



The Library Lookout

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

It's been a busy couple of months. We've made some new library friends this summer, and reestablished ties with others. Much of our programming had to do with the Children's Library. Angie Herrick, the Children's Librarian, had her hands full on most days, but I'll let Angie address that in her column.

One of the best things we had happen in July was the installation of Tandberg video equipment. This equipment was provided to us from the state under the BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program). We're one of only 11 libraries in the state to receive this video equipment. The equipment was placed in communities where unemployment was higher, and residents had limited access to educational facilities and training. The project was also set up to increase librarian's skills in technology and information skills needed to help others in their communities. It's really an amazing piece of equipment, and will be put to use as programming is developed for it.

The big news was our booth at the fair. James Barto, and a collection of volunteers, professionally manned a booth at Constitution Hall for the entire fair. Books and Longaberger raffle tickets were sold, as well as hosting a 50/50 raffle. The New Balance Shoe Sculpture, which normally resides in the Civil War Room, was wheeled up to the fair by an energetic group of cheerleaders. We received some thumbs up, and a few honks along the way. We got our 15 minutes of fame, when the Morning Sentinel and Somerset Times folks photographed, and interviewed our gang. It was a lot of fun, and good exposure for the library. James told me this week that he's looking forward to going back next year.

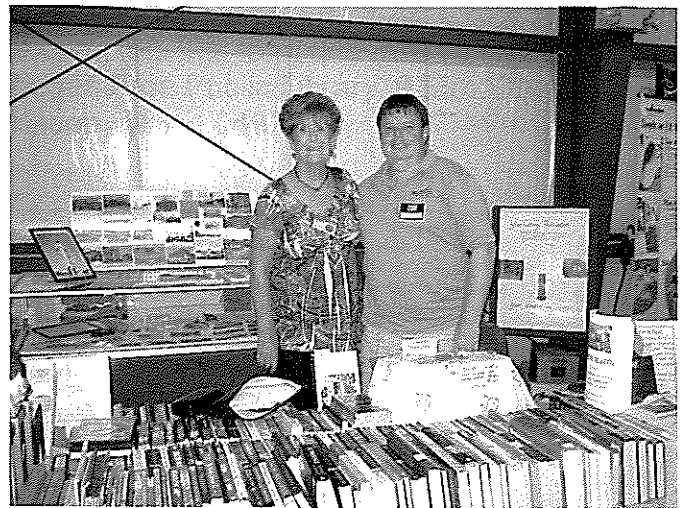
Looking forward; we have two author talks

and book signings coming up. The first is on August 31st at 6pm. Robert Clement will talk about his book "This Old House", a tale of his growing up with seven sisters and seven brothers. Betty Cichocki will also be here on September 14th, to speak about her new book "Things That Last", a spiritual book about life with her husband. This program begins at 7pm.

Before I sign off this month, I want to leave you with these two things. First; the monthly genealogy group would like to thank Carol Dolon of Embden for arranging the groups last two speakers, and ensuring that their meetings were publicized fully. Thanks Carol. And while we're on the subject of thanks; I'd like to add my thanks to all of the folks in the Friends Group who always work so hard for the benefit of the library. Also; don't forget to sign the library's petition this month. We need almost 350 signatures to get on the warrant for next year's town meeting.

Until next month;

Dale



Pat Dickey and James Barto at the Library booth at the Skowhegan State Fair

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick

The Summer Reading Program, "One World Many Stories", is officially over, but I would like to give you a few numbers that will give you a better idea at just how successful our program really was. We had 96 kids sign up. We gave out 66 new library cards during our summer reading program (many of them a direct result of our "One World, Many Stories" programs!) Our completed dragon has 246 scales! (Kids were asked to pick and write down one favorite book they read that week to add a scale to our "book" dragon that is located in the hallway leading up to the children's room.) And lastly and in my opinion most impressive, the kids read over 1200 books this summer!! Way to go kiddos!! I hope you parents and caregivers are as impressed as I am!

So, as you can see, this year's Summer Reading Program was hugely successful! This was my first year heading up the reading program and I couldn't have done it without the help of so many wonderful people! I would like to thank Gifford's Ice Cream and Pizza Hut Pizza for their continued donations to our program! The kids love getting these certificates as prizes. I would also like to thank the Community Center for all the help with our End of Summer Reading Program Party, and Mr. Warren Balgooyen who donated his morning giving us a free nature walk through the Yankee Woodlot trails. And, a really BIG thank you to the Friends of the Library who funded all of our Summer Reading programs so we could offer them free to the community! It really does "take a village..."

