



The Library Lookout

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Library Winter Hours: Mon.–Fri., 10–6 Sat. - 10-2

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By your Director, Dale Jandreau

As I'm writing this, the sun is shining in through my window. I glance outside, and notice water running from melting snow banks, people going in and out of the bank, sans heavy winter coats. Spring has finally sprung. I hope you're all enjoying this beautiful weather.

The renovation to the Children's Library restroom is complete. This is the last of the bigger projects that we wanted to get done. We now have 3 fully handicapped accessible restrooms in the building.

We had an informative time March 22nd honoring our library patriarch, Governor Abner Coburn. The late Governor Coburn was quite the philanthropist, and helped many organizations in the central Maine area. Robert Washburn presented a power point presentation of Governor Coburn's life. Light refreshments were served.

To celebrate April as poetry month, OPEN ARTS, part of Wesarts, will be hanging a new art show downstairs in the library. "WORD ART" will be a showing of art pieces inspired by poems, and poems inspired by art, created by several wonderful local artists! The opening will be on Saturday, April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Please come by to meet the artists and hear their stories! Music and lots of great conversation! Everyone welcome!

Photographer Mike Taylor will do a presentation on how to get the most from your night sky photography. Along with showing breathtaking shots of the night sky, Mike will teach us the general principles of night photography including in-the-field composition, lighting, camera settings, troubleshooting and the features of the night sky, as well as the necessary post-processing techniques to take your night photography to the next level. This free program will be held on April 9th, at 6pm. Don't miss it.

Come meet Laura Suomi-Lecker, an educator and outreach coordinator with Avian Haven. Laura will talk about how Avian Haven is able to help injured eagles, owls, hawks, loons and other songbirds, and what you can do locally. The program will be held on Monday, April 23rd at 6:30. This is a free program.

The Library will be closed on April 13th from noon until 1pm. We're using the time to honor our wonderful volunteers with a luncheon. Please plan accordingly. We're also closed on April 16th for Patriot's Day.

Until next month,

Dale



CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

March has been a busy month in the children's library. We have had a lot going on. The children's bathroom has been completely remodeled. We have new fixtures, new paint, new flooring, and it is all handicap accessible. We also had some sprucing up with new paint and all of the exposed pipes boxed in.

A few generous donations have come into the library as well. We have four new bean bag chairs for the teens and kids to move around and use as needed and a kitchen set complete with food and a shopping cart for the kids to play with. These are awesome steps to keeping the children's library a safe, accessible, and exciting place for all of the kids and teens.

We had an amazing program for our Tween the Pages book club that was open to the public as well. Thanks to the organization of Ellen Richmond from the Children's Book Cellar in Waterville, we were able to host inaugural poet, Richard Blanco, and Pura Belpre award-winning author, Ruth Behar. The Tween the Pages Book Clubbers all received a copy of her book and we will be reading her novel during the month of April. It was an awesome opportunity for our library to listen to these two speakers talk about their bodies of work and their Cuban culture and heritage. If you missed out, we do have some of their books here at the library that can be checked out.

Looking ahead to April, it seems we will have another busy and exciting month. We have all of our regular programs (Lego Club, Tween the Pages and Storytime) as well as some extra programs during April vacation. We have Tales With Tails when kids are invited to come into the library and read to some service dogs. You will need to register for a time slot with Miss Angie, so please call the library and reserve one. We will also have another SLIME TIME event as the last one was so popular. This time to make this a little easier, we will have two separate sessions one for young kids and one for older kids and teens. To see all the exciting events, please check our calendar on the back of the Library Lookout or our Facebook page or website for more information.

Looking even further ahead to this summer, we are beginning to plan and prep for our Summer Reading Program. We are still in need of prizes for kids who meet their weekly reading goals. Thanks to some generous donations, we have a start, but we are still looking to collect more. These prizes can be anything from sidewalk chalk, to an art kit, to bubbles, to silly putty, to temporary tattoos. We are basically looking for any new and non-food item that can be used as a reward for children between the ages of 2-12. If you have more questions or can help us out, please give Miss Angie a call at 474-9072.

CHILDREN'S ROOM WISH LIST

Prizes for Summer Reading Program
Tissues
Disinfecting wipes
White cardstock paper

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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



Ellen Richmond, Richard Blanco, Ruth Behar and Angie at March program

FUNDRAISERS

FIRST FRIDAY SWEET TREATS: On Friday, April 6, delicious cookies and quick breads will be on sale to welcome the Spring Season!

