



The Library Lookout

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

March is here! You might ask; “why is he so excited about March?” Well, it’s only a hop, skip and a jump into April. No matter how bad the weather is in March, I know that April is just around the corner, and will start to bring out all those green things (trees, bushes, shrubs, grass – you know, things that don’t look dirty-white all the time). I get “Green” deprivation during the winter.

We’re doing a lot of moving of books in the Adult stacks. The first part of the non-fiction collection is being shifted over to the right of the stack area, in order to make room to expand the fiction section. I’ve been doing some weeding in these sections the last few months, in order to make this happen. We should be finished in the next few days, and then we’ll relist the stack ends with the non-fiction numbers in order to make it easier to find what you’re looking for.

Our Jan Kardys seminar for new authors was cancelled due to bad weather. We’ve rescheduled it for March 3rd. If you’ve ever thought about writing a book, or have started one, don’t miss this opportunity to hear how you can overcome difficulties in getting your book published. Jan has over 30 years in the book publishing business,

and she’s keen on helping new authors.

Our Bake and Craft sale, held on February 13th, did well even with us closing the library early due to the bad weather. A special thank you to all the folks that baked such great goodies.

My wife and I set up a table at the FAB fair on Saturday, February 22nd. I ran a slideshow of the renovations, and spoke with many folks about what we had accomplished and what we still had to do, while she asked people to vote for the library in the Bangor Savings Bank “Community Matters More” program. This program is a small grant program that gives non-profits either \$5,000 or \$1,000 dollar grants. She managed to get a number of people to mark their ballot for the library.

If you haven’t been to one of our monthly jazz concerts yet, you’re missing an evening of fun. Our laid back group of musicians makes you feel like you’re in a small coffee house somewhere else, instead of in the library Memorial Room. Take a chance and come out to the next one on March 20th at 7pm.

I’ll leave you with this thought; *“The world is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.”* Bertrand Russell

Until next time,
Dale

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Children's Librarian

For me, March means SPRING! The temperatures are finally warming up, the sun is shining a bit brighter and soon we will start to see the return of the birds, grass, and leaves.

February may have been the shortest month of the year, but we still managed to pack it full of activities. Our Tween the Pages Book Club just finished *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. The teens really enjoyed the book and made some anti-bullying posters to go along with one of the major themes of this story. They had a great discussion this month, as the group is really starting to bond and enjoy each other's company. This is a great group of 5th – 8th graders who enjoy reading and chatting and we would love to have some more students join. If you are interested, please see Miss Angie!

Also, this month, we had a great time reading about dragons at our Family Story Hour. We learned that they love tacos, but if their tacos are too spicy, they might accidentally breathe fire and burn your house down! We had 22 little dragons up here breathing lots of fire!

The Newbery books and Caldecott books are on display upstairs. The 2014 winners were ordered and most of them are already going in and out of the library. I hope our Skowhegan readers are enjoying them as well! If you want to check out this year's winners, or any previous winners, come on up. Many of them are great family stories to read together.

March is a fun month. We will start the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. I will be spending all day one day at North Elementary reading Dr. Seuss stories and teaching the kids about Theodore Geisel. On Saturday, March 1st we will have a special Saturday Storytime in honor of his birthday! Come out for a story, craft, and cupcake!

Our next Family Story Hour is Pancake Pandemonium! What better time to eat pancakes then during the week of Maine Maple Sunday. It should be a deliciously good time!

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

The Friends served refreshments at the Library's February 20 Jazz Concert. About 20 people attended. Lots of fun and great music.

We have begun planning for Library Lunches, soliciting donations from area grocery stores and lining up volunteers to help us with all aspects of the great event. This year, the date to remember is Friday April 18, Library Lunch Day.

April is the month for renewal of Friends of the Library dues. We will be sending out notices. If you know of anyone who might like to join us, please contact Jeanne Shay at 858-0094, Kathy Evans at 474-6660, or Margo Reid at 474-8538. We love to welcome new members.

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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
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



Kelly had fun making a fire-breathing dragon at a recent Family Story Hour

RENOVATION FUNDRAISERS

We're looking forward to the annual Library Lawn Sale on May 17 & 18. In addition to the usual lawn sale treasures, we're hoping for some bigger items such as chairs, tables, etc. (no appliances, please). We can store them during the winter if that would help.

Thanks to those who created delicious goodies and clever crafts, the Valentine Bake and Craft Sale was a great success. In spite of the bad weather and the fact that the library closed at two, our faithful supporters came to make Valentine purchases. The end result was just \$7 less than last year when the sun was shining! THANK YOU!

JUNE ART SHOW PLANS

A new committee has been formed to create a framed plaque listing members of the Coburn Society. Included will be the names of all individuals, businesses and foundations that have contributed \$1,000 or more to the Library Renovation. The plaque will be on display at the library in time for the 125th anniversary celebration in June.

Please save the date for this exciting event and weeklong Art Show from June 11th through 18th.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Beaton, M.C./ *Death of a Policeman*
 Berenson, Alex/ *The Counterfeit Agent*
 Brett, Simon/ *The Strangling on Stage*
 Dams, Jeannel/ *Shadows of Death*
 Delinsky, Barbara/ *Chances Are*
 Eisler, Barry/ *Graveyard of Memories*
 Evanovich, Janet/ *The Chase*
 Fluke, Joannel/ *Blackberry Pie Murder*
 Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia/ *Hard Going*
 Hoffman, Alice/ *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*
 Jance, J.A./ *Loving Target*
 Kellerman, Jonathan/ *Killer*
 LeHaye, Tim/ *The Mark of Evil*
 Mallery, Susan/ *Evening Stars*
 McCall Smith, Alexander/ *The Forever Girl*
 Michaels, Fern/ *Kiss and Tell*
 Oates, Joyce Carol/ *Carthage*
 Oke, Janette/ *Where Courage Calls*
 Patterson, James/ *Private L.A.*
 Robb, J.D./ *Concealed in Death*
NON-FICTION
 Gates, Robert/ *Duty*

NEW & RENEWED FOL MEMBERS

Mary M. Burgess
 Carol and Wesley Lam

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Your librarians:

Library Director Dale Jandreau
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Co Chairs: Margo Reid, Kathy Evans, Jeanne Shay
Tracey Brown, sec. Kathleen Littlefield, treas.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10 AM

MARCH

March 1 Dr. Seuss Story Time,, 11 to 12
March 3 Jan Kardys New Author Seminar, 6 PM
March 4 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
March 5 Tween the Pages Book Club (Students in grades 5-8), 4 – 5:30
March 6 FOL Executive Board meeting, 6 PM
March 8 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
March 10 & 24 Toddler Time, 10:30
March 12 Renovation Committee meeting, 2 PM
March 18 Family Story Hour, Pancake Pandemonium!, 4:30
March 20 Jazz Concert, 7 PM

APRIL

April 1 Library Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
April 2 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4 to 5:30
April 7 & 22 Toddler Time, 10:30
April 9 Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM
April 12 Socrates Café, 11 to 1
April 15 Family Story Hour, 4:30
April 17 Jazz Concert, 7 PM
April 18 Library Lunch Day
April 19 High School Art Show, 10 to 2
April 22 Art & Earth Day "Craft"ernoon, 10:30 – 1
April 23 History House Program "River Drivers Roundtable", 7 PM