School's back in session and that means that things in the children's library slow back down a little, but we still have plenty of fun in store. Don't forget about our weekly Story Time every Wednesday at 10:00, our Toddler Time every second and fourth Monday at 10:30 and our Family Story Hours every third Tuesday of the month at 4:30. If you like our Facebook page, you can easily follow along with all of the things we have going on!



A group takes a rest at the "End of Summer" Reading Program.

THANKS TO SKOWHEGAN CHEERLEADERS who pushed the "Giant Shoe" up Madison Ave. to the Fair Grounds!
Kayla Field, Katie Wood, Kelsey Brown, Katelynn Lizotte and Samantha Santos

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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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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 Jeanne Shay

Waiting For Wings by Lois Ehlert

Young children love butterflies and they will love this book by Lois Ehlert. Through poetic text and gorgeous illustrations, Ehlert explains the life cycle of the butterfly. The book has some unique cut pages. All pages include pictures of various butterflies, alone, or in a garden setting. Flowers are large, simplified creations of many found in this area.

Do you know how a butterfly eats? Go to the reference pages that follow the narrative to find out. They include butterfly information and pages with pictures to help with flower and butterfly identification. Ehlert presents views of both underwings and overwings of the butterflies as well as the chrysalis for each one. The book ends with directions on how to plant a butterfly garden. Children will enjoy learning about butterflies. They will also be drawn to the large colorful illustrations. This is a book that will be revisited many times; perhaps followed by a visit to your garden to look for butterflies and flowers.

This book will appeal to children in preschool through the primary grades.

Longaberger Baskets® Calendar Raffle

A \$10 ticket gives you 5 chances to win!

These 5 chances with the customer's name and phone number are deposited in a "30-Chances-to-Win Jar" in the library. The customer retains the ticket stub and receives a complimentary prize sheet. On the front side of the sheet, a calendar is printed which shows what item is featured for each of the days in September. On the other side, for each day of the month, the local sponsoring business appears along with the value of the basket. Baskets won by out of town customers will be sent via USPS. Winners will be picked Monday through Friday. Weekend winners will be drawn on Monday. The tickets are currently on sale at the Library, The Chamber of Commerce, The West Front Street Market, and from Bonnie Chamberlain, 474-3146.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Box, C. J./ *Back of Beyond*
Brooks, Terry/ *The Measure of the Magic*
Butcher, Jim/ *Ghost Story*
Coulter, Catherine/ *Split Second*
Dailey, Janet/ *Bannon Brothers*
Deveraux, Jude/ *Heartwishes*
Douglas, Carole Nelson/ *Cat in a Vegas Gold Vendetta*
Garwood, Julie/ *The Ideal Man*
Goodkind, Terry/ *The Omen Machine*
Jenoff, Pam/ *The Things We Cherished*
Kingsbury, Karen/ *Learning*
Lustbader, Eric/ *Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Dominion*
Palmer, Diana/ *Merciless*
Patterson, James/ *Kill me if You Can*
Pelcanos, George P./ *The Cut*
Perry, Anne/ *Acceptable Loss*
Preston, Douglas/ *Cold Vengeance*
Reichs, Kathy/ *Flash and Bones*
Robards, Karen/ *Justice*
Siddons, Anne Rivers/ *Burnt Mountain*
Silva, Daniel/ *Portrait of a Spy*
Steel, Danielle/ *Happy Birthday*
Sullivan, J. Courtney/ *Maine*
Thor, Brad/ *Full Black*
Unger, Lisa/ *Darkness, My Old Friend*
Walker, Martin/ *Black Diamond*

NON-FICTION

Larson, Erik/ *In the Garden of the Beasts*

REMEMBER PROJECT 2012:

- * PENNY DRIVE
- * BOTTLE & CAN RECYCLING
- * NANA TO YOU SHELF (Bring your donations to the library.)
- * YARN SALES (Leave at the library)
- * ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL DAY, October 7 at Tewksbury Hall, 12 to 4

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Calendar of Events

Children's Story and Craft Hour every Wed. at 10 AM

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 Friends of the Library Executive Board meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 6 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 7 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 10 Socrates Café at the library, 11 to 1 PM, Topic: "Joy"
Sept. 12 & 26 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
Sept. 14 Author Betty Cichocki will talk on her new book, *Things That Last*, 7 PM
Sept. 20 Family Story Hour, 4:00 to 5:00 at the Apple Farm, Fairfield

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 Saturday hours begin, 10 AM to 2 PM
Oct. 1 Resume Class by Jeff Evans, 2 to 4 PM
Oct. 4 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 5 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
Oct. 7 Antique Appraisal Day at the Tewksbury Building, 12 to 4 PM
Oct. 8 Socrates Café
Oct. 10 & 24 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM
Oct. 15 Scrapbooking, 10 to 12
Oct. 18 Family Story Hour, 4:30 to 5:30