LIBRARY LUNCHES: On April 13, If you remembered to order your Library Lunch, enjoy a Spring picnic!

ANNUAL LAWN SALE: On May 18 & 19 at the Hastings' barn at 538 Malbons Mills Road. This event is scheduled as part of the well-known 10-mile lawn sale. We're looking for anything such as toys, furniture, household items, tools, sports equipment, craft materials, puzzles, games, etc. Donations may be left off at the barn any time. (Please call first at 474 3949)

Volunteers are welcome:

Thursday, 5/17 - arranging and pricing

Friday, 5/18 - selling

Saturday, 5/19 - selling

Monday, 5/21 - clean up

If you'd like to volunteer for an hour or two, please call Bonnie or Corrilla. THANK YOU!



NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Banville, John/ *Mrs. Osmond*
 Benjamin, Melanie/ *The Girls in the Picture* (LP)
 Berry, Steve/ *The Bishop's Pawn*
 Bohjalian, Christopher A./ *The Flight Attendant*
 Box, C.J./ *The Disappeared*
 Brown, Dale/ *Act of Revenge* (Audio Book)
 Childs, Laura/ *Plum Tea Crazy*
 Church, Elizabeth/ *All the Beautiful Girls*
 Crawford, James/ *Bloody Scotland*
 Cussler, Clive/ *The Rising Sea*
 Deveraux, Jude/ *As You Wish*
 Fuller, Kathleen/ *The Promise of a Letter*
 Fuller, Kathleen/ *Words From the Heart*
 Fuller, Kathleen/ *Written in Love*
 George, Elizabeth/ *The Punishment She Deserves*
 Goodkind, Terry/ *The Girl in the Moon*
 Graham, Heather/ *A Dangerous Game*
 Hagberg, David/ *Flash Points*
 Hannah, Kristin/ *The Great Alone* (LP)
 Jance, Judith A./ *Duel to the Death*
 Lodato, Victor/ *Edgar and Lucy*
 Margolin, Phillip/ *The Third Victim*
 Michaels, Fern/ *Sweet Vengeance*
 Michaels, Fern/ *Truth or Dare*
 Neggers, Carla/ *The River House*
 Patterson, James/ *Red Alert*
 Peterson, Tracie/ *In Places Hidden*
 Quindlen, Anna/ *Alternate Side*
 Steel, Danielle/ *Accidental Heroes*
 White, Randy Wayne/ *Caribbean Rim*
 Wilde, Lori/ *How the Cowboy Was Won*
NON FICTION
 Philbrick, Nathaniel/ *Valiant Ambition*
 Williams, Patricia/ *Rabbit* (Biography)

BOTTLES & CANS REFUNDS

Please take your cans and bottles to EMTEEZ and tell the clerk to "keep the money for the library!" (Or make the returns elsewhere and leave the money at the library.)

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

APRIL

April 3 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
April 4 Tween the Pages, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
April 6 First Friday Sweet Treats, 10 AM – 6 PM
April 7 Art Show Open House, 2:00 to 4:00 PM
April 9 Mike Taylor Night Sky Photography, 6:00 PM
April 10 Lego Club Jr, 3:15 – 4:15 PM
April 10 Lego Club at 4:30 – 5:30
April 12 Billie Sherman Craft Class, 10:00 AM
April 13 Annual Library Lunches delivered (Library closed from 12 to 1 for volunteer luncheon)
April 14 Socrates Cafe discussion group, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
April 14 Pokemon Mania, 11:00 – 12:30
April 16 Library closed for Patriot's Day
April 17 Art & Earth Day "Crafternoon", 1:00 – 3:00 PM
April 17 Let's Talk About it Book Club at Margaret Chase Smith Library, 6:00 PM
April 19 Slime Time Session #1 (for kids up to age 9) 2:00 - 3:30 PM
April 19 Slime Time Session #2 (for kids age 10 and up), 4:00 – 5:30
April 20 Billie Sherman Craft Class, 10:00 AM
April 20 Tales With Tails (Reading with service dogs), 3:00 – 4:00 PM (*Must register for 15 minute time slot)
April 23 "Lessons from Avian Haven", Speaker: Laura Suomi-Lecker, 6:30 PM

MAY

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May 18 & 19 Annual Lawn Sale at Hastings' barn, Malbons Mills Road
May 19 Last Day for winter hours
May 28 Library closed for Memorial Day