



# The Library Lookout

December 1999

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## Wish List

We wish you a splendid Holiday Season full of kindness, serenity, generosity, merriment and hope for a brand new century.

The children's room would love to use your extra xmas tree (not real); table or small size, it doesn't have to be beautiful.

The children will make it so.



## Popular Selections

### **Fiction:**

<i>A Walk to Remember</i>	Sparks
<i>Big Trouble</i>	Barry
<i>All Souls</i>	MacDonald

### **Non-Fiction:**

<i>Dutch</i>	Morris
<i>I'm a stranger Here Myself</i>	Bryson
<i>American Locomotives</i>	White

### **Young Adults:**

<i>Brian's Return</i>	Paulson
<i>When the sun Kisses the Sea</i>	Gabel
<i>Knights and Castles</i>	Gravett
<i>Pond Plants</i>	Grisecke
<i>Italy</i>	Martin

## **LATEST NEWS**

*Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster*

We have had a wonderful year. Many volunteers now assist with projects at the library. Many people and organizations have donated books, audios, videos and software. The computers have attracted new patrons. Story hour has been expanded. Interest in the library is high.

With your help, we have replaced the Dr. Seuss collection and completed it. Work continues with Architect, Sylvanus Doughty. It doesn't show yet but it will.

The Book discussion Group remains popular and the Computer Workshop classes are always booked ahead. Children's software has been added for interactive play.

Our programs following meetings are top notch. Special thanks to Jamie Luce for a wonderful slide show and talk about his trip of the complete Appalachian Trail. Bill Bryson ("A Walk in the Woods") can look up to him.

The TRI

Did you know that once a month, a meeting is held with one Trustee, one Friend and one Librarian attending? This year, it has been Helen Shaw, Corrilla Hastings and Mary Davies. This is the way we co-ordinate our projects. You may contact any one of us to get a subject on the agenda. We co-operate together for the good of the library. It has been a successful year as we pull together to improve our library and support the staff.

Holiday Open House

Sat. Dec 11, 1-3 pm. We'll be celebrating with a reading of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* on the main floor and Holiday stories and crafts in the children's rooms. Readers will be Police Chief Butch Asselin, Rev. Mark Tanner and Rev. Neil Gastonguay. Refreshments will be served. We hope you can come.

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Happy Holidays!

**NEW  
Daytime  
Series**

## The Friends of the Skowhegan Public Library & The Kennebec Valley Computer Society



are repeating our series of FREE classes at the Skowhegan Free Public Library on the following topics:

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| Nov. 5  | Computer Basics                            |
| Nov. 12 | The Windows 95/98 Operating System         |
| Nov. 19 | Using Your Computer                        |
| Dec. 3  | The Internet                               |
| Dec. 10 | Resources Available Online                 |
| Dec. 17 | File Formats & the Programs that Love Them |

The classes will be held DAYS this time, from 1:00 to 2:30, in the Children's room upstairs.

For more information call Jim Foster at 474-2589, or send e-mail to [jfoster@somtel.com](mailto:jfoster@somtel.com)

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## DESIDERATA

GO PLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE AND HASTE & REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SURRENDER BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH ALL PERSONS. SPEAK YOUR truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery, but let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years; gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. but do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery & broken dream, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

- Max Ehrmann

## 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 Cornilla Hastings (474-3949) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Hilma Millet, P.O. Box 215, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome

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### LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	1-3:30	10-6	10-6	1-3:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 3 1:00 p.m. Computer Class: The Internet  
Dec. 6 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group: Maine and/or Maine Authors  
Dec. 10 1:00 p.m. Computer Class: Resources Available Online  
Dec. 17 1:00 p.m. Computer Class: File Formats & the Programs that Love Them  
Dec. 11 1-3 pm. Holiday Open House with a reading of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* on the main floor and Holiday stories and crafts in the children's rooms.  
Jan. 3 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group: any book recently read  
Jan. 12 7:00 p.m. Friends Meeting. Program: **Lifetime Learning** Bill Laney  
Feb. 7 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group: a biography  
Mar. 6 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group: Poetry  
Mar. 8 7:00 p.m. Friends Meeting. Program: **There's Gold in Your Attic** Tim Gould  
Apr. 3 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group: Mystery  
May 1 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group: A play TBA perhaps a reading by all.  
May 10 7:00 p.m. Friends Annual Meeting. Program: **Book Reviews** Skowhegan Readers of all ages.



#### Your Librarians Are:

Helen Shaw,  
Francoise Labonte,  
Lois Moody  
and Thelma Butler

#### Your Library Trustees Are:

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

#### Friends Officers Are:

Jim Hastings, Pres.;  
Mary Davies, V.P.,  
Marcia Granville, Sec. and Hilma  
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