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# The Library Lookout

**JUNE 2009**

## **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

By Melissa Gaspar

The Library Friends Group sponsored a very successful "Celebration of Art" program on Wed., May 13. A short ceremony explaining the symbolism of the giant athletic shoe began by honoring Lew Ouilette, a veteran of 45 years in the shoe industry who represented the many men and women who dedicated their lives working in the shoe industry. Standing in for New Balance, was Geogiana Wright. The shoe was inspired by New Balance's generosity to the community and to support the Move More Kids Program which is an initiative to prevent childhood obesity. Dave Ellis from WISH was honored as a member of the Wesserunsett Arts Council which supported this Community Art Program. Barry Norling, the sculptor of the shoe, ceremoniously pulled off the cloth so the crowd could see the beautiful aluminum shoe.

In keeping with the shoe theme, **Mr. Frank Chin's Exploratory Art Students** from the middle school created over 100 shoes of various designs and colors. These were on display in the library lobby for the community to enjoy. Each student created an original shoe design and a market campaign to promote their shoe. Many thanks to the students who lent their shoes to the library as part of the Celebration of Art event. This exhibit of shoes, which will be on display throughout the summer, is creating a lot of interest. It is worth the trip to the library to look at these unique and colorful creations. Other artists displaying their work were Lorraine Herschkorn, John Alsop and Milton Christianson. Milton will be painting a mural on the big shoe

during the week of July 20th. This will be a unique opportunity to see the artist at work. Many thanks to all the artists who made this event such a success.

**Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm is the town meeting.** Libraries have been in the news a lot lately for the very reason that in challenging economic times, public libraries are needed more than ever. We have seen an increase in people printing out resumes, using the Internet to search for jobs, and to print out money saving coupons. Furthermore, the library is a great resource when planning a vacation. Printing airline tickets, making hotel reservations and researching your destination point can save valuable time and money. Your public library is a great resource. We hope you will take time to attend the town meeting. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget **The Pampered Chef Desserts and Coffee Program on June 18, at 6 pm.** All are invited. Angel Brewer, our cuisine expert, will be giving a cooking demonstration. 20% of all the evening profits will go to the Library Renovation Project. You can also order online at [www.pamperedchef.biz/cookinwithang](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/cookinwithang) Click on "Order Products" and enter Skowhegan Library as the organization.

**The Socrates Café**, philosophical discussion group will meet at the Blueberry Cupboard on June 13 at 11 am. The topic is "What is Moderation?"

# CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Katherine LeBlanc

With summer fast approaching we have been busy promoting this year's summer reading program. "Ice Cream for Books" is this year's theme. Our focus is to not only keep kids reading this summer, but also to promote the fact that we have several organizations locally with so much to offer. Our schedule includes on July 8 a self guided historical Interpretive Signage Walk at 1:00 pm beginning at the Library. July 15 the Somerset Cooperative Extension office will conduct a program for children at 1:00 pm in the library Children's Room. July 22 the kids are invited back to the Library to make their own container garden at 1:00 pm. July 29 kids can attend a free Forest Walk program at the LC Bates Museum beginning at 10:00 am. Lastly, on August 5 at 10:00 am at the Skowhegan History House, the LC Bates Museum will present a program on Old Time Toys and Games. Please feel free to bring your children and grandchildren to any event even if they are not part of the summer reading program. The more the merrier!

Once again this year, Gifford's Ice Cream has graciously donated free ice cream coupons as part of the prizes. There are also coupons for free personal pan pizzas and the "prize and book boxes" are full.

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## TENTH ANNUAL LAWN SALE

Once more it was evident that the Skowhegan Library has many, many Friends! A record number of donated items for the annual lawn sale resulted in a profit of \$1243. Thank you to all those people who collected and delivered their unwanted treasures for the sale, and to those buyers who made purchases on May 16. Again and

again, shoppers said: "keep the change – we love the library". It was very obvious that the Skowhegan Public Library is a valued and favorite place to an ever increasing number of community residents.

