The Library Lookout

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LIBRARY NEWS

*What are **YOU** reading?*

Listed below are a few answers to that question posted in last month's Lookout. What enthusiastic readers we have in our community!

Lynn Perry has enjoyed "Beneath A Scarlett Sky" by Mark T. Sullivan, the true story of Pino Lella, a young boy living in Milan during WWII.

Deb Burnham recommended "I've Been Thinking" by Maria Shriver. Short chapters sharing personal reflections about enjoying a meaningful life allows readers to choose individual chapters at their own pace.

Mel Burnham found "Grant" by Ron Chernow very interesting. It covers Grant's life, the Civil War and the post war period when much of what was gained by battle was lost to politics and racial divide.

Barbara Whitkop liked reading "Quiet (The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking)" by Susan Cain. Do you relish solitude? Do you dislike large, noisy gatherings? You may be an introvert!

Peter Whitkop recently read "The Great Alignment: Race, Party Transformation and the Rise of Donald Trump" by Alan I. Abramowitz, a book which explains how the country has gotten to this particular political place.

Mary Lou Mollerus mentioned two books: "On Hallowed Ground" by Robert M. Poole tells the story of Arlington National Cemetery which includes a lot of history. The other book is "The Cows are Out" by Trudy Chambers Price about a Maine couple living on a farm on Knox Ridge.

Hal Mollerus Is reading "Where I Am" by Billy Graham, the author's last book before his death.

Melissa Gaspar recommends "The Vicar's Daughter" by Jodi S. Kilpak for anyone who longs to read a new Jane Austen book. It includes the heroine's challenges and hopes, as well as every day kindness and courage of family life.

Marcia Granville's choice is "Tombstone Courage" by J.A. Janice, a book about a young woman about to start her career as a sheriff.

Alan Foxwell suggests two books: "This Scorched Earth: A novel of the Civil War" by William Gear, and "The Sun is my Undoing" by Marguerite Steen which tells about early slave trade between England and the Ivory coast.

Tracey Brown read "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio which is a touching story about a boy with a rare disorder that has mis-figured his face. It makes the reader laugh, cry and cheer for the underdog - everyone could learn a valuable lesson in reading this book.

Pat Dickey enjoyed "Home in Carolina (A Sweet Magnolia book)" by Sherryl Woods - light reading but with a message about betrayal, mistakes, forgiveness and friendship.

Margo Reid is reading "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow. Margo really enjoys books about the Founding Fathers.

Marilyn Renfrew is reading a book suggested on the PBS News Hour book club called "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee.

Jeanne Shay chose "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann, a finalist for the National Book Award that tells the story of the murders of Osage Indians and the formation of the FBI - a true story that reads like a gripping detective novel.

Darla Pickett recommends a variety of books both fiction and nonfiction. A new book by Anne Perry entitled "Twenty-One Days", the mystery series by Sue Grafton, and works by Maine authors Paul Doiron and Linda Greenlaw are all mentioned in Darla's list. Nonfiction titles included are: "A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and Leadership" by James Comey, "Fire and Fury" by Michael Wolff, "On Writing, A Memoir of the Craft" by Stephen King, and "Obama: An Intimate Portrait" by Pete Souza.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Angie Herrick, Youth Services Librarian

The Summer Reading program has reached its half way mark and we are seeing excited readers every week coming in to claim their prizes. So far we have given out over 250 and could use some more items to put into our prize box. We appreciate all the community support to make sure we are keeping kids excited to read throughout the summer.

We have had some fun programs this month. We have made rock candy—very successfully, I might add—had a concert, built some Legos volcanoes, and got to meet Bruce the Bear and children's author Ryan T. Higgins. Coming up for the rest of the summer reading program, we have Lindsey and her Puppet Pals on Tuesday, August 7th at 2:00, and African Rhythms and Songs on Tuesday, August 14th at 10:30.

We will also be hosting our next High School Regression Session. The theme is "Group Birthday" and we will be hosting a birthday party complete with cake, ice cream and a birthday gift Yankee swap. This program is for high school students only and you must register to attend.

July is always a busy month for various reasons. One of those reasons is we get our yearly visit from Kristine Rinaldi. Kristine has been purchasing books from Scholastic, where she works part time, for our library for 23 years. Each year she brings new titles that the kids all clamor for. They literally beg me to get them ready to check out as fast as possible. This year her visit resulted in about 70 new books for our collection, lots of giveaways for the Holiday Stroll, and some supplies for the library as well. We always appreciate her generosity and devotion to our little library.

