**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Santa is coming! Saturday December 8, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. head to the library to have your child’s picture taken with Jolly Old Saint Nick! Drop by the children’s room first to get a number, then do a fun holiday craft while you wait!

Registration for Holiday Programming is open! Call to reserve a place for your child in our December holiday events! Registration is **REQUIRED**.

**Programs**

*Lullaby Holiday* for ages birth-23 months is Monday December 3 at 10 a.m. Register your baby for holiday songs, activities and special treats!

*Holiday Toddlers* will be Monday December 10 at 10 a.m. Call to register your two year old for pint size holiday stories and craft!

*Holiday Story Times* for ages 3-5 are Wednesday OR Friday at 10 a.m. Join us for stories, crafts and activities, all with holiday themes!

*Celebrate the Season* is new this December for kindergarten through grade 3. This story time Tuesdays December 4, 11 & 18 at 4 p.m. will be filled with stories, games, crafts and special treats!

*Holiday Surprises* for kids in grades 4 and 5 is also new this month. Thursdays, December 6, 13, and 20 at 4 p.m., kids will hear weekly installments of a great holiday chapter book and do crafts and games.

Don’t forget *Crazy Craft Days* each Saturday with one of Miss Megan’s wonderful crafts! No registration is required for *Crazy Craft Days* and is available 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/childrens.asp](http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp)

**Holiday Closing**

**We will close**

at 5 p.m. on

Christmas Eve, Monday December 24

Christmas Day, Tuesday December 25

5 p.m. on

New Year’s Eve, Monday December 31

New Year’s Day, Tuesday January 1

**Director’s Desk**

by Toni Weller

**Internet Use**

Happily, we are experiencing a large percentage increase in Internet usage over the last 3 months. While we are pleased that patrons are taking advantage of this valuable service, it also brings issues to the forefront which allow for fair use by all including our heretofore somewhat lax enforcement of library policy, which limits computer usage to 1 hour a day. In order to deal with the increased usage, we are instituting some new procedures to help streamline and make this a fair policy for everyone. Please note the new procedures which began mid-November include:

- A patron must present an ID – Library Card, Driver’s License, School ID or your Library Card in order to sign up and use computer.

- A patron who does not have an ID may still register at the circulation desk to sign up for computer use.

- “Clustering” is not permitted – 1 person per computer.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

**Sew it for Christmas** by B. Weiland

Don’t spend all of that holiday money just yet. One of the best gifts is giving someone a gift you have made. Stop by the library and check out some of our new Christmas titles and make, bake or sew Grandma a special present. Christmas Sweets: 65 Festive Recipes: Table Decorations by G. Brennan

**The Doors Might Be Locked**

but the library is always open.

Visit us at [www.hillsml.lib.nh.us](http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us)
Thinking about school going back to school after the holidays? Maybe you’re a student soon to graduate from college. Maybe you’re an adult interested in a career change. Applying for college is never easy, but finding the right college or professional program is very important. You want to find the right fit, academically and financially. Your library can help you find the right materials to assist you in your selection. Below is a list of titles to help start you on your way:

Peterson’s Graduate Schools in the U.S. 2008.
Get Free Cash for College 2008.
Getting In Without Freaking Out: The Official College Admissions Guide.
What Colleges Don’t Tell You.

The afternoon book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and the evening book discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. On January 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon we will discuss Year of Wonders Geraldine Brooks’ story of a small, plague-ravaged village in England in the year 1666. On January 22, the evening book group will discuss The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, the story of a boy’s quest to solve the mystery of the disappearance of all trace of the works by his favorite author. Books are available at the library. For more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list call 886-6030 extension 26.

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Our Friends & Patrons
All The Blessings Of The Season

The Playreading Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 18 to read aloud a play from the collected works of Lillian Hellman. 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 visually, instead of just reading them on the page. Playreading Circle meets most months on the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Call to confirm the date or check our website www.hillsml.lib.nh.us. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 extension 26 for more information.

New Christmas Books
Kissing Christmas Goodbye: an Agatha Raisin Mystery by M.C. Beaton
All Through the Night: a Troubleshooter Christmas by Suzanne Brockman
A War of Gifts: an Ender story by Orson Scott Card
Sweet Revenge by Diane Mott Davidson
The Gift by Richard Paul Evans
Hell for the Holidays: a Christopher Miller holiday thriller by Chris Grabenstein
The Last Noel by Heather Graham
Bowed Over by Kasey Michaels
Cat Deck the Halls: a Joe Grey Mystery by Shirley Rousseau Murphy
A Christmas Beginning by Anne Perry

Read-Alikes
If you liked the Janet Evanovich, Stephanie Plum series, try these authors:
Torri Carrington – Sophie Metropolis series
L.A. Konrath – “Jack Daniels” series
Sarah Strohmeyer – Bubbles Yablonsky series
T. Lynn Ocean – Southern Fatality (first in new Jersey Barnes series)