



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6

Sat., 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

My thanks to all that attended our recent “Night at the Brewery” at Skowhegan’s own Bigelow Brewery. It was a fun evening with great craft beer, delicious snacks, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and live music. I don’t think I’d be going out on a limb if I said that a good time was had by all!

Challenge, Challenge, Challenge! Who doesn’t like a good challenge? A not to be named source has graciously offered to give \$5,000 toward the library renovations, if we can get 5 other donors to step up to the plate and make a \$1,000 donation each for the completion of the elevator. That’s it, only 5 individuals willing to go above and beyond to help the library. Here’s your chance to shine. Giving a little today, will mean a lot tomorrow. But hurry; we only have until the last day of October, then the money’s off the table. If you snooze, we all lose. Help get our elevator finished!

If you’ve ever wondered what “Ranked Choice Voting” is all about (Question 5 on the November ballot), wonder no more. Finn Melanson, from The League of Women Voters of Maine, will be here on October 6th at 6:30. The presentation will explain how ranked choice voting works, how voters use the ballots, how it compares to our current system, where it is currently used across the

state, country, and world, and how voters have responded to its implementation. This is a free program.

Get your discussion on with the Socrates Café. The group meets the second Saturday of each month from 11am to 1pm. A topic is decided in advance each month, and stimulating conversation follows at each meeting. There is no charge to join the group, just show up.

My thanks to author R. Wesley Clement for the donation of his latest book “Are you going to Skowhegan Fair?” and the great talk he gave about the book. Bob was very interesting, and helped bring back many memories to the folks in attendance with his anecdotes.

We need your signature! The library needs 400 signatures on our budget petition in order to get on the town warrant in June. If you’re a Skowhegan resident, please stop by the library and show your support by signing. It’s the only way to ensure that our budget request is discussed and voted on at the town meeting.

I’ll leave you with this thought: “Be not afraid of greatness. Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them.” William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616), in 'Twelfth Night'

Until next month – Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

We had a very exciting and fun first Lego Club meeting last month. The younger kids played a game where they rotated stations and built on each other's creations and the older kids created Lego catapults and shot mini marshmallows at stacked cups. This month, the younger kids will be creating a Lego Mini figure's bedroom and the older kids will be making balloon cars to race. The Lego Club Jr is full, but if your child is in grades 4-6 and is interested in joining our Lego Club Sr., there are still spots available. Just see Miss Angie to sign up!

Our regular school-time programs are back up and running. Storytime is Wednesday at 10:15, Family Story Hour is the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 and Tween the Pages Book Club is the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 (except for this one month, the Tween the Pages book club will be meeting on THURSDAY, October 6th at 4:00 instead.) These programs are open to the public so we encourage you to pop in with you children. As the months get colder and it is hard to play outside, remember that the library always has toys, games, books and programs to entertain the little ones.

The Library and Main Street Skowhegan will be co-sponsoring the Downtown Halloween Parade again this year. The parade will be starting at the Federated Church at 10:30 and the kids will go through downtown (on Water Street) trick-or-treating at the participating businesses. This event is taking place on Saturday, October 29th and all kids are welcome to come join in with the Halloween fun.

Happy Halloween!



Miranda and Bri at a "Pirate Storytime"

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 _____
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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

NIGHT AT THE BREWERY



Norm and Pat Dickey selling tickets

The "Night at the Brewery" provided fun for all and over \$2,100 for the Elevator Fund!

Many thanks to all who made the occasion such a success. Pat Dickey and Lynda Quinn organized the evening, and many individuals provided a bounty of delicious appetizers.

Thank you!

OCTOBER CHALLENGE

A matching grant has been offered by an anonymous library patron. This generous person will contribute a total of \$5,000 if five other donors will donate \$1,000 each during the month of October. The resulting \$10,000 will go towards the cost of the elevator addition.

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBER

- Albert and Davida Barter
- Rick and Tina Anzelc
- Rob and Tracey Brown
- Chelsey Carrier

NEW BOOKS

- Out of the Depths/* Edgar Harrell
- Saving Paradise/* Mike Bond
- The Sellout/* Paul Beatty
- Johathan Unleashed/* Meg Rosoff
- The Boy at the Top of the Mountain/* John Boyne
- The Nest/* Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney
- Career of Evil/* Robert Galbraith
- The Tumbling Turner Sisters/* Juliette Fay
(Large Print)
- Make me Love You/* Johanna Lindsey
(Large Print)
- Home/* Harlan Coban (Audio CD)
- The Regulators/* Stephen King (Audio CD)

Basket Raffle Winners

The winning Basket Raffle tickets were drawn at the Brewery event with the following results:

Basket #1 Patricia Horine

Basket #2 Tina Anzelc

Congratulations, Patricia and Tina!



The Elevator Tower!

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Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 Winter hours begin
Oct. 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 6 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:00 to 5:30
Oct. 6 Ranked Choice Voting Program, 6:30 PM
Oct. 6 Transition Skowhegan, 6 PM
Oct. 8 Socrates Cafe, 11 AM to 1 PM
Oct. 10 Library closed for Columbus Day
Oct. 11 Lego Club Jr., 3:15 to 4:15 (Closed session)
Oct. 11 Lego Club, 4:30 to 5:30 (Registration required)
Oct. 11 Let's Talk About It book club, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
Oct. 12 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 4 PM
Oct. 15 Teen Regression Session, 6 to 8:30
Oct. 18 Family Story Hour: Perfect Pumpkins, 4:30 PM
Oct. 29 Downtown Halloween Parade & Trick-or-treating, 10:30. Starts at Federated Church

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
Nov. 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:30
Nov. 3 Transition Skowhegan discussion group, 6 PM
Nov. 8 Election Day Bake Sale
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Nov. 12 Socrates Cafe discussion group, 11 AM – 1 PM
Nov. 14 Let's Talk About It book club, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
Nov. 15 Family Story Hour: No-shave November, 4:30
Nov. 23 Library closes at 2 PM
Nov. 24 Library closed for Thanksgiving