Cassity is testing the boat she made at Storytime.

Lyle Works was our first participant to reach his summer reading goal!

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Children's Room Wish List

Toilet Paper, Tissues
White Cardstock, Printer/copy paper
New or Gently Used DVDs
Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
Summer Reading Program Prizes

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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 check the activities you are willing to help with.

- ○ Refreshments for library activities.
- ○ Making phone calls.
- ○ Helping with fundraising activities

WINE GLASS SUCCULENTS

An opportunity to create your own little succulent terrarium to take home will be presented on August 16 at 6:30 PM. All supplies will be provided. Please register at the library to reserve your spot. (This program is for adults.)

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PUZZLE SWAP

A "Bring one, Take one Puzzle Swap" has been set up at the library. If you have a jigsaw puzzle (with no missing pieces!) that no longer challenges you, bring it into the library and swap it for another.

There's also a "puzzle in progress" for all to enjoy. Have fun!

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KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

Beginning on September 7th, the library will offer an afternoon of knitting and crocheting on Fridays from 1 to 4 PM. Both beginners and experts will be welcome to share ideas and creativity while they work on individual projects of their choice.

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BOTTLE & CAN REFUNDS

The Friends of the Library welcomes your refunds from bottles and cans at both Damon's and EMTEEZ. Just tell the clerk to "keep the money for the library!" All proceeds will be used for needed library items or projects.

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Atherton, Nancy/ *Aunt Dimity and the King's Ransom*
Brown, Sandra/ *Tailspin*
Clark, Georgia/ *The Bucket List*
Coulter, Catherine/ *Paradox*
Ford, Jack/ *Chariot on the Mountain*
Frank, Dorothea Benton/ *By Invitation Only*
Graham, Heather/ *Pale as Death*
Kellerman, Faye/ *Walking Shadows*
Kellerman, Jonathan/ *A Measure of Darkness*
McLain, Paula/ *Love and Ruin*
Owens, Delia/ *Where the Crawdads Sing*
Parker, Miriam/ *The Shortest Way Home*
Patterson, James/ *Texas Ranger*
Schaffer, Bernard/ *The Thief of All Light*
Scottoline, Lisa/ *Feared*
Stage, Zoje/ *Baby Teeth*
Stone, Victoria Helen/ *Jane Doe*
Walsh, Rosie/ *Ghosted*

NON FICTION

Emmerich, Maria/ *Keto Comfort Foods*
Holley, Kyndra D./ *Keto Happy Hour*
Ketchum, Carolyn/ *Easy Keto Desserts*
Simonds, Cynthia Finnemore/ *Gelato Fiasco*

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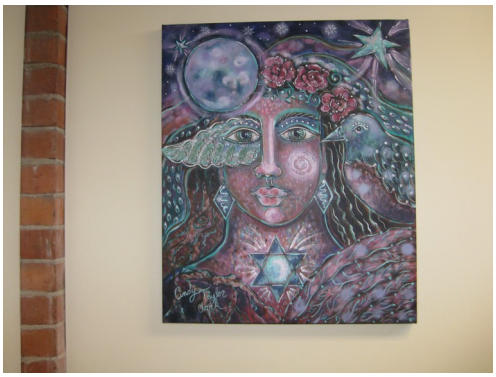
ART EXHIBITS

Remember to enjoy the changing Art Exhibits at the Library on the lower level.



Currently: Cindy Taylor Clark "Color of Woman"

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Library Staff

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Calendar of Events

Story Time: Every Wednesday, 10:15 AM

AUGUST
Aug. 7 Lindsay and her Puppet Pals, 2 PM
Aug. 7 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
Aug. 10 High School Regression Session, 6 to 8:30. Registration is required
Aug. 14 African Rhythms and Songs with Annegret Baier, 10:30 AM
Aug. 16 Wine Glass Succulents, 6:30 PM. Registration is required
Aug. 17 Summer Reading Program ends
SEPTEMBER
Sept. 3 Library Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 4 Library Trustee meeting, 6 PM
Sept. 5 Tween the Pages Book Club
Sept. 7 Knitting and Crocheting Group, 1 to 4 PM
Sept. 11 Lego Club, 4 PM
Sept. 11 Let's Talk About It Book Club, 6 PM at the Margaret Chase Smith Library
Sept. 12 Friends of the Library meeting, 4 PM
Sept. 14 Knitting and Crocheting Group, 1 to 4 PM
Sept. 21 Knitting and Crocheting Group, 1 to 4 PM
Sept. 28 Knitting and Crocheting Group, 1 to 4 PM