**NEWSLETTER**
**January 2005**

18 Library Street, Hudson, New Hampshire                       http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us

**Director’s Desk**
by Toni Weller

Elaine Brody to Speak at Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce

Elaine Brody, co-chair of the Building Committee, will speak at the January 13 breakfast meeting of the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce. To attend, please contact the COC. To request Elaine to speak at a group meeting, please call her at 883-2842 or Jane Bowles at 882-9169.

Humane Society
Get Seasonal Gift

This holiday season, our staff voted a generous donation to the Nashua Humane Society in lieu of exchanging gifts. Our collection raised $149 for animal care.

Building Committee Meeting

The Committee will meet January 4, 7 p.m., Town Hall Community Development room.

Petitions

The library has petitioned a budgetary warrant article for you to consider. Registered voters may sign this petition. If successful, the warrant article will appear on the ballot for Hudson voters at the March town elections.

The Town would vote to raise and appropriate $220,000 to retain architectural services, conduct site assessments and collect other information as necessary for the proposed expansion of the library. This will be a non-lapsing (or 5 year, whichever is less) appropriation in accordance with RSA 32.7, VI.

Friends Of The Library

Sun Catchers Are Here!

Looking for a special thank you gift for a teacher or friend? The library has a supply of glass Sun Catchers featuring artwork designed by local artist, Janice Walsh. The sun catcher is handmade by the Old Hancock Glassworks in Antrim, NH. Sun catchers will also be available at Second Hand Prose. They sell for $10 each and profits go to the Friends Library Building Fund.

Second Hand Prose Book sale

The Second Hand Prose book sale will be held on January 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street.

Friends Meeting

The Friends will hold their bi-monthly meeting on January 18, 7 p.m. at 49 Ferry St. Gayle St., Reference Librarian, will present a program on the history of Hills Memorial Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Children’s Activities

**Highlights January**

**Winnie The Pooh Party**

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Children ages two to five will enjoy games, stories and songs plus cookies and punch. To register, stop by the Children’s Room or call 886-6030 extension 24.

**Pajama Night**

Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Evening storytime for the whole family.

January 4 – Trucks and Trains
January 11 – Puffed-Up Penguins
January 18 – Underwear and other Unruly Clothing
January 25 – Dinosaur Delight

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**Ongoing Programs**

Lullaby Lapsit: Infants one and two years old have stories, nursery rhymes, songs, and tickle poems. During the first 15 minutes we introduce parents to our special collections for parents and infants. The next 15 minutes are filled with baby activities, and during the last 15 minutes we read pre-selected books to your child. Sessions meet every Wednesday or Friday at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Storytime: Preschool children ages 3 to 5 year enjoy stories and a craft on a special theme. Sessions meet Mondays or Thursdays at 10 a.m. or Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up in the Children’s Room or call 886-6030, extension 24.

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Happy 2005!

And what better resolution can you have than a promise to visit your favorite library (HML, of course) more often. Come in and check out all the things we have to offer. It’s a terrific place to be on a cold and snowy day.

Tax Forms

Tax forms will be available in the main room of the library this month. The IRS will be distributing the many forms to libraries over the next several months, so not all forms will be available yet.

Tax Help Center

Our staff is not trained to answer tax questions, but if you need additional information, please call the help line or access the IRS web site at:

http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/
Telephone: 1-800-829-1040.

In addition, we have just received the new J. K. Lasser’s Your Income Tax 2005 for further help and tax-saving tips.

Tax Forms

See also the following useful U.S. Government site: www.firstgov.gov/Citizen/Topics/New_Years_Resolutions.shtml.

Adult & Youth Services

by Amy Friedman

Scrapbooking Workshop

Adults and teens, join us Tuesday, January 18 at 7 p.m. for a scrapbooking workshop. Bring pictures and learn to make a unique page to preserve your special memories. Bring scrapbooking tools if you have them. If not, tools will be available. There will be a $10 materials fee for the workshop. We will meet at 49 Ferry Street, two houses up from the rear of Annex II. Please pre-register by calling 886-6030 ext. 26 or stopping by Annex II.

Book Discussion Group

The book discussion group has decided to do some lighter reading this month. Mrs. Million by Pete Hautman is about a crackpot criminal conspiracy. It is the tale of Barbaraannette Quinn who decides to use $1,000,000 of her lottery winnings as a reward for finding her missing husband. A motley assortment of cheats and psychopaths decide to try and collect the reward. Join us on Tuesday January 25 at 7 p.m. in Annex II for a discussion of this humorous story. Books are now available for borrowing.

Free 2003 Magazine Issues

Stop by Annex II during the month of January and take home year 2003 issues of many of our magazines. Information on recipes, crafts, home décor, and how-to doesn’t go out of date. Bring home some new ideas. Magazines are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Check Out A Youth Biography

The young adult biographies have been put next to the Teen Fiction at the back of Annex II. These biographies are written to appeal to a middle school audience, with many photos, graphics etc. They are brief but full of useful and interesting information on world leaders, scientists, authors, artists and others. Adults wanting only basic biographical information about a person may also find these biographies useful.

Winter Storm Closings

We will make every effort to submit our notices of closings and delays to WMUR – TV, Channel 9. Closings or delays will appear at www.theWMURchannel.com as well as on the ticker at the bottom of the television screen for viewers to scan at their convenience.

Happy New Year

The library will be closed December 31 & January 1.

Holiday Closings


Getting Organized!!!

Is your New Year’s resolution to get more organized? Take this opportunity to lower your stress, streamline your daily life, and create more leisure time. Stop by the main room of the library and take a look at the following books:

How Not to be a Messie: The Ultimate Guide for the Neatness Challenged. S. Felton.

Unclothed Storage Room By Room. C. Manroe

Clutter Control: Putting Your Home on a Diet. J. Campbell.

Organize Your Life & Get Rid of Clutter. Sound Recording in Annex II.

And How About Your Office?...

Office Clutter Cure – How to Get Out from Under it All! D. Aslett.

Organize Your Office! Simple Routines for Managing Your Workspace. R. Eisenberg.


And Speaking of Resolutions

The tradition of making resolutions for the new year dates all the way back to the ancient Babylonians. They believed that the actions of a person on the first day of the year influenced the entire year. The first of the year is also seen by many as a new beginning and a time of reflection. For more information on how resolutions came to be, visit the web site: www.how-to-keep-your-new-years-resolution.com.


Free Computer Workshops

We ask all patrons to preregister during library visits or by phone, 886 6030 x21

January 12, Wednesday:
Health Information Online 10:30 a.m.
(Mouse and keyboarding skills needed)

January 20, Thursday:
Basic Computer Skills 10:30 a.m.

January 27, Thursday
Introduction to Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m. (Mouse and keyboarding skills needed)