## Children's Activities
### by Betsey Martel

### Highlights
My first month here at Hills Memorial Library has been great. The staff here has been incredibly helpful and enthusiastic. We have been making some changes and everyone has been very patient and supportive. I am looking forward to getting to know Hudson and all of our patrons (big and small) better very soon.

Home school Family Fun Day has a new format! Check out Small Adventures for ages 3-6 and Story Explorers for ages 7-12. Small Adventures will include stories, crafts, games and loads of fun. Story Explorers will develop library skills through games, activities and crafts.

Going on a Trip? Family Fun Night is going on a car trip Thursday February 16! Join us for stories, crafts, activities and games that celebrate going places.

### Children's Activities
### by Kristen Paradise

Fire safety standards limit the number of people in our programming area. We therefore must require registration. Call 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! Second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

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### Director's Desk
by Toni Weller

**USA Patriot Act . . . Again**

The USA Patriot Act is making headlines again! January 26, Newton (Massachusetts) Free Library's Director, Kathy Glick-Weil, made FBI agents obtain a warrant for seizing library computers in their response to a threat to Brandeis University. Glick-Weil says she was following state law, but the FBI insists they could have searched the computers since they were "evidence of a crime in plain view." Congress is once again considering extending/revising/renewing the act. There is much debate over conflict between civil liberties and national security issues. The debate tests the very guarantees of our Bill of Rights.

Among the more controversial of the 16 provisions is Section 215, which gives the government broad power to search and seize library records. Since 2001, federal agents have had the power to order libraries to turn over "any tangible things" which might reveal which books you have checked out, or websites you visited on the library's computers. Furthermore, librarians so approached by the FBI are under a federal gag order. Some libraries have gone so far as to put up signs reading "The FBI has not been here today."

Professional librarians' core beliefs and ethics support intellectual freedom (freedom of information) and the patron right to confidentiality (privacy). Is there incompatibility between protection of patron privacy rights and the requirements of national security? The government says it has never used Section 215. Even so, there is no guarantee it won't be used in the future.

Civil liberties groups and members of congress have proposed numerous amendments, among them special protections for libraries and bookstores, a requirement that investigators explain why records are sought, and an end to the gag rule. The Justice Department has agreed that a person affected by Section 215 must be able to consult an attorney, and is open to considering an amendment that specifies this right. But the government says the controversy is an overreaction, and that 215 merely expands longstanding access to certain business records.

Whatever happens to the USA Patriot Act, it is sure to be contentious as our legislators try to balance strong national security with maintenance of individual civil liberties. Stand by . . .

For more information go to: http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/civilliberties/thesupatriotact/usapatriotact.htm#to.

### What's Happening At The Library

Look for our program listings on the Hudson Cable Channel HCTV bulletin board, HLN “Scoops”, and you can access our online calendar by visiting the HML website at http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us

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<td>Story Spinners for grades 3-5 First and third Tuesdays of the month, the Ferry Street Annex 3:30-4:45 p.m. We read and discuss a book from a series, do themed crafts and have a snack. Diverse reading abilities welcome.</td>
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### Friends Of The Library

**Second Hand Prose Book Sale**

Sale opens on February 12 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry St. (2 doors up from the back of the library on Ferry Street, route 111). Most hardbacks are $1 and paperbacks 50 cents.
ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES  
by Amy Friedman

Valentine’s Origami  
Workshop for Adults and Teens,  
February 9  
Join us on February 9, 7 p.m.  
for a free origami workshop.  
Learn how to make boxes and  
bags for your Valentine’s Day  
 gifts and decorations. The work-  
shop will be held at 49 Ferry  
Street, two houses up from the  
library. Pre-registration is  
requested. Call 886-6030 exten-  
sion 26, or stop by Annex II.

Play Reading Circle - Neil Si-  
mon Comedy, Tuesday, Febru-
ary 21, 6:30 p.m.  
The library will be holding a  
monthly play reading circle.  
Multiple copies of play scripts  
will be available to let you 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  
avlive vocally, instead of just  
reading them on the page.

This month we will be select-  
ing a play from an anthology of  
the work of Neil Simon. The  
readers present will select the  
play. Call 886-6030 ext. 26 for  
more information or to suggest  
future plays.

