

Sargentville Library Association

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Newsletter

Winter 2015



Winter greetings to friends of the Sargentville Library

Last June Kay Grover agreed to serve as Librarian. As a professionally trained library person, Kay provides valuable guidance and support. She and Jan Anderson continued their winter work throughout the summer in cataloging our books, and they are taking books to the preschool at Sedgwick Elementary and the day care at the Blue Hill YMCA. We were blessed with able volunteers who helped Kay and Jan by filing catalog cards, shelving books, and serving library “duty” during open hours. Among them were the following: Rebecca Peterson, Patricia Marcou, Victoria and Charlotte Worth, Elinor Hoagland, Linda Long, Carol Graves, and Jane Sargent.

Last September we took the bold step of deciding to be open throughout the Fall, Winter, and Spring months every Wednesday 4-6 P.M. and every Saturday 10-12 noon, weather permitting. At first the extended schedule went smoothly, but weather challenges have interfered with this goal. We are hopeful that we can return to the original plan soon.



Cathy Marshall again organized our summer book group which attracted an average of four to seven participants. We read and discussed *The Goldfinch*, Donna Tartt, *A Homesteader's Year on Deer Isle*, Anneli Carter-Sundquist, *Elsewhere: A Memoir*, Richard Russo.

L-R at a Book Club meeting: Kay Grover, Linda Long, Deb Marshall, Cathy Marshall, Jan Anderson and guest author, Anneli Carter-Sundquist

As for our building and property: we hope that you have noticed our new signage created by Jay Peterson, both at the roadside, and as a smaller sign attached to the building and focused on WIFI patrons. The Board has voted to have the back room removed from our 110 year old building because it would be too expensive to remediate the problems with moisture and mold which have existed for many years. We hope to complete this project before the summer. Finally, Rob Starkey has repaired one side of the railing along our steps.

Looking forward to the summer

Susan Webb is working on plans for a summer reading program for our Sedgwick elementary students. She and Rae-Ann Means are exploring a program which would link reading with local historical sites.

Plans are underway for at least two special events: a book-signing plus a multimedia presentation to benefit the Library. Details will be conveyed through the WEEKLY PACKET.

Sargentville Library Archives

Interested members of the Sedgwick community continue to contribute photos, documents and memories to the Library archives. We are in the process of formatting and adding these materials and “cleaning up” the entire collection with the goal of creating an updated DVD for 2015. Two of the more interesting additions are a history of the role of the Sedgwick Overseers of the Poor, a title and responsibility that dates back to 1821, and an 1873 letter from Clara Maria Thurston Clapp to her mother describing daily life with her husband Captain Grenville Payson Clapp and their toddler son on board a schooner sailing from Marseille, France to Cuba, and beyond. Equally interesting are the stories about Emwilauka Cottage written by Carol Graves, a direct descendant of the Lalor family, and another about the Leach Cottage written by Roger Leach. Both houses were built in the early 1900s and they and the families that own and love them have always been integral and important parts of our community.



A 1914 photo from the archives.
Do you recognize any of these boys?



The library in 2015.

Meanwhile, check out our past newsletters on the Sedgwick town website (www.sedgwickmaine.org/content/view/172/41) and enjoy a healthy and pleasant winter and spring.

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