Sherri Vigue, Marcia Granville, Pam McDermott, Joanne Dubois and Mary Hill unpacked, arranged and priced the boxes of items a few days previous to the sale. Mary Stuart and Dottie LaCasse were the star salespeople who waited on the crowds of customers who arrived throughout the day, while Marcia cooked and sold the tastiest hot dogs to be found! On Sunday, Mary Hill helped to pack away the unsold items, and on the following day, Dave McDermott took the two truckloads to the Dill Center.

**THANK YOU TO ALL!**

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## 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

## BOOK REVIEW

By Peter Whitkop

Duncan J Watts

Six Degrees: The Science Of A Connected Age

W.W. Norton and Company, NY 2003

During our school careers, we are all expected to study many seemingly unrelated subjects. In a moment of academic frustration, did you ever ask, "so what's the connection between my sociology, biology, physics, economics, business and mathematics courses anyway?" In Duncan Watts' book Six Degrees: The Science Of A Connected Age, an answer is finally provided. Network theory is the connection, and in particular, small world networks. Now, before you sigh, roll your eyes and fall asleep, this is not a mathematics book. You will learn some cutting-edge math, but without the equations and proofs we loved to hate in high school. Mostly, it is an interesting narrative of how science is really done. Along with the math, it describes the interpersonal give and take necessary to do modern scientific research. This book actually makes learning something new an enjoyable experience. Best of all, there is no detention if you decide to skip some chapters.

### NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

Marjorie and Ralph Black  
Rod, Renee and Brett Worster  
Corrilla and Jim Hastings  
Molly and Stefan Staples  
Mardi and Alex Pakulski  
Gloria and Bob Nicholson  
Barbara and Peter Whitkop  
Pinnellas Foundation  
Kristine Rinaldi  
Louise and Dominick Rinaldi  
Mary Burgess

## NEW BOOKS

### FICTION

Balogh, Mary/ *Seducing an Angel*  
Child, Lee/ *Gone Tomorrow*  
Cristofano, David/ *The Girl She Used to be*  
Grippando, James/ *Born to Run*  
Grippando, James/ *Intent to Kill*  
Grippando, James/ *Last Call*  
Higgins, Kristan/ *Too Good to be True*  
Hilderbrand, Elin/ *A Summer Affair*  
Ignatius, David/ *The Increment*  
Khoury, Raymond/ *The Sign*  
Leonard, Elmore/ *Road Dogs*  
Littell, Robert/ *The Stalin Epigram*  
Nunn, Malla/ *A Beautiful Place to Die*  
Pelecinos, George/ *The Way Home*  
Preston, Douglas/ *Cemetery Dance*  
Sandford, John/ *Wicked Prey*  
Smith Wilbur/ *Assegai*  
Stein, Garth/ *The Art of Racing the Rain*

### NON-FICTION

Grant, Amy/ *Mosaic*  
Grogan, John/ *Bad Dogs Have More Fun*  
Millan, Cesar/ *Cesar's Way*  
Millard, Candice/ *River of Doubt*



"The Shoe"

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# Calendar of Events

## JUNE

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM

June 2 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

June 3 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

June 8 & 22 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM

June 8 Town meeting at the Municipal Building, 7 PM

June 13 Socrates Café at the Blueberry Cupboard, 11 AM

June 18 Pampered Chef Cooking tips, coffee and desserts, 6 PM

## JULY

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM

July 7 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

July 8 Signage Walk beginning at the Library, 1 PM

July 8 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

July 11 Socrates Café at the Blueberry Cupboard, 11 AM

July 13 & 27 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM

July 15 Cooperative Extension program at the Library, 1 PM

July 22 Container Gardens at the Library, 1 PM

July 29 Forest Walk at L.C. Bates Museum, 10 AM

Dates to remember in August

Aug. 5 Old Time Toys & Games at History House, 10 AM

Aug. 15 Somerset Art & Heritage Festival

## **The Library Lookout**

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### **Your librarians:**

Library Director Melissa Gaspar  
Assistant Librarian Francoise LaBonte  
Children's Librarian Katherine LeBlanc

### **Your Library Trustees:**

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Lee Granville, Toni Jo Blaisdell,  
Carol Jarvais, Corrilla Hastings  
Ex Officio, Mary Hill

### **Friends officers:**

Mary Hill, pres.  
Darla Pickett, vice pres.,  
Kathy Littlefield, sec. Sherri Vigue, treas.