

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

Children's Room

February vacation is on the horizon! Not going somewhere warm and tropical? Beat those winter blues and cabin fever days at the library with a *February Beach Break!* Programs are Monday, February 25, Wednesday, February 27 and Friday, February 29. There will be two groups: ages 3-6 at 10 a.m., and ages 7-12 at 1 p.m. Register to warm up with us and a beach-related theme! We'll turn up the heat to build sandcastles, do sand art, hear tropical tales and dream of fun in the sun!

*There is no regular programming during vacation week, February 25-29.

February is *Love Your Library Month!* Keep your eyes open in the Children's Room for raffles and other surprises!

Check Out A Book About Libraries!

Library Lion * Michelle Knudsen

The Library * Sarah Stewart

Lumber Camp Library * Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery in the Locked Library * Lucinda Landon

Once Inside the Library * Barbara Huff

Richard Wright and the Library Card * William Miller

Sophie and Sammy's Library Sleepover * Judith Caseley

Tomas and the Library Lady * Pat Mora

A Trip to the Library * Deborah Lock

The Library Dragon * Carmen Deedy

Library Lil * Suzanne Williams

Library Mouse * Daniel Kirk

Librarians * Dee Ready

Mr. Crumb's Secret * Phyllis J. Perry

D. W.'s Library Card * Marc Brown

Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library * Eth Clifford

I Took my Frog to the Library * Eric Kimmel

Let's go to the Library * Lisl Weil

The Library Card * Jerry Spinelli

Space is limited for all programs. Unless noted, registration is required. Call or stop in the children's room to register. Registered programs are open to all Hills Memorial Library cardholders.

*Reminder: When Hudson schools are closed, all morning programming is cancelled and the library opens at 11:00 a.m. Call to confirm if you are unsure.

Lullaby Lapsit: ages birth-23 months: Fridays 11 a.m.

Songs, finger plays, movement, sign language and stories for babies and caregivers!

Toddler Time: age 2: Fridays 9:30 a.m.

Toddler size stories and activities.

Story Time: ages 3-5: Mondays OR Thursdays 10 a.m.

Stories, games, crafts, FUN!

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

February Is Love Your Library Month



Stop by the library during *Love Your Library Month* and receive a sweet treat. We will have *Love Your Library* bookmarks while supplies last and will feature books about libraries, librarians and books for you to enjoy.

E-mail Notification

Have you signed up to receive E-mail notices yet? We will send you a pre-notice reminder a couple of days in advance of when you have materials due. You can renew online or drop off materials at the library.

Top Ten Museums And Libraries

<http://www.ims.gov/news/2008/01/1408.shtm>

First Lady Laura Bush has received the first *National Medal for Library Service* issued by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Ten libraries in the following states have also been recognized: Alabama, California, Illinois, New Jersey, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington D.C., Oregon, and Vermont.

Library Receives Preservation Grant

The HML has received a grant for a *Public Library Preservation Planning Survey*. The grant provides for a survey to be conducted by the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) to access the preservation needs of all the printed paper materials owned by the library—*Dedication Exercises* of

HML 1909 (pamphlet), framed photographs, original deeds, scrap books from 1900-1950, original town charter from 1746, tax records, etc. The survey (worth \$600)



will be performed on site between January and March 2008.

Upcoming Warrant Articles

On February 2 the town deliberative session will be held.

The Hills Memorial Library Board of Trustees has submitted two warrant articles for voter approval on the March ballot.

Article # 13 allows for the sale of the two Ferry Street Properties with proceeds going to the library building fund for "fit and furnishing" of the new library. This article is approved by both the board of selectmen and the budget committee.

Purchase of the two properties was originally approved for library expansion. Sale of the two lots will provide the means to purchase furniture, and to fit up the new library building which is being donated by the Rodgers Brothers.

