



THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT OCTOBER 2006

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the wonderful people who help provide great library services and programs. These people work behind the scenes, without attracting attention to themselves, but it is important for the community to know how much they do.

First of all, I would like to thank Kristine Rinaldi for all she has done to support the Children's Room. Kristine is a teacher in Texas and all year long she buys quality children's books, fiction and nonfiction. When she comes to Skowhegan for a summer visit with her family, she brings the books and donates them to the library. This summer she donated over 300 books to the Children's Room. She also donated 75 lunch boxes which could be hand-decorated by the children and used as treasure boxes. The wonderful thing about Kristine is that she has done this for many years. Her dedication and generosity has had a large impact on our Children's collection. We are very grateful to her for the many books. It is impossible to measure the impact her generosity has had on the many children who have enjoyed these books over the years. Thank you Kristine.

Another person who is extremely supportive of the library is Ruth Blood. Each week she assists many people with genealogy questions. Researching family histories or looking up obituaries can be a time consuming job. We are very grateful to have Ruth's help. Currently she is teaching a genealogy class on Wednesday afternoons from 3-5 pm. Other libraries may offer such a class but usually it is very expensive. Ruth donates her time and asks only for donations to be made to the library if people would

like to make a donation. Ruth's expertise has been an important asset in developing the genealogy collection. For her many years of dedication to the library we would like to say Thank you, Ruth for all you do.

The third volunteer I would like to acknowledge is Siobhan Billings Pearce. Siobhan is a 7th grade student at the Skowhegan Area Middle School. She began volunteering in the library children's room as part of the requirements for a Girl Scout badge she was earning. After she fulfilled the badge requirements she continued volunteering her time. Siobhan volunteers each week doing numerous helpful jobs such as shelving books, working at the Children's Circulation desk, creating colorful bulletin boards and displays. She also repairs damaged books and has helped out at the library book sales. We would like to say thank you so much, Siobhan.

There are many other people who donate their time and talents at the Skowhegan Public Library. I will acknowledge some more wonderful volunteers in the next Library Lookout.

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

By Katherine LeBlanc

October is turning into a busy month here at the library. I hope you will be able to join us for some or all of the following exciting programs. On October 20th the Lions club will again be sponsoring the Peace Poster Project. There will be a reception from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the library for all participants and their family's. The posters will be on display beginning at that time through the beginning of November.

On October 21st at 10:30 author Margaret LeBlanc will be here to read from her new book *Ms. Maddy Comes to Town*. Mrs. LeBlanc will also have a supply of books on hand to purchase, and

refreshments will be served.

The annual Skowhegan Free Public Library Halloween Parade will be held on October 28th at 11:00 a.m. Our route is extended a bit this year. We will leave from the Federated Church as usual and traveling down Water Street to the municipal building and crossing at the post office. We will travel back to Court Street and back down in front of Whittemore's Real Estate office, following our normal path.

The reason for our departure from the regular route, is because of the congestion of traffic when we cross at Empire Grill. This also involves many more business', and helps with safety. We are always looking for volunteers to keep children safe, so please contact the library if you would like to help "stand guard."

Immediately following the parade the Skowhegan Community Center will be hosting the Community Halloween Parade from 1:00 to 3:00. It looks like there will be loads of fun for the kids in Skowhegan that day! library October 2006

NEW RELEASES for OCTOBER

FICTION:

Albon, Mitch	<i>For One More ay</i>
Baldacci, David	<i>The Collectors</i>
Beaton, M.C.	<i>Love, Lies and Liquor</i>
Burke, Jan	<i>Kidnapped</i>
Brooks, Terry	<i>Armageddon's Children</i>
Brown, Rita Mae	<i>The Hounds and the Fury</i>
Cornwell, Patricia	<i>Book of the Dead</i>
Donati, Sara	<i>Queen of Swords</i>
Fleming, Julia Spencer	<i>All Mortal Flesh</i>
Fitch, Janet	<i>Paint It Black</i>
Francis, Dick	<i>Under Orders</i>
Frazier, Charles	<i>Thirteen Moons</i>
Flora, Kate	<i>Playing God</i>
Flynn, Vince	<i>Act of Treason</i>
George, Elizabeth	<i>What Came Before He Shot Her</i>
Gerritsen, Tess	<i>The Mephisto Club</i>
Haddon, Mark	<i>A Spot of Bother</i>
Jenoff, Pam	<i>A Fine Crack of Light</i>
Katzenback, John	<i>The Wrong Man</i>
King Stephen	<i>Lisey's Story</i>

