

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

Highlights

April 2-8 is National Library Week! To celebrate, the Children's Room will be holding a raffle. For each book you check out, you can enter to win a prize. Also during National Library Week, there will be slips hidden in certain children's books. If you choose one of these books to check out, you will win a Pirate rubber ducky.

During April vacation, the children's room is hosting Crazy Craft Days on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am. We will learn Origami on Monday, Quilling on Wednesday and Mosaic Tiles on Friday. Please call 886-6030 ext. 24 or stop by the children's room to register. There will be no Story Time or Lullaby Lapsit during school vacation week.

April is also National Poetry Month. The theme for Family Fun Night, April 20th at 6:30pm, will be poetry. Poems, crafts, activities and snacks are all a part of this program. Please register by calling 886-6030 ext. 24, or stopping by the children's room.

Children's Room Program

Schedule

Fire safety standards limit the number of people who can fit in the programming area. We therefore have to require registration.

To sign up for programming, call us at 886-6030 ext. 24 or stop by the Children's Room. Be sure to have your library card ready!

Small Adventures (ages 3-6) and Story Explorers (ages 7-12) and their families meet for stories, activities, crafts and more! These groups meet the second

Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Family Fun Night for ages 4-3rd grade is an evening story time where we share themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. FFN meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

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

Story times for 3-5 year olds: choose from one of two weekday story times on either Mondays or Thursdays at 10am. We read stories, sing songs and make a craft. Each session runs 8-10 weeks. If someone misses two weeks in a row without calling to keep their place, we must call the next person on the waiting list. Those waiting have first opportunity to register for the new session. All participants must re-register for each new session.

Lullaby Lapsit for 0-2 year olds will meet every Friday for eight weeks. Complete with tickle songs, nursery rhymes and poems, this program lasts about 45 minutes with the last 15 minutes set aside for parents to read to their child.

Craft Days are held the first and third Saturdays of the month. Come into the Children's Room any time during the day and make or take a craft (while supplies last).

*Check out our Children's web page:
<http://www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp>



REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

It's Spring Time...Try Something New!!....

If you would like to work on a new project or gain a new talent and not sure where to begin, there is hardly a better introduction than the Dummies series or the Complete Idiot's guides. Written by experts in the fields, these guides provide an excellent reference for beginners and masters alike. These are just a few of the library's collection of beginner's guides.

Investing for Dummies. This is a good all-around investment guide for the rest of us. Improve returns on 401(k)s, IRAs, real estate, and more.

Genealogy Online. An excellent introductory guide from preparing initial groundwork, developing a plan, or locating ancestors, as well as tips for designing your genealogical web page.

Complete Idiot's Guide to Franchising. What beginner entrepreneurs need to know in order to profit from the franchising industry. Includes how franchising works, selecting a franchising industry. Includes how franchising works, selecting a franchise, how to obtain financing, etc.

Laptops for Dummies. Making the most of your laptop from choosing the right laptop & setting it up to using its features and selecting software.

Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Russian. Learn the basics of the Russian in a fun and friendly approach; for the first-time learners & re-learners of the Russian language.

Inventing for Dummies. This book gives a full explanation of the

ins & outs of inventing for profit including protecting & developing your ideas & starting your own business.

National Library Week – Libraries are a Great Bargain! April 2ND – 8TH 2006

Isn't National Library Month just like National Tie Month, National Hot Dog Month or National Baked Bean Month? DON'T YAWN! You should care about your public library. Why you ask? Because libraries...

- Connect us to our past
- Inform our present
- Build communities
- Entertain, educate, and enrich
- Help students succeed
- Protect our right to know
- Attract businesses
- Support literacy and life long learning
- Are a great American bargain

But does anyone use libraries these days? According to the American Library Association (ALA website 2004), Americans visit public libraries almost 1.2 billion times every year and check out about 1.8 billion books, CDs, videos, and more. Libraries record more than 1.1 billion visits each year, compared to 204 million sports tickets sold in a year and there are more public libraries than McDonald's restaurants. So, celebrate and visit the Hills Memorial Library. Educate, entertain, and enrich ... by checking

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

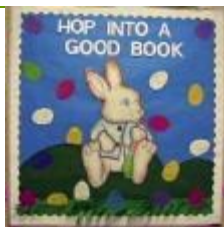
Talking Books - Going Digital with UNABRIDGED

UNABRIDGED is a digital audio book service from the State Library that enables blind and visually impaired residents of New Hampshire who are active in the "Talking Book program" to download books directly to their computers for playback on a variety of devices. A list of titles is available at this web site <http://www.unabridged.info/documents.htm>

UNABRIDGED participants must be able to download all the software required before trying to borrow a book from the collection. A guide to getting started is available at <http://www.unabridged.info/gettingstarted.htm>. Individuals will need a library card number and PIN. To obtain these contact John Barrett by phone at 1-800-491-4200 (NH Toll-free), or send an e-mail message to jbarrett@library.state.nh.us.

