**Children’s Activities**

_by Betsey Martel_

**Highlights**

Summer is almost here! We are getting ready and are very excited for the Summer Reading Program, “Treasure Reading.” We’ve planned lots of pirate-themed presentations, games, crafts, activities and of course, reading! We’ll be visiting the schools in late May, so keep a lookout for us. We will kick off “Treasure Reading” on June 23. Keep your eyes peeled for handouts and more information later this month.

**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 **Family Fun Night for ages 4-3rd grade** are evening story times where we share themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. FFN meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**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 p.m. 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 10 a.m. 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 Laps 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 children.

**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).

**Memorial Day Video & DVDs**

_**Biography Database**_

We are very excited to now have access to Thompson Gale’s Biography Resource Center. This comprehensive online biographical reference database covers information on more than 422,000 biographies from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas. This information is gathered from more than 940 volumes of Thompson Gale sources, as well as full-text articles from nearly 500 magazines. This database is available at the library and from home, or via the Hills Memorial Library website at www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/

**New!! – Biography Database**

Congratulations to the lucky 8 winners of the book raffle in the Main – Adult Room. We would like to extend a warm thank-you to all of those who participated in the year’s raffle! _AND THE WINNERS ARE_ . . . .

1st – Pauline Collins  
2nd – Janet Conlon  
3rd – Bonnie Campbell  
4th – Barbara Boucher  
5th – Ann Dorris  
6th – J. Bradford Seabury  
7th – Steve Campbell  
8th – Jaque Wooley

**Reference & Information Department**

_by Gayle St. Cyr_

**National Library Week Raffle**

We were soldiers  
_April 24 – May 31_

**Learning Express Library**

You’ve got to study for your SAT, GED, or College Entrance Exams and don’t have much time. The LearningExpress Library database can help you out. This online service offers students and adults unlimited, 24/7 access to targeted skill-building interactive courses in math, reading, and writing, as well as practice tests that prepare you for several types of exams including grade schools achievement tests, U.S. Citizenship, and civil service positions. Complete answer explanations accompany each response so that patrons understand why a particular answer is correct or incorrect. All practice tests include instant diagnostic score reports that help to target those skill areas that need the most attention. LearningExpress can also be accessed from any web-enabled computer in the library, office or at home. For more information about these databases and other online resources available, call the main desk at 886-6030 or access the Hills Memorial Library website at www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/
Love to garden or just enjoy looking at other people’s gardens? The advent of warm weather usually inspires us to get outside and enjoy the bright cheery colors of spring/summer. To tempt the reader to try something new, the library carries magazines such as *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Fine Gardening*, *This Old House*; DVDs and videos from “Rebecca’s Garden” and Jerry Baker, *The Best of Ground Force*, *Gardens of the World*. We have books offering advice on choosing and growing plants, garden designs, advice on cultivating and care, indoor gardens, water gardens, Mexican kitchen garden. You name it and we probably have a title for you. Find it, online www.hillsml.lib.nh.us or come in and our helpful staff will assist your in locating a particular subject or interest.

**Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship applications are due May 5. You may download applications from the library website or obtain one at the Alvirne Guidance Office.

**Library Lawn Sale**

The library lawn sale will be held June 3 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. rain or shine. It is sponsored by the GFWC Community Club and features crafts by local artisans. Spaces are available. Contact Linda Kipnes 881-9128 (Linda-hipnes@earthlink.net) or Eloise Case at 881-3324 (Eloise@madox.net)

Proceeds will benefit the Ann Seabury tutoring room at the future Hudson library when built.

**Computer Workshops**

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*  

**Evening Book Discussions**

May 23, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
June 27, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
*Before You Know Kindness* by Chris Bohjalian  
July 25, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
*Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler  
August 22, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
*Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden

**NEW Hills Memorial Library Daytime Book Discussion Group**

Tuesday, May 16, 10 a.m.  
*Upcoming Discussions*

**This Month: The Philadelphia Story**, the classic romantic comedy-farce by Philip Barry.  
Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m.

**Adults & Teens**

Make a Ladder Stitch Bracelet  
Thursday May 11, 7 p.m.

**Books available at the library**

Call 886-6030 ext. 26 for more information

**Video and DVD Picks for Mothers Day**

Terms of Endearment  
Ursula Anger  
Erin Brockovich  
Little Women  
Freaky Friday  
Lackawanna Blues  
One Fine Day  
The Others  
In Her Shoes  
What a Girl Wants  
Joy Luck Club  
Sarah Plain and Tall (trilogy)  
Anne of Green Gables  
Dear Frankie  
Steel Magnolias  
Flight Plan  
Chocolate  
Musicals:  
*Sound of Music*  
*Mary Poppins*  
*State Fair*