**Children’s Activities**

by Kristen Paradise

**Children’s Room Highlights**

Q: Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?
A: The turkey because he’s already stuffed!

From: http://www.surfnetkids.com

As Thanksgiving draws near, we thought we would make a list of things we are thankful for. The following were submitted by the staff in the Children’s Room:

Kids just being kids, caring and fun co-workers, parents encouraging their children to read, connections made between parents in library programming, community partners, grown-ups giving time and expertise to the staff, and last but not least: Patrons with a sense of humor!!! You are out there. You know who you are! We are thankful for all of you who contribute so much to the Children’s Room community. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us!

You may get our monthly calendar on our website or in the Children’s Room.

http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us

We are saying good-bye to Miss Cheryl who has been a wonderful and amazing addition to the Children’s Room. She must shift her priorities to her family. When asked about specific things he would miss about her, Jason from the Children’s Room staff replied, “Do you mean besides Cheryl herself?” We will miss everything about her! Pre-school and kindergartners: Keep an eye out for her at the bank or the local coffee shop. Make her sit down and sing The More We Get Together song in sign language with you. Many blessings to you, Cheryl!! Thanks for gracing our lives.

**Director’s Desk**

by Toni Weller

**Hail and Farewell**

We bid adieu to our children’s librarian, Cheryl Hatch. Due to family obligations, Cheryl is unable to remain as Children’s Librarian after Oct. 27. In the interim, Kristen Paradise, Assistant Children’s Librarian, will be acting as department head. Also Miss Edie, former Children’s Librarian, will be coming in to do Friday Lapsit programming.

**Automation System Anniversary**

Our automation system, TLC Library Solutions, was two years old on October 30. We have been satisfied that the system has met our needs and those of our patrons. We are pleased that TLC continues to upgrade and offer new features and new capabilities to keep the system current and to meet changing demands. A popular feature with patrons is reserving and renewing book titles online. You only need to establish a pin number (do this step in person at the library first, however), then you can search, reserve or renew from any terminal anywhere that has access to the Internet. We have had positive response from patrons about the book jacket and table of contents features added this year which appear for each title in the catalog. Happy Anniversary to Library Solutions at the HML!

**Friends Of The Library Book Sale**

**Second Hand Prose book sale**

will be Sunday, November 13 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street annex. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Library on the second Sunday of every month.

**Thanksgiving Closing**

The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23

The Library will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2005.

We will resume our regular hours on Saturday, November 26.

**Open Veterans’ Day**

Please note that the Library WILL BE OPEN on November 11, Veteran’s Day, so that busy families will have a chance to visit the library together.

**Free Computer Workshops**

Pre-register in person or by phone, 886 6030 x21.

November 8, Tuesday
Internet Introduction 10:30 a.m.

November 10, Thursday
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

November 15, Tuesday
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

November 17, Thursday
Microsoft Word 10:30 a.m.

November 29, Tuesday
Homework Helpers 3-4:30 p.m.

December 8, Thursday
Christmas Cards
With Microsoft Publisher 10:30 a.m. You must have mouse and keyboarding skills.

**Children’s Activities**

by Cheryl Hatch

**Ongoing And New Programs**

Registration is required for every program. Fire safety standards limit our programming group size. Each session runs 5-7 weeks. If you miss two weeks in a row without calling to keep your place, we must call the next person on the waiting list. Waiters have first opportunity to register for the new session. All participants must re-register for each new session in the Children’s Room or by calling 886-6030 Ext. 24. Be sure to have your library card when you register.

**Home schooling reading groups**

Teeny Tales A story time group for 3-5 year old home schooled children and their parents. We will meet at Ferry Street on Wednesday, November 9, 10 a.m.

Book Safari for 6-8 year old home schoolers will meet at Ferry Street on Wednesday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

Family Fun Night for ages 4-3rd grade has been a great hit! An evening story time of shared themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. We will meet on Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

**Story Spinners**

for grades 3-5 is held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Ferry Street from 3:30-4:45. We read and discuss a book from a series, do themed crafts and have a snack.

**Story times for 3-5 year olds**

are on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Children’s Room. Parents participate with the children. We read stories, sing songs and make a craft. Each session runs 5-7 weeks. Story time is currently full.
Adults and Teens can learn the basics of cake decorating just in time for the holidays. November 17, 7 p.m. We will hold a hands-on workshop teaching simple techniques for making beautiful cakes and cookies. A $5 materials fee will be charged and all participants will be able to take home decorating tools. We need to purchase enough supplies for everyone, so please pre-register at 886-6030 extension 26.

Introduction to Cake Decorating

**Dungeons & Dragons**

For Middle & High School Students

We will be holding Dungeons & Dragons adventures for Middle and High School students on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:30. Players meet in the back room of Annex II. Both experienced players and newcomers are welcome. Please call 886-6030 ext. 26 to register.

**Book Discussion**

In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden

A timely story, echoing recent headlines, *In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor tells the story of the Johnstown, PA flood of 1889. Over 2,200 people perished in a tragedy that could have been averted if only the rich owners of the dam had listened to warnings that it was in need of repair. This book mixes fictional characters of Johnstown with the famous historical figures like Andrew Carnegie and Andrew Mellon who had summer houses above the dangerous dam. Not only does the book convey the horrors of the flood itself but also relates the huge outpouring of support for the survivors from people around the county, much like what we are seeing in our country today. The book discussion will be held on Tuesday, November 29, at 7 p.m. Copies of the book are available in Annex II. For more information call 886-6030 extension 26.

**Playreading Circle**

*Blithe Spirit*

On Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., the library will be holding a monthly playreading circle. Participants will take on the roles of characters from our monthly play selection. Multiple copies of play scripts will be available. You may also come and just listen to the play reading. This is a wonderful chance to hear great works of theatre come alive, instead of just reading them off the page. This month’s play is *Blithe Spirit*, the story of a happily married man being haunted by the ghost of his first wife. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information or to suggest future plays.

**Children’s Book Week November 14-20.**

Since 1918, CBW has been celebrated the week before Thanksgiving. The theme for the 86th annual observance is *Imagine*. The Children’s Book Council, sponsoring the event, is a non-profit book organization that encourages literacy and the use and enjoyment of children’s books. For more information on CBW or to download resources and activities go to the URL http://cbccbooks.org/cbw. The Hills Memorial Library encourages parents and caregivers to read to their children every day. Stop by and get a library card for your child. What a great way to celebrate Children’s Book Week on a personal level. Then check out some books and “Imagine.”

**People Are Talking . . .**

Author Truman Capote is experiencing a rejuvenation! The new movie, *Capote*, starring Philip Seymour Hoffman is out, and the book, *In Cold Blood*, has again risen to the top of the best seller lists. We have both the book available and the DVD on order for patrons to enjoy.