Second Hand Prose book sale, April 9 from 12-3. Monthly specials are religious books and "Golden Books".

If you are doing some spring cleaning, the Friends would love to have your discard books, CDs, VHS and DVDs (in good condition) for their book sale. Books may be dropped off at the library, bottom level, ramp side.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

SECOND HAND PROSE BOOK SALE

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

The Friends of the Hills Memorial Library in Hudson will hold their monthly book sale the second Sunday of the month, April 9, from 12-3 at 49 Ferry Street / Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right).

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

National Library Week Raffle

In honor of National Library Week, Annex II and Main Room will be holding a raffle for popular books and films. Stop by Annex II or Main Room any time during National Library Week, April 3-8, and receive a raffle ticket to enter the drawing for the raffle prize of your choice. The more you visit the library, the more chances you have to win.

Ladder Stitch Bracelet Workshop For Adults and Teens, April 20

Join us on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. to learn how to make a ladder stitch bracelet. There is a \$5 materials fee for this workshop, tools and materials will be provided. The workshop will be held at 49 Ferry Street, two houses up from the library. Pre-registration is required. Call 886-6030 ext. 26 or stop by Annex II.

Play Reading Circle

The library holds a monthly play reading circle. Multiple copies of play scripts will be available and participants can take on the roles of characters from the monthly play selection. You may also come and listen to the play reading by others. This is a wonderful chance to listen to great works of theatre come alive vocally, instead of just reading them on the page.

The playreading circle will meet on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30. This month we will be reading "Arsenic and Old Lace" the classic comedy/mystery about two nice little old ladies and their unique method of "helping" lonely old men.

New Morning Book Discussion Group

Seabiscuit

We have started a new book discussion group for people who are available in the morning. The group will be meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

This month, on April 18 at 10 a.m. we will be discussing *Seabiscuit*, Laura Hillenbrand's bestselling account of the legendary racehorse and the men surrounding him. Our next discussion will be *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt on May 16. Books are available in Annex II. Call 886-6030 ext. 26 for more information or to add your name to

our book group mailing list.

Evening Book Discussion

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime

This month's meeting is on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, Mark Haddon's novel told from the point of view of an autistic teenager trying to solve the mystery of the death of a neighbor's dog. Books are available in Annex II.

Evening Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. On May 23 we are discussing *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi. For more information call 886-6030 ext. 26.

HOT NEW TITLES!

Films:

Dreamer

Good Night and Good Luck

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Howl's Moving Castle

Year Round Gardening with Jerry Baker

Books:

False Impression

by Jeffrey Archer

The Templar Legacy

by Steve Berry

The Brothers Bulgar

by Howie Carr

The Tenth Circle

by Jodi Picoult

The House

by Danielle Steel

Audio Books (also available in book form):

The Two Minute Rule

by Robert Crais

Team of Rivals

by Doris Kearns Goodwin

The Island

by Heather Graham

Old Wine Shades

by Martha Grimes

Prior Bad Acts

by Tammi Hoag



Workshops

Wed., April 12th, 3:00 p.m.

Homework Helpers

Tues, April 18th, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction To Excel

Thurs., April 20th, 10:30 a.m.

Genealogy Online

Tues., May 2nd, 10:30 a.m.

Computer Basics

Thurs., May 11th, 10:30 a.m.

Genealogy Online

Mon., May 22nd, 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft Word

Thurs., June 8th, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet

Tues., June 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Computer Basics

Friends of the Library meeting will be held April 18 (7-9pm at 49 Ferry Street annex)

Leonard A. Smith Memorial **Scholarship applications** are due May 5 (download from library website or available at Alvirne Guidance Office)



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by Ann Carle

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Fab-ulous fruits, versatile vegetables :dietary guidelines for Americans.