Book Discussion  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn  
Come and discuss Betty  
Smith’s classic story of growing  
up in the slums of Brooklyn at  
the turn of the last century. Join  
us on Tuesday, February 28, at  
7 p.m. Copies of the book are  
available in Annex II.

Book Discussion Group meets  
the fourth Tuesday of each  
month, 7 p.m. Upcoming book  
discussions include, Devil in the  
White City: Murder, Magic and  
Madness at the Fair That  
Changed America by Erik Lar-  
son (March 28), The Curious  
Incident of the Dog in the Night  
Time by Mark Haddon (April 25),  
and Reading Lolita in Tehran  
by Azar Nafisi (May 23). For  
more information call 886-6030  
extension 26.

In Memoriam  
Lolita Coombs  
Hills Memorial Library  
Co-worker and Friend  
We mourn the death of  
Lolly, our friend and  
co-worker. Her friendship  
and hard work are  
appreciated, and her memory  
will be cherished always.

Free Computer Workshops  
Pre-register in person or by  
phone, 886 6030 x21.  
February 1, Wednesday  
Medical Information Online*  
10:30 a.m.  
February 14, Tuesday  
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.  
February 21, Tuesday  
Introduction to Internet*  
10:30 a.m.  
March 7, Tuesday  
Introduction to Microsoft Word*  
10:30 a.m.  
March 16, Thursday  
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.  
March 23, Thursday  
Genealogy Online*  
10:30 a.m.  
* Only for persons with mouse  
and keyboarding skills

Try These Computer Skills  
Websites  
Mouse and keyboarding:  
http://www.ivygreen.ctc.edu/AVE- 
RY/activities/activity.htm  
Mouse:  
http://www.lawrencegoetz.com/pr-
ograms/mousepractice/

REFERENCE & INFORMATION  
DEPARTMENT  
by Kate Butler

Tax Forms Available  
Federal and Massachusetts tax  
forms are now available in the  
main room of the library. The IRS  
distribution of paper tax forms to  
libraries has begun phasing out.  
Because of this, postal service  
changes reflect a growing migra- 
tion to electronic sources (e- 
file and e-services) in place of tra-  
ditional services. There is also a  
decrease in the number of forms  
sent to libraries. Most post offices  
will no longer carry any IRS materials  
(including the Hudson post office).

As a reminder, 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/  
or Call 1-800-829-1040

For help with your tax prepara-

tion, consider using the new J.  
K. Lasser’s Your Income Tax 2006  
for further help and tax saving  
tips.

On Those Blah Days, Visit The Star 
Wars Exhibit  
The new Museum of Science  
Exhibit Star Wars: Where Science  
Meets Imagination is running now  
through April 30. This exhibition  
invites visitors to participate in new  
hands-on intelligent machines by  
designing, testing and building  
projects that engineers use to create  
and test new ideas. Prototypes  
such as magnetic levitations, hover-  
crafts, and real robots are exami-

ned.

Patrons using the library’s pass  
will be able to add on a ticket to the  
Star Wars exhibit for only $5.00  
per person the day of their visit.  
This is a significant savings over  
the general public ticket price of up  
to $22.00 per person. Patrons must  
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For more information about the  
special exhibit tickets and other  
museum passes, drop by or call the  
main desk at 886-6030, extension 21.

Costly Coupon Scams  
Consumers Beware!

Unfortunately, the advice writ- 
ten in the following three articles  
(from 1997-2000) is still necessary  
in today’s society. All 3 are found  
in our online catalog using "Title"  
in your search window for the  
following titles:

Costly Coupon Scams  
Secured Credit Card Marketing Scams  
Automatic Debit Scams

ANYONE CAN  
QUALIFY FOR A MAJOR CREDIT CARD!  
Separated? Divorced? Bank- 
rupt? Widowed?

BAD CREDIT? NO CREDIT?  
NO PROBLEM!  
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Make the call NOW and get the  
credit you deserve!

Even if you’ve been turned  
down before, you owe it to  
yourself and your family.

Your major credit card is wait- 
ing.

Automatic Debit Scams

Disappearing Civil Liberties?

If you’re a little uncomfortable  
with the possible extension of the  
USA Patriot Act and need some  
cheering up, check out www. 
philosophersguild.com and click  
on "Mugs & Glassware".