

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

Children's Room Highlights

Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

November 13-18 is Children's Book Week! Come celebrate Children's Book Week and vote for the Ladybug Book Award Wednesday afternoon, November 15 at 3pm. Ages 3-8 come to hear the books, vote for your favorite and have treats. Register for the program by calling the children's room at 886-6030 extension 24.

Beginning November 13, ages 3-7 can register for three Holiday Story Times; Wednesday December 6, 13 and 20 at 10 a.m. Also beginning November 13, ages 7-12 sign up for a Holiday Craft Extravaganza, December 2 from 10 a.m.—12 p.m. Keep on your calendar Santa's visit to the library, December 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Have a picture taken and tell Santa your wish list, and do a holiday themed craft.

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: **Call us at 886-6030 extension 24 or stop by the Children's Room. Please bring your library card!**

Small Adventures (ages 3-6) and Story Explorers (ages 7-12) and their families meet for stories, activities, crafts and more! Small Adventures has stories, crafts, games and fun. Story Explorers

teaches library skills, introduces kids to the library and ends each week with a game or story. Meetings held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month 10 a.m.

Family Fun Night for ages 3-3rd grade is an evening story time. 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 third Tuesday of the month at the Ferry Street Annex from 3:30-4:45 p.m. We read and discuss a book, 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, play games and make a craft.

Lullaby Lapsit for 0-2 year olds will meet every Friday at 11 a.m. 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, daytime, and make or take a craft (while supplies last).

***For all registered programs:** 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.

*Check out our Children's web page: www.hillsml.lib.nh.us

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Fine Reductions

In answer to patron's concerns regarding high fees that can incur on patron accounts, we are pleased to announce we are cutting overdue fines for DVDs and Video Cassettes to 50 cents/day per item. Why have fines at all? Fines are meant to discourage late return of library materials. Library materials are meant to be shared and overdue materials deprive others in need of those materials.

We are making this policy change in response to a number of patrons who have expressed the concern that a high accumulated fine amount can be a burden to pay. To help reach this objective, the borrowing privilege is suspended when fines reach \$10 (or when billing for lost materials reaches or exceeds this amount). Fines for overdue materials will continue to accumulate, however. A patron may resume borrowing when the total fine is reduced to less than \$10. We hope this policy change regarding lower fines/fees will be a "win/win" situation for everyone.

Library Information at the Polls

Look for the Library's booth at the polls on November 7. The Building Committee and Trustees will have information available regarding a new public library for Hudson. Stop by say hello to your friends and neighbors and pick up a flier.

They're Here... Downloadable Audio Books!

The HML is proud to partner with the NH State Library and other public libraries across the state to bring Hudson residents downloadable audio books! The

service is **free** to library cardholders.

Getting started is easy! Go to the Hills Memorial Library website, <http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us> and click on the **Downloadable Audio Books** icon. Install the free media software, browse the collection, and select titles to add to your Cart. Titles range from popular fiction, classic works, biographies, self-improvement guides, etc. Then Checkout and download your titles to your personal computer. When the download process is complete, you can enjoy titles on your PC, transfer to any WMA/MP3 or WMV player, PDA, or burn some titles to a CD to listen in the car or on any standard CD player.

Visit <http://www.overdrive.com/DeviceResourceCenter/> to check the compatibility of your device. Instructions on using the software and downloadable books are available on the Hills Memorial Library's website.

Check the Library's website for more information or call 886-6030.

Every Vote Matters



Register to Vote

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Database Of The Month.... Test Yourself!

Learn-A-Test database has sample tests from many popular exams, including several civil service tests, advanced placement & college entrance exams, citizenship & even elementary school performance tests. A simple login will let you take practice versions of any of these tests, & provide detailed results (with the correct answers for questions missed). This database can be used at the library or from home, and can be accessed through the library's website <http://www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us>.

Free Trial – Family History Database

For the month of November, NewsBank is offering a free trial of the new database: America's GenealogyBank™ for history and genealogy buffs. This online service contains digitized images of millions of U.S. core documents of genealogical interest from the 17th to 21st centuries. You may search and browse images of genealogies, land records, local histories and military records to name a few. Some of the searchable sources include the Complete American State Papers, America's Obituaries & Death Notices, the U.S. Congressional Serial Set & the Early American Newspaper Collection, books, pamphlets and broadsides, 1639 – 1922. If you would like to try this new database go to: <http://infoweb.newsbank.com/best/genealogynow>. Let us know what you think!

Veterans' Day Veterans' Day

Saturday, November 11



The Library will be open on
Veteran's Day

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose Book Sale

November 12, 2006 – Second Hand Prose from 12-3 at 49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right). All Hardcover books will be half price (children's, adult, fiction, non-fiction). All Cookbooks will be half price. This includes paperbacks.

Meetings

November 21, 2006 – Friends of the Library bimonthly meeting from 7-9pm at 49 Ferry Street.

Plans will be made for Santa's visit on December 9, decorating the library for the holidays, and the GFWC Jr. Woman's Craft Fair on December 2.

Library Expansion Information

Information about our plans for library expansion is on our website, <http://www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us>/ Just click on the link [About HML/Library Expansion](#).



Thanksgiving Closing

The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22

The Library will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, 2005.



We will resume our regular hours on Saturday, November 25.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Introduction To Cake Decorating November 15, 7 p.m.

Adults and Teens can learn the basics of cake decorating just in time for the holidays. This is a hands-on workshop where you will learn some 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 so that they can do this at home. We need to purchase enough supplies for everyone so please pre-register at 886-6030 ext. 26.

Play Reading Circle, Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 P.M.

Come join our 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, November 21 at 6:30 to read "The Bad Seed" by Maxwell Anderson, the story of a deadly child and the mother who loves her. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 ext. 26 for more information.

Morning Book Discussion Group, November 21, 10 P.M.

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 November 21 at 10 a.m. we will be discussing Herman Wouk's tale of growing up in the Bronx, "City Boy". 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.

Santa's Visit

Remember to save the date of December 9, Saturday, 10—11:30 a.m. for pictures with Santa. We look forward to seeing you.

Evening Book Discussion Group, November 28, 7 p.m.

The evening book discussion group meets on Tuesday, November 28 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing Jodi Picoult's tale of murder in an Amish community, "Plain Truth". Evening Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Books are available at the library. For more information call 886-6030 ext. 26.

Friends Of The Hills Memorial Library Book Sale

Don't forget whenever you are doing your fall cleaning, we the Friends are still looking for those books donations. We take all kinds. You can either drop them off at the Library, marked FRIENDS or at our Book Sale on November 12, 2006. Our next Book Sale will be December 10, 2006.

Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030 x21. (Ψ=Mouse & keyboarding skills needed for this workshop.)

November 7 Tuesday Ψ
Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.

November 9 Thursday
Web-based E-mail



November 14, Tuesday
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.
(Come at 10 a.m. for mousing/keyboarding preparation)

November 16, Thursday Ψ
Microsoft Word 10:30 a.m.

November 28, Tuesday Ψ
Microsoft Publisher 10:30 a.m.

New At The Library

New at the library – Pete Duquette's Read the Trees T-shirts (Hudson design only) are available for sale in Annex II for \$15.00. Part of the proceeds from each sale is donated to the Library Building Fund.