Koen, Karleen	<i>Dark Angels</i>
LeCarre, John	<i>The Mission Song</i>
Littell, Robert	<i>Vicious Circle</i>
Lustaber, Eric Van	<i>The Testament</i>
McCall Smith, Alexander	<i>The Right Attitude to Rain</i>
McDermott, Alice	<i>The Book of Fate</i>
Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>Black Girl/White Girl</i>
Parker, Robert B.	<i>Hundred-Dollar Baby</i>
Sparks, Nicholas	<i>Dear John</i>
Steele, Danielle	<i>H.R.H</i>
Tapply, William	<i>Out Cold</i>
Woods, Stuart	<i>Short Straw</i>
Wozencraft, Kim	<i>The Devil's Black - bone</i>

NON-FICTION

Delaney, Frank	<i>Simple Courage</i>
Helm, Sarah	<i>Life in Secrets</i>
Lowry, Thomas	<i>Confederate Heroines</i>
Spoto, Donald	<i>Enchantment: The Life of Audrey Hepburn</i>

Winter hours will begin after the Columbus Day Holiday, October 9th. We will be closed that Monday and there will be no Toddlertime.

Library hours will be:

Monday	10:00 to 6:00
Tuesday	10:00 to 6:00
Wednesday	10:00 to 6:00
Thursday	10:00 to 7:00
Friday	10:00 to 6:00
Saturday	10:00 to 2:00

New and Renewed Members

Carol and Wesley Lam, Lynn Perry, Darla Pickett, Jim and Lisa Veilleux

Book Reviewers wanted:

Have you read a good (or bad) book lately? How about sharing it with other Friends of the Library. We want to know your opinions, favorable or not. Write up a review and e-mail or mail it to marcia_granville@hotmail.com or Marcia Granville at P.O. Box 278, Skowhegan, Maine 04976 and I will put it in the newsletter.

FAVORITE AUTHORS

By Marcia Granville

Linda Fairstein writes a thoroughly interesting and gripping tale. Alexandra Cooper, the protagonist in the series bears a close resemblance to author in that they both graduated from Vassar College and the University of Maryland School of Law. Each became head of the Sex Crimes Unit of the District Attorney's Office in Manhattan. In fact, Ms. Fairstein has led that unit for twenty-five years and is America's foremost prosecutor of sexual assault and domestic crimes.

While the book jackets don't state Ms. Fairstein's thoughts about her work, Alexandra Cooper does a fair job of it. In *The Deadhouse*, Alexandra tells her associate in the homicide squad, "... You're sniffing around dead bodies day and night. I get to help people. Live ones. People who've survived the trauma, who recover from it, who get to see a bit of justice restored because we *make* the system work for them."

We first meet Blondie, as homicide cop Mike Chapman calls her, in *Final Jeopardy*, and follow her career through *Likely to Die*, *Cold Hit* and *the Deadhouse*. Other books (which I haven't read yet, continue the series. Unlike other books centering on murder and mayhem, we get to see the law's involvement in a multitude of cases. Alexandra's day is interrupted by calls from her associates enquiring about points of law, calls from the police with new cases, visits victims of spousal abuse, visits and calls from reporters and many others all wanting a piece of her time and expertise. But, never does the detail become tedious. It just adds to the excitement of a really good story that is supremely well told.

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Found — an old newspaper clipping!

Serenity Pond News

Dated, April 2005, the headline reads:
**Trial of alleged Jack Daniels slayer,
Pauline Meeker to be delayed!**

Defense Attorney, Freer states that Ms. Meeker has suffered a breakdown of her health and cannot undergo trial at this time. District Attorney Nayler claims this is a hoax in an effort to free the perpetrator of a heinous crime. Judge Crabbe ruled for the deferral after listening to the testimony Ms. Meeker's family doctor.

Ms. Meeker is resting at an undisclosed location under medical supervision until her condition improves. Check here for daily updates on this spectacular crime!

The Trial of Pauline Meeker, a three act play has been deferred until January. It's not too late to sign up for a part. We have 4 or 5 roles left unfilled. Rehearsals should start in mid-October. All actors will be notified of the times. If interested, Call Marcia Granville at 474-7207 or leave your name and phone number at the library.

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.

Please complete this form and mail to Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

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Address _____

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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.

Calendar of Events

October

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 a. m. in the Children's Room

October 4 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library

October 10 Library Trustee meeting, 6 p. m. The public is welcome to attend.

October 11 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library

October 18 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library

October 23 Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a. m. in the Children's Room

October 20 Peace Poster Project 6:00-8:00 p. m. at the library

October 21 Margaret LeBlanc will read from her book, *Ms. Maddy Comes to Town* 10:30 at the library

October 25 Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library

October 28 Halloween Parade 11:00 a. m. near the Federated Church

November

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 a. m. in the Children's Room

November 1 and 8th Genealogy Class 3:00 to 5:00 at the library

November 14 Library Trustee meeting at the Oakland library, time to be announced

November 13 and 27th Toddlertime 10:30-11:00 a. m. in the Children's Room

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