Children’s Activities
by Betsey Martel

Children’s Room Highlights
Treasure Reading, the summer reading program, ended on a fabu-
ous note, with over 280 kids registered. Congratulations to all
participants on reading 141,060 minutes this summer! Thank you
to everyone who reads books, attended programs and spent time in
the Children’s Room this summer!

Fall programming begins the week of September 11. We’ve
made a few changes to our fall schedule, be sure to check the
times and days of the program.

On September 20 at 6:30 p.m. the
Children’s Room will host
SMART-Kid Jr., a safety aware-
ness training program for ages 3-
6. For more information or to
register call 889-1110.

Children’s Room Program
Schedule

Fire safety standards limit the number of people who can fit in
the programming area. We there-
fore have to require registration.
To sign up for programming, call us at 886-6030 extension 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 and fourth
Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m.

Family Fun Night for ages 3-3rd
grade is an evening story time where we share themed stories,
songs, crafts and activities. Family
Fun Night 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 p.m. — 4:45 p.m. We read and
discuss a book, do themed crafts
and have a snack. Diverse read-
ing abilities are welcomed.

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 oppor-
tunity to register for the new ses-
sion. All participants must re-
register for each new session.

Lullaby Lapsit for infant-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 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: www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp

Labor Day Closing

The library will be closed on
Monday, September 4, in ob-
servation of Labor Day.

Director’s Desk
by Toni Weller

25th anniversary of Banned
Books Week

"More than a book a day faces
expulsion from free and open
public access in U.S. schools and
libraries every year. Throughout
history, there always have been
a few people who don’t want infor-
mation to be freely available. And
this is still true," said ALA Presi-
dent Leslie Burger.

Bookstores and libraries around
the country will celebrate the
freedom to read during Banned
Books Week, September 23-30.
First observed in 1982, Banned
Books Week reminds Americans
not to take this precious democrat-
ic freedom for granted.

Robie Harris’s It’s Perfectly
Normal was the most challenged
book of last year. Rounding out
the top four most challenged
books in 2005 were:

- Forever by Judy Blume for
sexual content and offensive lan-
guage;

- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D.
Salinger for sexual content, offen-
sive language and being unsuited
to age group;

- The Chocolate War by Robert
Cormier for sexual content and
offensive language; and

- Banned Books Week is spon-
sored by the American
Bookellers Association, the
American Booksellers Foundation
for Free Expression, the ALA, the
Association of American Publish-
ers, the American Society of Jour-
nalists and Authors, and the Na-
tional Association of College
Stores. It is endorsed by the Li-
brary of Congress Center for the
Book.

For more information on Banned
Books Week, please visit
www.ala.org/bbooks.

Get carded during September
(or any month). Visit the library to
obtain a card for yourself or
accompany your child (18 or under)
to get his/her own card. Every
parent can afford to give his or her
child the key to success — a library

Cool Arthur bookmarks to print:
http://pbskids.org/arthur/print/
bookmarks/index.html
**Reference & Information Department**
by Gayle St. Cyr & T. Weller

**Back to School Information Resources**

- Students may call the librarians with their questions. Children’s Department 886-6030 x 24 (K-grade 5) and Reference Department 886-6030 x 21 (grades 6 -- forever). Librarians are on duty until 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 5 p.m., Friday-Saturday.
- E-mail reference librarians. Answers can be e-mailed or phone back.
- 14 online databases offer a wealth of material. Students can get:
  - photos for reports (Image collection, in EBSCO Masterfile)
  - Countries around the world & maps of various types and country flags (Grolier’s Lands & Peoples)
  - authors and books information for papers and book reviews (Novelist)
  - science diagrams, timelines, essays (Grolier’s New Book of Popular Science)
  - magazine and newspaper articles, full text (EBSCO offers Primary and Middle Search for younger students. Middle and high schoolers can use EBSCO)
  - Current events around the country can be found in America’s Newspapers. The in-library database will also be of great use in current events/debate preparation. (Newshank)
  - Biographical references in the areas of literature, politics, sports, government, history, art & newsmakers (Biography Resource Center)
  - Also Encyclopedia Americana, Health Source, Newspaper Source, Business Resources, Topic Search, ERIC, Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia.

  For circulating books (what’s available on a subject, reserves or title requests): 886-6030, X 21.

**Adult & Youth Services**
by Amy Friedman

**Summer Reading Programs a Huge Success**
Over 200 middle and high school students attended library programs over the summer including our Thursday Fun Nights, Monday morning drop-ins and Guided Reading Groups that helped students with Alvirne H.S. required summer reading thanks to a literacy grant from Sam’s Club. Over 100 students participated in our Pages for Prizes summer reading raffle.

**Check Out The New Pocket-sized Playaway Digital Audio Books.**

Listen to your favorite books on a player that fits in your pocket! Playaway makes self-contained 2" X 3" digital audio books that can be listened to with any standard headphones and can be used in the car with the same radio adaptors used to for other MP3 players such as iPods. Titles include Beach Road by James Patterson, Marley & Me by John Grogan, Cell by Stephen King, Digging to America by Anne Tyler, The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini, and The Time Traveler’s Wife by Audrey Niffenegger.

**Play Reading Circle, Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.**

This month the playreading circle will be meeting on a different night. The circle usually meets the third Tuesday of the month but will meet this month on the third Wednesday instead. We will be reading Agatha Christie’s classic mystery Ten Little Indians. 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. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030, ext. 26 to find out the play for the month or to suggest future plays.

**Morning Book Discussion Group**
*In a Sunburned Country*

The Hills Memorial Library in Hudson has 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 September 19 at 10 a.m. we will be discussing *In a Sunburned Country* Bill Bryson’s amusing account of his travels in Australia. Books are available in Annex II. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list.

**Evening Book Discussion They Marched Into Sunlight**

On Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. we will be discussing *They Marched Into Sunlight* by Pulitzer Prize winning author David Maraniss. It is the story of the sixties reflected in a few days in October 1967. Maraniss weaves together the stories of death on a Vietnam battlefield, the tumult of anti-war student protests and the confusion and cover-ups of Washington officials.

Evening Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Our Books are available at the library. For more information call 886-6030, extension 26.

**Hot New Fiction Titles**

- *Crisis* by Robin Cook
- *Can’t Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg
- *Sleeping With Fear* by Kay Hooper
- *Judge and Jury* by James Patterson

**Hills Memorial Library Fall Hours**
September 5 To End of School Year June 2007
Monday Through Thursday 9:00 a.m.—9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sunday Closed

**Friends of the Library**

**Second Hand Prose Book Sale**
The Friends will hold their monthly book sale on the second Sunday of the month, September 10, from 12—3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right). Books for adults and children, videos, CDs and more, will be available. Most hardbacks are $1 and paperbacks 50 cents.

**Home Safety for People with Alzheimer’s Disease**

**National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza**

**Free Computer Workshops**

- Pre-register in person or call 886-6030 x21. ($Ψ=Mousse & keyboarding skills needed for this workshop.)
  - September 12, Tuesday *Ψ Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.*
  - September 14, Thursday *Ψ Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.* (Come at 10 a.m. for mouse/keyboarding preparation)
  - September 19, Tuesday *Ψ Introduction to Excel 10:30 a.m.*
  - September 28, Thursday *Ψ Microsoft Word 10:30 a.m.*