Article # 9 grants a 3% salary increase to library employees (all non-union). Library employees, having no union affiliation, must seek voter approval for any salary or cost of living increases. This article is supported by both the board of selectmen and the budget committee.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Tax Time!

Yes, it's the start of tax season. For almost all of your income tax purposes, you can count on us. As a public service, the Library stocks a supply of the most common federal and New Hampshire tax forms (as well as Massachusetts non-resident forms). The IRS is continually sending us forms and booklets throughout the Spring. Please call 886-6030, extension 21 to make sure we have the tax information you need. Sorry, we don't have any certified public accountants on staff.

Valentine's Day—The Most Romantic Day Of The Year



There are many opinions as to who was the original Valentine; although three different St. Valentines are mentioned in history, all martyred on February 14th, the most popular suspect for sharing his name was a clergyman, executed for secretly marrying couples in ancient Rome. Emperor Claudius II believed loyal soldiers were unmarried ones. The History Channel tells us that through the centuries, the Christian holiday became a time to exchange love messages and St. Valentine became a patron saint of lovers. And did you know....In the 1840s, Esther Howland, a native of Massachusetts, is known for sending the first Valentine cards?

For more information about Valentines Day go to:

<http://www.history.com/minisites/valentine/>

[Http://www.howstuffworks.com/valentine.htm](http://www.howstuffworks.com/valentine.htm)

And... Some Heartwarming Titles At Your Library

365 Love Poems (821.008 LOVE)

Chicken Soup for the Couples: Inspirational Stories About Love & Relationships (158.12 CANFIELD)

The Feng Shui of Love: Arrange Your Home to Attract & Hold Love (133.337 SIMONS)

Ten Laws of Lasting Love (646.78 PEARSALL)

1001 Ways to Be Romantic (646.77 GODEK)

The Love Cookbook (641 BUSCAGLIA)

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart". Helen Keller

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Extra Sale Day Saturday, February 9 And Sunday, February 10

The Friends of the Hills Memorial Library will hold their monthly book sale the second Saturday and Sunday of the month, February 9 and 10, from 12-3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right). We have books for adults and children, videos, CDs and more. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks, 50 cents. We still have many free magazines, computer books and cassettes. Hudson history books are still available. Our new tote bags with slightly new design can be purchased. Our sun catchers are \$5.00. They make lovely gifts for a favorite teacher or the person who has everything.

Holiday Closings



Hills Memorial Library

We Will Be Closed

Presidents' Day
February 18

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Afternoon And Evening Book Discussion Groups: The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls

On February 19 at 1:30 p.m. and February 26 at 7 p.m. we will be discussing Jeanette Walls bestselling memoir of growing up in a dysfunctional family. 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. 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.

Playreading Circle To Change Meeting Day And Time Wednesday, February 12: Brighton Beach Memoirs by Neil Simon



The Playreading Circle will meet Wednesday, February 12 to read aloud Neil Simon's autobiographical comedy *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. 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. Playreading Circle is trying out a new day of the week: the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Please check our website www.hillsmemlib.nh.us or call the library to confirm. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 extension 26 for more information.

Hot New Books

Plum Lucky by Janet Evanovich

The Shooters by W.E.B. Griffin

The Darkest Evening of the Year
by Dean Koontz

The Senator's Wife by Sue Miller

Blasphemy by Douglas Preston

Hot New DVDs

The Bourne Ultimatum

Jazzercise (various titles)

The Simpson's Movie

Stardust

Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030, extension 21. (Ψ indicates that mouse and keyboarding skills are needed for this workshop.)



February 19, Tuesday Ψ
Introduction Microsoft Word

10:30 a.m.

February 21, Thursday Ψ
Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m.

March 5, Wednesday
Homework Helpers 10:30 a.m.

March 13, Thursday Ψ
Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.

March 18, Tuesday
Basic Computer Skills 10:30 a.m.

April 24, Thursday Ψ
Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m.

April 22, Tuesday Ψ
Free E-Mail Accounts 10:30 a.m.