

MARCH 2024

# THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SKOWHEGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

**Every Wednesday** - Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30AM

**Every Wednesday** - Dragon Book Club @ 4PM

**Every Thursday** - Career Center Consultant @ 1 - 4PM

**Every Friday** - Sit & Knit @ 1 - 3PM

**First & Third Saturdays** - Library Yoga @ 10:30AM

**Second & Fourth Saturdays** - Makers Club @ 10:30 AM

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3/02 - Tiny Art Big Ideas: Paint Party #2 @ 1PM

3/05 - YA Book Club @ 5PM

3/07 - Tiny Art Big Ideas: Paint Party #3 @ 10:30AM

3/16 - Tiny Art Pieces Due

3/21 - Books & Brews @ 6:30PM at Unwined

3/23 - Tiny Art- Big Ideas Community Art Show @ 2PM

3/28 - LEGO Club @ 3:30PM

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February is the month of love and was jam-packed with fun programs in the library! Both our adult and children's services librarians were busy planning and hosting different author talks and events.

We had not one but TWO author talks, two new programs started and we saw the return of the LEGO club after a few months break. These new programs continue into March along with other fun activities!

For February, the library's Facebook did an author spotlight post each Thursday to honor black authors and poets. Along with these posts, we shared items in our collection featuring these authors. If you haven't yet had a chance, take a look for some reading inspiration!

Our spotlights for last month were:

- Maya Angelou
- Jason Reynolds
- Zora Neale Hurston
- Amanda C. Gorman
- & Octavia Butler

With February behind us, Spring is seemingly right around the corner. While we patiently await the end of Winter, we're also preparing for April's eclipse which is the last total eclipse we'll see until 2044. To say we're excited is a bit of an understatement.

What's the difference between an eclipse and a total eclipse? The differences between the different eclipses as explained by Britannica: "Lunar eclipses occur when Earth passes between the Sun and the Moon, casting a shadow on the Moon. Solar eclipses may be classified as either total, in which the Moon completely covers the Sun, or annular, in which the Moon obscures all but an outer ring of the Sun." Don't miss out on your opportunity to see this rare event! We have eclipse glasses available (while supplies last), two per household, so feel free to stop down to the library to pick yours up today!

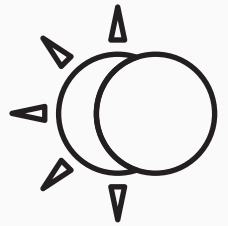




## NEWS FROM YOUTH SERVICES BY GABRIELLE HUNTER, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN



This month in the Children's Tower, we wrapped up our first round of Dragon Book Club. It was a great success and the kids have unanimously decided to pursue more Dragon-related adventures. So we shall be reading the second Wings of Fire Graphic Novel in March. There is still room for tween readers to sign up. We are working in clay, building dragon sculptures that will eventually get painted as well.



Adult Services and Youth Services also hosted the first Community Paint Party. Makers Club also focused on making art for the Community Art Show. And so, between the two, our workroom table is getting very full of gorgeous, colorful art. I am very excited to see it on the walls.

The Children's Tower has also been preparing for Solar Eclipse activities, including making eclipse viewers out of cereal boxes with the kiddos. We are still in need of empty cereal boxes. We will have two chances to make those: once in March (at Makers Club) and once at the beginning of April.

Finally, Makers Club will begin our focus on homemade books in the coming months. We will have a paper-making workshop, as well as, basic book-making from the paper we have created. This will definitely need more than one session for the paper-making part of the activity. We will be using old, discarded library books to make our paper. So, I am happy that we can put the old books to use as new creative materials.





## News from the Library Desk By Breanna Bussell-Fitzgerald, Adult Services Librarian

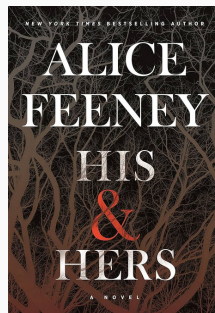
While the weather didn't cooperate with us in January, we were able to reschedule and finally welcome Paul Doiron to our library for his much-anticipated Author talk. We had quite the turnout and Angie presented him with an award to recognize him for authoring the top circulating series for 3 years running!



