



The Library Lookout

June 2019

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Library Hours: Mon.–Thurs., 10-6, Friday 10-3

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

Our first ever **Plant & Paint Night** was a success! We painted terracotta plant pots with many different designs, some simple and others bold and bright. After that each patron chose a flower to plant in their newly decorated pot to take home! It was a great program to welcome the springtime feel. We will be scheduling another Paint & Plant Night soon so be on the lookout! What better way to spend a \$5 evening out being artistic and making new friends?

On June 6th at 6:00pm we will be hosting **Mr. Walker's Travel Talk!** Join us as we get to experience the incredible island country of New Zealand through the eyes of Mike Walker. He will tell us about some of the adventures and encounters that he and his wife experienced on their recent trip, and share some of their insights on what it's like to travel to another country.

June 10th is when the **Adult Summer Reading Program** registration begins! ReadME is a statewide community read that gets Maine adults all reading two books (fiction and nonfiction) recommended by a well-known Maine author. This year, recommending author Tess Gerritsen has chosen *Paris Was the Place* by Susan Conley and *After the Eclipse: A Mother's Murder, a Daughter's Search* by Sarah Perry. Each patron who enters will be in the drawing for a chance to win awesome prizes from local businesses at the end of the program! This is a great way to experience a genre or author you otherwise wouldn't choose to read.

The annual **Town Budget Meeting**, one of the most important nights for the library, is June 10th at 7:00pm. We urge our faithful Skowhegan residents to please come out and vote to approve our budget. We can't do it without your help. Our budget covers everything from our heat and electricity to new books and DVDs. We want to continue to serve and support our community by providing all of our patrons with books, interlibrary loans, both children and adult programming, story time, access to the internet, copying and faxing and to simply be a safe place to be, but we cannot continue to do so without a well-funded budget. We need your voice and your vote!

June 28th at 11:00am we will be hosting **Maine Wildlife Rehabilitation with Josh Sparks** from Spark's Ark! He is a wildlife rehabilitator who removes and relocates nuisance wildlife, and takes in unwanted and illegally kept exotic pets. He will be bringing some of those exotic animals with him and talk about their care and special adaptations as well as share some interesting stories about wildlife encounters! This is a wonderful program for those who want to learn about Maine wildlife and experience some of the animals Maine has to offer first hand!

Also, on June 28th we are hosting a little **Birthday Party** 10:00am to 3:00pm for our wonderful Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Francoise! Please stop by, grab a cupcake and wish her a happy birthday! She makes the library a fun place to be so let's celebrate her on this special day.



CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

The "A Universe of Stories!" summer reading program is gearing up and I have been spending lots of time at schools getting kids excited to read their way through the summer. If you are not familiar with the summer reading at the library, it is an eight-week long program where any children between the ages of 2-12 are invited to track their time spent reading and earn prizes. Each child fills out a "contract" where families personalize their weekly reading goal according to what best suits them. When the weekly goal is met, they get a prize. It's that easy! Sign-ups will begin on June 10th and the first 100 kids to register get a free bag with goodies. The goal of this whole program is to keep kids engaged in reading, learning, and exploring the world around them. Our hope is that by enrolling, you will encourage and help your child beat summer slide and maintain their literacy skills in school-free months.

In addition to reading for prizes, we also offer weekly storytimes and weekly family programs. Our summer storytimes will be all about space in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing. These storytimes will take place every Wednesday at 10:15 and a free lunch will be offered directly following for any interested children. Our Tuesday family programs are also a lot of fun and are free and open to all. Some of the programs are here at the library and others are out and about in the community. Schedules of programs will be going out to all MSAD 54 kids in grades K-5 within the next week or so, or you can pick one up at the library when you register your child/children.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Friends of the Skowhegan Library who funded all of our Tuesday programs for the summer reading program, and to all the local business and people who have donated incentives to hand out to our young readers when they meet their weekly goals! We will continue to collect prizes from anyone willing to donate throughout the summer.



Natalie shows off her necklace made during Storytime

BECOME A FRIEND OF YOUR LIBRARY TODAY!

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library is a not-for-profit organization that helps promote and improve the Library's resources and facilities. Your membership in the Friends provides critical support to our Library. Suggested dues are \$24 for individuals and \$36 for families. Many give even more. Please consider the role that our Library plays in our community, and choose a level of support that's right for you. Whatever you decide, you can be sure that any amount is gratefully received and much needed.

