If your child attends an area school, then they probably had a
visit from Bandit the Bear. Many kids have come up to me thinking I
was the visiting bear they are so fond of. Ah ha! It wasn’t me. It
was Miss Cheryl. People claim we
look alike and a few patrons even wonder whether we are sisters. I
can assure you we are not related although I wouldn’t mind, she’s
pretty cool. I hope I get to wear a
big, goofy outfit next year!

On with the groovy news and
happenings in the Children’s
Room. The end of June saw the
beginning of the summer reading
program, Camp Wannaread. More
than 140 adults and children were
in attendance. Children enjoyed
crafts and games while parents
signed them up for presenters. The
morning was punctuated by an
impromptu water balloon fight,
complete with Miss Cheryl barrel-
ing water balloons at several of the
staff. Great fun! We will have lots
more fun reading this month and
you can still sign up! Adventurers will include visits from a storytell-
er, a puppeteer, the Hudson Fire
Department, and live animals as
well as a campfire sing-a-long with
Steve Blunt. Please call us at 886-
6030 ext. 24 to register. And get
ready for Camp Wannaread’s clos-
ing day, August 5, 9:30-12 a.m., 49
Ferry Street.

If you haven’t been able to join
us for the Summer Reading Pro-
gram but want your child to partici-
pate in a Story Time, watch for our
fall programming. There will be
lots of new adventures as well as
old favorites, and you won’t want
to miss them!

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**ADULT!!!**

**Summer Reading Program**

Why should kids have all the
fun? Join our “Read for Re-
wards” adult summer reading
program. From now through
August 27 get a raffle ticket for
every library book you read or
listen to. We have weekly draw-
ings for prizes from local mer-
chants, restaurants and more.
Participants will receive a cou-
pon for a free book at our
Friends of the Library book sale.

**Middle & High School Students Pages for Prizes Raffle
July 28 and August 27**

Keep a reading log, get a raffle
ticket for each book (80+ pages )
that you read.

Get bonus tickets for longer
books (200-400 pages, 1 ticket,
400-600, 2 tickets, etc.). Get two
bonus tickets for reading a book
on your summer reading list.

First raffle drawing at summer
reading program finale is on July 28.
Final raffle drawing will be
August 27. Prizes include free
tickets to area attractions, sport-
ing events, store coupons and
more.

**Plus**

- Read 1 book: Get a Lindt truffle/
coupon
- Read 5 books: Get a DQ sundae
coupon
- Read 10 books: Get $5 worth of
Funworld Tokens

Memorial students participat-
ing are also eligible for a raffle
at school. Keep your reading log
and bring it to school in the fall.

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Hills Memorial Library
Summer Hours

June 27 To September 3
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 a.m.—7 p.m.
Thursday
9:00 a.m.—9 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m.—5 p.m.
Saturday
9:00 a.m.—1 p.m.
Sunday
Closed

www.hillsml.lib.nh.us

Nature’s Surprise
Did you know that New Hampshire has an official state amphibian? According to Beth Roy at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, New Hampshire was the first state to adopt a State Amphibian. The slimy orange creature was approved by the State Legislature on April 18, 1985. Can you guess what it is? Of course—it’s the spotted newt! So when you’re out camping or enjoying a casual evening walk in the woods, turn over a few logs or take a look in some ponds and you might be surprised and find your state amphibian.

Adult & Youth Services
by Amy Friedman

Middle And High School Students
Thursday Fun

Come to the library Thursday evenings through July 28 for special activities. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Each participant will get a raffle ticket. Pre-registration is required. You can call or come in to register. There may be room for walk-ins, but call the library in advance to be sure, as some programs have limited space.
July 7: Stamp it Up
7-8:30 p.m.
Come and create cards, boxes, bookmarks and more with rubber stamp art. Learn how to get started with this fun and easy hobby.

July 14: Harry Potter Wizard’s School
7-8:30 p.m.
Celebrate the publication of the newest Harry Potter book. Join master wizard Rich Labomard as he demonstrates some of his more powerful spells. He will then teach the assembled students how to do a few tricks of their own. One lucky wizard in training will win a copy of “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” (to be picked up on Saturday once it is available for sale).

July 21: Comic Night
7-8:30 p.m.
Rich Woodall, creator of Johnny Raygun, will present a hands-on workshop on the art of creating comics and will give an overview of the world of comics and how to get into the comics business.

July 28: Stock on Reading: Duct Tape Crafts, Pizza Party, and Raffle Drawing
7-8:30 p.m.
Join us for pizza, ice cream, and the first Pages for Prizes drawing. Come learn how to make all kinds of things out of duct tape, wallets, purses, shoes, frames and more. We will have a variety of colors to choose from. Find out about crafts projects to keep you busy the rest of the summer.

Food Pantry Donations
Bring in items for the food pantry between June 23 and August 27 and get raffle tickets. We will be collecting donations in Annex II and at the Summer Reading Program Events.

Book Discussion
Middle and High School Students
July 18

From 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18, we will be discussing House of the Scorpion, by Nancy Farmer. Come by the library and pick up a copy of this award-winning novel about a near future where society has taken a wrong turn, people are enslaved by evil drug lords and cloning is used for selfish purposes. Refreshment will be served and all participants will receive raffle tickets.

Adult Book Discussion
The King Must Die
July 26

A spellbinding blend of myth, legend, history and imagination, here is Mary Renault’s famous story of the mythical hero Theseus, king of Athens, slayer of monsters and abductor of princesses. He emerges from these pages as a clearly defined personality: brave, aggressive and quick. The core of the story is Theseus’s Cretan adventure, battling the Minotaur in the labyrinth of King Minos. July 26 at 7 p.m. Teens welcome. Refreshments will be served and all participants will receive raffle tickets.

Reference & Information Department
by Gayle St. Cyr

HML Museum Passes
Check your calendar this summer. There are some great happenings going on at our wonderful museums!

This summer the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center has some fun-packed days of hiking, boating, hands-on activities and just learning about new things. Programs include organic gardening, outdoor skills, and nature studies. Enjoy a walk along the Gephart Trail where you will see native New Hampshire wildlife in natural enclosures. Learn about nature at a unique outdoor classroom with plenty of hands-on exhibits, games and puzzles for all ages. In a little more than an hour’s travel, you can visit eagles, hawks and owls at the raptor exhibit, as well as a black bear, a bobcat, mountain lions, a river otter and more.

And what’s new at the Museum of Science in Boston you ask? How about the presentation Brain: The World Inside Your Head? There are two permanent hands-on exhibits: Mapping the World Around Us, which explores how different cultures have used maps through the ages. The other is Playing by the Rules: Fish, Fads and Fireflies where you can discover how a simple set of rules can generate complex and unexpected results.

The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston is a great place on a hot or rainy day. Now through August 21 The Quilts of Gee’s Bend is on exhibit. From August 21 there are two permanent hands-on exhibits: The Butterfly Place and The Christa McAuliffe Planetarium.

The Children’s Museum (Boston)

The Currier Museum of Art (Manchester)