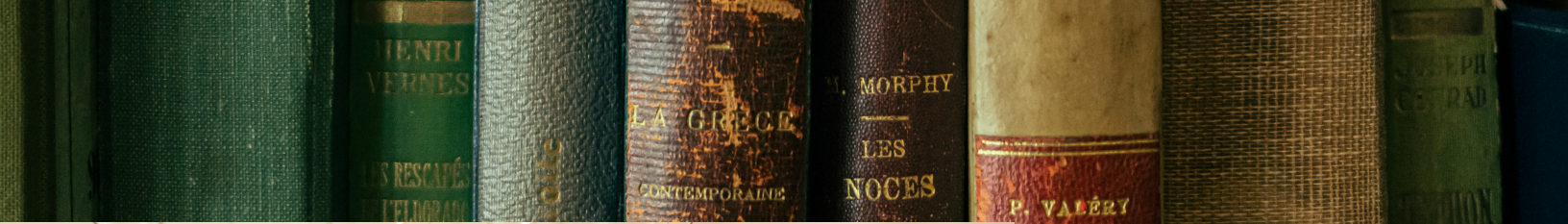
In February, we were also fortunate enough to be able to welcome Michelle E. Shores to discuss her novel "The Gathering Room". Michelle's work was also part of our Books and Brews discussion for February which featured great conversation, drinks, and CAKE!



## Books & Brews



Books & Brews will be reading His & Hers by Alice Feeney for March so please grab a copy and join us! Be on the lookout for April's book choices on FB and vote for which one you want us to read and discuss!



## Tech News by Nikki Hathaway, Technology Librarian

Downstairs in the computer lab, my current project is to get our 3D printers up and running to start offering that service to our patrons. I've been learning a lot and am excited to be able to announce when this feature will be available again!

I also sent out a survey via Facebook to gauge interest in the Coding Club starting back up, so stay tuned on that front! I'm excited to get that going for the kiddos as well! Don't worry if you weren't able to complete the survey, it was just to gauge interest and not a requirement for registration once we set our dates.

It's tax season again, and as a reminder, we have tax forms available or can help you print the ones you need!

## Staff Picks of the Month

**Angie** - *I'm Glad My Mom Died*  
by Jennette McCurdy

**Bree** - *Three inch Teeth* by CJ  
Box

**Gabrielle** - *Monstrous  
Regiment* by Terry Pratchett

**Lydia** - *Splintered* by A.G.  
Howard

**Nikki** - *My Sister, the Serial  
Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite

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# MARCH

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
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| 25   | 26   | 27   | 28  | 29  | 1  | 2   |
|  |  |  |   |   | <br>Sit & Knit @ 1 PM   | <br>Library Yoga @ 10:30 AM<br>Tiny Art Big Ideas: Paint Party @1PM  |
| <br>3   | <br>4 | <br>5   | <br>6<br>Storytime @ 10:30AM<br>Dragon Book Club @ 4PM   | <br>7<br>Tiny Art Big Ideas: Paint Party @10:30AM<br>Career Center Consultant @1PM | <br>8<br>Sit & Knit @ 1 PM<br> | <br>9<br>Makers Club @ 10:30AM   |
|  |  | YA Book Club @ 5PM   | Dragon Book Club @ 4PM  |   | Sit & Knit @ 1 PM  | Makers Club @ 10:30AM   |
| <br>10   | <br>11 | <br>12   | <br>13<br>Storytime @ 10:30AM<br> | <br>14<br>Career Center Consultant @1PM   | <br>15<br>                       | <br>16<br>Tiny Art Pieces Due<br> |
|  |  |  | Dragon Book Club @ 4PM  |   | Sit & Knit @ 1 PM  | Library Yoga @ 10:30 AM   |
| <br>17<br> | <br>18  | <br>19<br> | <br>20<br>Storytime @ 10:30AM<br>Dragon Book Club @ 4PM  | <br>21<br>Career Center Consultant @1PM<br>Books & Brews at Unwined @ 6:30PM         | <br>22<br>Sit & Knit @ 1 PM<br>    | <br>23<br>Makers Club @ 10:30AM<br>Tiny Art Big Ideas Community Art Show @ 2PM   |
|  |  |  |   |   | Sit & Knit @ 1 PM  |   |
| <br>24  | <br>25  | <br>26  | <br>27<br>Storytime @ 10:30AM<br>Dragon Book Club @ 4PM  | <br>28<br>Career Center Consultant @1PM<br>LEGO Club @ 3:30PM                        | <br>29<br>                         | <br>30   |
|  |  |  |   |   | Sit & Knit @ 1 PM  |   |
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## Suggested ages for activities

Storytime: 1-4

YA Book Club: 12-18

Sit & Knit: All ages

Career Consultant: 18+

Dragon Book Club: 9-13

Library Yoga: All ages

LEGO Club: 4+

Maker's Club: All Ages

Tiny Art Big Ideas: All ages

