## ***Garden Tour***

The next fund-raising project is the Garden Tour on July 21st. There will be nine delightful garden areas

to see, including country gardens, gardens with an English influence and a historical garden. The tour starts at the Methodist Church where everyone will receive directions to the various gardens and sign up for the door prize (now on display at the library). There will also be an art show at the Methodist Church. There will be works by several artists. There are even rumors about sculpture being placed outside. In the afternoon you may enjoy a concert in Skowhegan's Coburn Park. Tickets for the tour are \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 on the day. A limited number of tickets include a gourmet lunch with the tour (advance sales only). These are \$15.00 each. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, Boynton's Greenhouse, the Town Office and the Library.

# Book Reviews

## ***Driving Over Lemons***

**By Chris Stewart**

Arm chair travelers, now we're off to Southern Spain, through the pen of Chris Stewart who once drummed for the rock group Genesis. He's all grown up now and is a travel writer. He tells us of his move, along with his wife, to Andalucia where the lemon crop is so plentiful, the fruit rolls merrily along wherever it chooses.

Full of New Age idealism he believes he is entering an independent simple life, raising sheep and fixing up an old house. He soon learns he is very dependent on his neighbors who become friends and more importantly, mentors. He has a lot to learn.

This book gives an affectionate description of the local people and ecology.

Readers will be especially amused at his bravery while his daughter, Chloe, was being born. She becomes a mentor too.

Reviewed by Mary Davies

# Book Reviews

## *Goosebumps*

by R. L. Stine

This series is designed to give the younger set a delicious fright, but not so bad as to cause nightmares. The main characters in each book seem to be about ten and twelve-years-old. In *Chicken, Chicken*, a brother and sister are rude to the town witch. Soon they find themselves growing feathers and clucking. The spell is removed when they apologize for their misbehavior. In *Attack of the Mutant*, our young hero is addicted to comic books. He spends time reading about his favorite superhero when he should be doing his homework. One day he rides past his usual bus stop and sees the building where the comic book arch villain hangs out. Then the fun begins. Not all of the stories point out little life lessons, but they all are sufficiently scary to raise a few goosebumps.

Reviewed by Marcia Granville

## *Founding Brothers*

By Joseph J Ellis

Not siblings, but brothers in a cause, like Soul Brothers; Joseph Ellis continues his exploration of the American Revolution by looking at the interpersonal relationships among the Founders.

The chapter titles are very good teasers to get you to look inside these covers. They include "The Generation", "The Duel", "The Dinner", "The Silence" "The Farewell", among others. Have you figured out yet what they're about? Are you sure?

This book is a welcome addition to our library's American Revolution collection. You'll enjoy the reading and learn what is true and what is myth. "The Duel" was full of well documented research and surprise. Poor Alexander.

Reviewed by Mary Davies

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### SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ADULT	1-5	10-5:30	10-5:30	1-5:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	1-5	10-5:30	10-5:30	1-5:30	1-5:30	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 Corilla Hastings (474-3949).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 11**      **Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room**  
**Living Treasures from the Sea, 2:00 in the Children's Room**
- July 18**      **Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room**  
**Discovering Pond Life, 2:00 in the Children's Room**
- July 21**      **Skowhegan Area Garden Tour, 10:00-5:00. beginning at Centenary**  
**United Methodist Church, Dr. Mann Road.**
- July 25**      **Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room**  
**Magic Show, 2:00 in the Children's Room**
- July 28**      **Log Days Parade. We will have a float.**
- August 1**      **Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room**  
**Skowhegan Children 100 Years Ago, 2:00 in the Children's Room**
- August 7**      **Library Trustees Meeting, 4:00 at the Library. Open meeting.**
- August 8**      **Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room**  
**Beavers, Furry Wetland Engineers, 2:00 in the Children's Room**
- August 15**      **Wednesday Morning Story and Craft Hour, 10:00 in the Children's Room**  
**Crafting with Wonderful Stuff, 2:00 in the Children's Room**



## **The Library Lookout**

**Friends of the Skowhegan  
Free Public Library**  
c/o Skowhegan Free Public Library  
Elm Street  
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### **Your Librarians Are:**

Helen Shaw,  
Francoise Labonte,  
Lois Moody  
and Thelma Butler

### **Your Library Trustees Are:**

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,  
Mary Davies, Betsey Hall,  
Kathy Dorko,  
Toni Jo Blaisdell and  
Rick Anzelc

### **Friends Officers Are:**

Corilla Hastings, Pres.;  
Jim Foster, V.P.,  
Marcia Granville, Sec.  
and Kathy Hughes, Treas.