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

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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

FOL EVENTS

The **Friends Annual Meeting** was held on May 8 followed by a program at 5 o'clock. The speaker was Stephanie Zurinski, District Consultant from the Maine State Library who talked about *Current Trends of Rural Maine Libraries*. Ms. Zurinski pointed out that libraries today are "community hubs for learning" and no longer simply places to warehouse books. The role of libraries, she said, is to "foster and strengthen relationships within the community", and to "facilitate learning from birth to death".

The **Library Lawn Sale** was a successful fundraiser with \$1,318 raised for the library.



Volunteer Pat Dickey surrounded by busy shoppers at the recent Library Lawn Sale!

On June 1, the Friends will sponsor a **Golf Tournament** at Lakewood Golf Course, Route 201, Madison. For more information, please contact Jeanne Shay.

COMMUNITY DISPLAYS at your Library

May was the month for **Lake George Regional Park** to showcase its facilities and activities planned for the summer season.

Look for a special **Library Display** for the month of June featuring the Summer Reading Program and other upcoming events!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Andrews, Mary Kay/ *Sunset Beach*
Brown, Dale/ *The Kremlin Strike*
Davis, Graeme/ *The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes*
Deaver, Jeffery/ *The Never Game*
Evanovich, Janet/ *The Big Kahuna*
Evans, Richard Paul/ *The Road Home*
Frank, Dorothea Benton/ *Queen Bee*
Graham, Heather/ *The Summoning*
Johansen, Iris/ *Dark Tribute*
Knott, Robert/ *Robert B. Parker's Buckskin*
Koontz, Dean/ *The Night Window*
Michaels, Fern/ *Hot Shot*
Quick, Amanda/ *Tightrope*
Richardson, Kim Michele/ *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*
Spillane, Mickey/ *Last Stage to Hell Junction*
Steel, Danielle/ *Blessing in Disguise*
Thomas, Jodi/ *The Little Teashop on Main*
Wilde, Lori/ *To Tame a Wild Cowboy*

NON FICTION

Cep, Casey/ *Furious Hours*
Kyle, Taya/ *American Spirit*
Orton, Erik & Emily/ *Seven at Sea*
Winfrey, Oprah/ *The Path Made Clear*



Plant and Paint Night at the Library

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Library Staff

Head Librarian and
Youth Services: Angie Herrick
Technology Librarian: Josie Pease
Adult Circulation: Breanna Bussell
Interlibrary Loan Librarian: Francoise LaBonte,
Library Aide: Linda Betts

Your Library Trustees:

Patrick Dore, Karen Lewia,
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Lynda Quinn, Warren Shay
Ex Officio: FOL President

Friends officers:

Pres. Bonnie Chamberlain
Vice Pres. Maureen Davis
Tracey Brown, sec.

Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

JUNE

June 1 FOL sponsored Golf Tournament at Lakewood Golf Course
June 4 Library Trustee Meeting, 6:00 PM
June 6 Travel Talk with Mike Walker, 6:00 PM
June 7 Sit & Knit, 1:00 PM
June 10 Registration for Summer Reading Program begins
June 10 Skowhegan Town Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Skowhegan Municipal Building
June 14 Sit & Knit, 1:00 PM
June 21 Sit & Knit, 1:00 PM
June 24 Summer Reading Program begins
June 26 Astro Snacks and Stories, 3:00 PM
June 28 Birthday Celebration for Francoise Labone (Cake and drinks will be served to the public all day)
June 28 Maine Wildlife Rehabilitation with Josh Sparks, 11:00 AM
June 28 Sit & Knit, 1:00 PM

JULY

July 2 Galaxy Slime and Playdough Workshop, 1:00 PM
July 2 Library Trustee Meeting, 6:00 PM
July 4 Library closed for Independence Day
July 5 Sit & Knit, 1:00 PM
July 9 Drumming with Annegret Baier, 3:00 PM at the Skowhegan History House
July 12 Sit & Knit, 1:00 PM
July 16 Earth and Sky at the LC Bates Museum, 10:00 AM
July 19 Sit & Knit, 1:00 PM
July 23 Earth Jams Concert, 12:00 at Coburn Park
July 26 Sit & Knit, 1:00 PM
July 30 Northern Stars Planetarium Shows at 10:00 & 11:00 at the Margaret Chase Smith Library (pre-registration is required.)

