

March 2025

# The Library Lookout

Official newsletter of the Skowhegan Free Public Library



March always makes me think of this quote I once read by author Jarod Kintz: “March is when some days are winter and some days are spring, but it’s not a smooth gradient from the beginning of the month to the end. Only ducks love the merging of the two seasons.” You just never know what kind of day you will wake up to—but no worries, rain, snow, or sun the library is here and ready to invite you in.

We have “Cabin Fever Crafts” coming up this month in the hopes that we can finally leave our houses and soak in a few hours of sunshine as the snow abates. We have sugar scrubs, macramé, paper flowers, felt wreaths, cookie decorating with the pros from The Bankery, and paper bead jewelry. We are hoping for a fun time and maybe to learn a new hobby too.

You also may have noticed that our computer lab was closed for a few days during February. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we were having some work done on our HVAC system and most of the pipes and electrical work goes through the drop ceiling. It is hard to have workers on ladders and patrons on computers at the same time. The work should be wrapping up soon, and all should be going back to normal.

For many, March is the month to do their taxes. The library has free 1040s and 1040 booklets on hand to submit federal taxes. We also can print off any other tax forms free of charge, so if you are looking for some, we can help.

## Upcoming Events

### Recurring

Every Wednesday- Storytime @ 10:30AM

Every Friday- Sit & Knit @ 1 - 3PM

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3/04- Felt Wreath making 3PM

3/04- NDEC- Android Intermediate @ 12:30PM

3/05 - BooOooks in the Basement @ 6PM

3/05- D&D Club for Teens @ 3:30PM

3/10- UMaine Cooperative Extension: Planning a Preservation Garden @ 3:30PM

3/11- NDEC- Android Intermediate @ 12:30PM

3/13- Sugar Scrub @ 11AM

3/18- Chris Van Dusen @ 4PM

3/20- Paper Beads @ 1:30PM

3/20- Books & Brews at Joe’s Flat Iron Cafe @ 6:30 PM

3/25- NDEC- Keeping Your Online Accounts Safe @ 3PM

3/26- Cookie Decorating w/ the Bankery @ 2PM

3/31- Macrame Bottle Hanger Craft @ 3:30 PM

## Library Updates

### News from Gabrielle Hunter, Youth Services Librarian

To the young patrons of Skowhegan Free Public Library and their adults. I have put in my two weeks' notice here at the library, and as I wrap up my work and prepare for my last Story-Time and last Lego Club, I just wanted to say thank you. Thank you for coming to the library. Thank you for making my nearly two years here amazing! I have felt so much love over the years from the shortest and tallest of patrons alike: with kind words, shared love of stories and books, and, of course, with all the little treasures made and gifted by little reader's hands.



I feel so thankful for the large community that has blossomed in our Story-time group. I am thankful for all the memories that I take with me as I move on to other adventures. In the words of Winnie the Pooh: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard". From my heart to yours: be well, know your community, and keep on reading. --Gabrielle Hunter

### News from Bree Bussell-Fitzgerald, Adult Services Librarian

Books & Brews Book Club is having a great time over at Joe's Flat Iron Cafe and we want to hear from you! What books do you really want to discuss? Has a new author been on your "to read" list forever but you just haven't gotten around to it? What genres are you interested in? I would love any suggestions for future reads. Is there a topic you've been reading about lately? Nothing is off limits. Locked room mystery, cryptids, fairy tale retellings, books that are at least 100 years old- let's read anything and everything and chat about it together!

The winter air is tough on skin so join me as we make a lovely sugar scrub to combat the winter weather! This simple, all natural recipe is a great exfoliator that smells delicious while leaving skin soft and hydrated. Space is limited so please call and register!

### News from Nikki Hathaway, Tech Services Librarian

For technology news this month, remember to check up on our Digital Equity classes offered for free to all Maine residents as offered by the NDEC. This month we have Android Intermediate on March 4th, 11th, and 18th at 12:30PM-1:30PM. We're adding new classes all the time and I'm happy to take requests if there's something you'd like to learn but haven't seen a session that calls out to you yet!

Join me on 4/11 to make Book Page Flowers! This sustainable craft helps give old books new life while giving you a very pretty centerpiece or gift for a loved one, these flowers don't even need to be watered!

# Fundraising Updates

Fundraising efforts continue here at the library to help us offer you quality programming and an updated collection of reading materials.

Our local partnerships are something we value greatly! We want to thank all of our local partners for their support, here are our most recent collaborations. The Old Mill Pub for their drink of the month for January (The Lion the Witch and the Whiskey) to benefit the library. The funds raised for the month were 100.00! We also had our partnership with Hannaford "Bloomin for Good" for February, where a purchase of every specially marked bouquet donated \$1 each to the library. We love a good excuse to buy fresh flowers. We have an ongoing partnership with Skowhegan Redemption. To donate, just let them know you'd like your returnables to be allocated to the Skowhegan Free Public Library.

For Library fundraisers, we still have our book bags for sale at the Friends of the Library Shop. Their winter hours are continuing to be Wednesdays from 10-1. During this time, they are available for both shopping and donations.

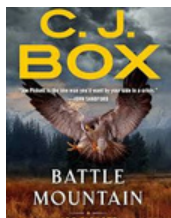
We're also excited to announce the library's first Bonfire clothing sale fundraiser! For the month of March, we'll have an ongoing fundraiser selling various shirts and sweatshirts with the proceeds going to the library. We'll have the website linked through our website and Facebook for ease of use. We've been eyeing a few items ourselves! The crewneck to the right is right on top of our list!



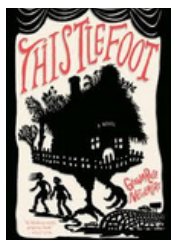
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## Staff Book Picks for March



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Battle Mountain  
by C.J. Box



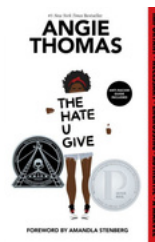
Nikki -  
Thistlefoot  
by GennaRose Nethercott



Angie -  
Somewhere Beyond the Sea  
by TJ Klune



Gabrielle -  
Mermedusa  
by Thomas Taylor



Lydia -  
The Hate You Give  
by Angie Thomas

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# Our Mission

At the Skowhegan Free Public Library, our mission is to foster a community where the freedom to read and access information is paramount. We are dedicated to providing a well-rounded and diverse collection of resources that cater to the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of all our patrons. Our library serves as a welcoming space for every community member, promoting inclusivity and accessibility. We are committed to sustainable practices, ensuring that our operations and services contribute positively to the environment and the well-being of future generations. Together, we empower minds, inspire lifelong learning, and build a brighter, more informed world.



Supporting the library year-round is essential to maintaining the programs, resources, and services our community relies on. Please consider making a donation today to help ensure we can continue offering these valuable resources all year long.

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