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THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Reported at Mason's Brewing Company in Brewer

"Where's your favorite place in Maine to go camping?"



"Allagash Lake."
JAKE BRIDGES, BANGOR



"I've never gone camping in Maine. I have in Pennsylvania though."
WAYNE HOWE, BREWER



"Old Orchard."
SARAH CHASSE, BREWER



"Acadia National Park."
KENZIE TEFFT, BANGOR



"Birch Point Beach on Long lake in Madawaska."
SHARON BEAUPRE, BANGOR



"Sebago Lake State Park."
IAN DIXON, BANGOR

Hermon Middle School student secures \$7,000 in library grants

BY KENDRA RAYMOND
SPECIAL TO THE WEEKLY

HERMON — A student at Hermon Middle School has written grants totaling \$7,000 to benefit her school library. Eighth grade student Neily Raymond initiated the process, researched potential funding sources and completed the application process independently.

As a result, HMS was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation and a \$5,000 grant from The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

"It is my belief that should our book selection increase and improve, more students would visit our school library and locate the types of books they desire," Raymond wrote in the grant applications. "Well-read middle school students will evolve into studious and literate high school students and adults."

Funds from the grants are being used to improve the HMS School Library, which was in need of new books, furniture, and shelving. Neily surveyed the student body and staff to determine specific book titles which are in demand and receive feedback on desired improvements. In addition, she consulted with local library consultants, directors, and teen librarians to obtain guidance as she embarked on this exciting adventure. At present, over 300 books have been purchased, with another order planned. Raymond also has determined that student interest in easily accessible ebooks was considerable, thus prompting a small purchase of ebooks, as well.

Raymond set in motion plans to create a reading nook, complete with easy chairs, where students can relax as they enjoy the new titles. She also hopes to have a helping hand from the gifted and talented art students



PHOTO COURTESY OF HERMON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Neily Raymond, who recently completed 8th grade at Hermon Middle School, is pictured with Anita Clark of the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation, HMS Librarian Kaline Goodrich and Principal Gerald Kiesman.

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and their teacher, creating a wall mural featuring the quote, "Today a reader, tomorrow a

leader," which historically has been attributed to journalist Margaret Fuller.

Clean Slate Graphics of Orono donated a book plate design, customized to Raymond's vision of the new and improved HMS Library. The plate honors the donors of the grants, and will be affixed in the front cover of each and every book purchased with the grant funds.

Raymond has completed her education at HMS and continues on to Hermon High School in the fall, where she has been accepted into the Honors Diploma Program.

"I just want HMS students to obtain the book titles they want right in their own school," Raymond said. "I recognized an opportunity for me to give back to my school community, so I put my heart and soul into this process. It has been pretty time consuming, but very rewarding."

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