



The Library Lookout

February 2020

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

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

February will be a busy month for us here at the library and we're all definitely ready for spring. Consider checking out a book about gardening or spring cleaning to really get you in the mood for sunshine and pops of color after a long Maine winter.

Friday, February 7th we will be hosting **Treading Lightly: Ventures Day Program Art Show** at 2:30 – 4:00 on the main floor. We are so excited to have some wonderful artwork hanging on our walls again to really brighten up our space! Come take a look at the 25 pieces Ventures spent months creating. There will be light refreshments set up for all those who attend. Don't miss it!

Monday, February 10th at 6:30pm we will be at Bigelow Brewing Co. for our monthly meeting of **Books & Brews**. February's book is *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal. This book takes place in a brewery, so it's definitely fitting! Grab a copy and join us for book club, we're always looking for new members. Also, remember that voting for the Books & Brew's titles is available on the library's facebook page! Voting will give us an idea of what topics, genres and themes you'd like to read about.

The Skowhegan Woman's Club will be here to show us how to **decorate our own cakes** on two different occasions since last

year's decorating event was so successful. These events will be on **February 14th and 28th at 10:00 – noon**. These sessions are completely free but registration is required. Space is limited to 12 people per session so call the library to reserve your spot today!

Tuesday, February 25th Author Kathryn Griffin Swegart will be here at **6:00pm** to present **Maine as a Battleground: Father Rale's War (1722-1725)**. In this riveting story, we will travel back to the Maine wilderness of the 1700's and learn of the enduring friendship between Father Rale and the Wabanakis. Be sure to join us and learn a little more about the state we call home. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

March programs so far:

March 9th – Books & Brews at Bigelow Brewing Co. 6:30 – 7:30pm.

March 13th – Travel Talk : Ireland, St. Patrick's Day Bingo and card making with Billie Sherman and the Skowhegan Woman's Club. 10:00am – noon. Registration Required.

March 27th- Spring Floral Arrangements with the Skowhegan Woman's Club. 10:00am – noon. Registration Required.

*Remember the Valentine's Bake
Sale at the Library
on February 13th and 14th!*



CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

Every year at the end of January, the Youth Media Awards are announced--this is basically the Superbowl of children's and young adult literature. This year there were a lot of great winners announced. The Caldecott was *Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander and illustrated by Kadir Nelson, the Printz Award went to *Dig* by A.S. King, and the Newbery was awarded to the book *New Kid* by Jerry Craft. All three of these books along with numerous other award winners were ordered for our children's library and will be on the shelves shortly.

We have some exciting things going on in February. It is a short month, but it will be packed with fun activities at the library. During the week of February vacation, we will have something for the kids every day of the week (except Monday, because we will be closed for Presidents Day.) Tuesday, February 18th we will have our first STEAM Lab. This is a program for 5-12 years to encourage them to explore the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Participants will be making magnetic mazes and homemade lava lamps for our first session. STEAM Lab will be held again during April vacation, and then we plan on making it a bimonthly program starting next school year. On Wednesday, we will have our preschool storytime at 10:15. We will have stories, snacks, and a project for the families to enjoy. Thursday, we will be having BINGO for books at 3:00 and we will also be starting our Coding Club back for session 3. (If you are interested in signing up for this six week coding program, please call the library to register.) Friday, we have playgroup at 8:30 and then our High School Regression Session at 6:00 pm. High schoolers also need to register for this program.

We want to remind parents that the children's library is a warm sunny spot that can be used and enjoyed every weekday. You don't need to have a library card to come visit. We welcome families to share stories, play, explore, use the computers or iPads, or attend a program. Winter in Maine is cold, dark, and long but you don't need to keep the kids cooped up. Bring them in and enjoy our library!



Titus isn't sure what to think of painting with colored ice cubes at Storytime!

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY WISH LIST

Tissues Clorox Wipes
Liquid Hand Soap Construction Paper
Summer Reading Program Prizes

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

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**



Local artist, Robin Davis, has donated a wonderful piece of art to the library. THANK YOU, Robin!

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a **Valentine's Bake Sale** to raise money for the library and to sweeten the day. Delicious homemade treats will be for sale during library hours on both Thursday, February 13 and Friday, February 14.

Come and buy a treat for your sweetheart!



COMMUNITY DISPLAY at your Library

Enjoy the Woman's Club exhibit at the library for the month of February!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Allende, Isabel/ *A Long Petal of the Sea*
 Chamberlain, Diane/ *Big Lies in a small Town*
 Dare, Abi/ *The Girl With the Louding Voice*
 Elon, Emuna/ *House of Endless Waters*
 Gray, Shelley Shepard/ *The Protective One*
 Hurston, Zora Neale/ *Hitting a Straight Lick
 With a Crooked Stick*
 Kellerman, Jonathan/ *The Museum of Desire*
 Kidd, Jess/ *Things in Jars*
 Macdonald, Andrew David/ *When We Were
 Vikings*
 Paterson, James/ *Lost*
 Porter, Chana/ *The Seep*
 Preston, Douglas/ *Crooked River*
 Rainsford, Sue/ *Follow Me to Ground*
 Rice, Luanne/ *Last Day*
 Robb, J.D./ *Golden in Death*
 Shemilt, Jane/ *The Playground*
 Todd, Charles/ *A Divided Loyalty*
 Williams, Beatriz/ *All the Ways We Said
 Goodbye*

NON FICTION

Norton, Mary Beth/ *1774*
 Parkin, Simon/ *A Game of Birds and Wolves*



Vaughn is working diligently on the Lego tower on his deserted island at our Lego Club

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM **Sit & Knit: Every Friday, 1:00 – 3:00**

Feb. 4 Library Trustee Meeting, 6:00
Feb. 5 Tween the Pages Book Club, 4:00 – 5:30
Feb. 6 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00
Feb. 7 Preschool Playgroup, 8:30 – 10:00
Feb. 10 Book & Brews Book Club at Bigelow Brewing Company, 6:30 – 7:30
Feb. 11 Lego Club, 3:30 – 4:30
Feb. 12 Smart Cookies Book Club, 4:00 – 5:00
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Feb. 14 Preschool Playgroup, 8:30 – 10:00
Feb. 14 Woman's Club Winter Craft Series: Cake Decorating, 10:00 – 12:00 Registration required
Feb. 17 Library closed for Presidents Day
Feb. 18 STEAM Lab, 2:00 – 4:00 (Preregistration required)
Feb. 20 Bingo for Books, 3:00
Feb. 21 Preschool Playgroup, 8:30 – 10:00
Feb. 21 High School Regression Session, 6:00 – 8:30 (Preregistration required)
Feb. 25 Kathryn Swegart, Maine Author Talk, 6:00
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Feb. 28 Preschool Playgroup, 8:30 – 10:00
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March 2 Library Trustee Meeting, 6:00 PM
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March 6 Preschool Playgroup, 8:30 – 10:00
March 9 Book & Brews Book Club at Bigelow Brewing company, 6:30 – 7:30
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March 13 Preschool Playgroup, 8:30 – 10:00
March 13 Woman's Club Winter Craft Series: Ireland Travel Talk, Bingo, and Card Making, 10:00 – 12:00
March 19 & 26 Game On! (Open to all ages, but children under the age of 10 need adult supervision), 3:00 – 5:00
March 19 & 26 Coding Club (for students in grades 2 – 4. Pre-registration is required.) 3:30 – 5:00.
March 20 & 27 Preschool Playgroup, 8:30 – 10:00
March 27 Woman's Club Winter Craft Series: Spring Floral Arrangements, 10:00 – 12:00