

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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George H. and Ella M. Rodgers
Memorial Library

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

September

*By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer.*
-Helen Hunt Jackson

Books About Autumn

Apples and Pumpkins

Anne Rockwell

Autumn

Steven Schnur

Autumn Days

Ann Schweninger

Clifford's First Autumn

Norman Bridwell

Dappled Apples

Jan Carr

Digger: the Story of a Mole in the Fall

Tessa Potter

Every Autumn Comes the Bear

Jim Arnosky

Autumn

an Chapman

Autumn Leaves

Ken Robbins

Autumn

Nicola Baxter

Exploring Autumn

Sandra Markle

Let's Look at Fall

rah Schuette

New To The Parenting Section This Summer

Alpha Tales, Number Tales, and Phonics Tales. These kits contain 25 or 26 individual storybooks and a teaching guide. Check out the French, German and Spanish Flashcard sets. Also in card format are two new recipe kits: *30 Healthy Things to Cook and Eat*, and *30 Yummy Things to Cook and Eat*.

Registration for fall program-

ming is ongoing. Call or stop by to register.

Fall Programs

Lullaby Lapsit: ages birth-23 months: Fridays 11:00 a.m.

Songs, fingerplays, 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 10:00 a.m.

Stories, games, crafts, FUN!

Book Bunch: grades K-3: Thursdays 3:30 p.m.

Stories, crafts, and activities.

Don't Judge a Book by its Cover Gang: grades 4&5: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.

Explore classic and new books and genres. Find new favorite authors and stories!

Homeschool Story Times: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

Small Adventures: ages 3-6: Stories, games, crafts.

Story Explorers: ages 7-12: Learn library skills through games, activities and crafts; along with stories.

Family Fun Night: ages 3 - 2nd grade: Third Thursday every month 6:30 p.m.

Stories, crafts and fun for the whole family!

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 Hills Memorial Library cardholders.

***For all registered programs:** If someone misses two sessions 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

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Library Use Is Up

Several newspaper articles have been written this summer and radio shows have broadcasted the good news about increased library use of area libraries. While statistics from the HML have not been cited per se in these articles, I will share some of our statistics and correct an oversight on the part of the journalists.

HML saw a 5% increase (151,650 items) in materials circulated in FY08. Though not as big a jump as the FY07 (143,800 items)



increase of 15%, it shows we are keeping up with the trend and actually might have been at the leading edge of the trend last year.

We circulated 49.5 items per hour. The number of Internet users and the number of Interlibrary Loans stayed just about the same as last year, but attendance at programs was up 10%. We are averaging just under 1,000 new patrons per year. Due to decentralization of services spread out over several "buildings", we do not keep a "door count" of the number of people entering the library (Please note that 24/7 library services are available via our virtual catalog, subscription databases and downloadable books.) Anecdotally, if you ask a staff working at the circ desks "how's business?" they will tell you that they are busier than normal.

It is gratifying to see taxpayers and townspeople take advantage of all the free services their library provides and we are anticipating that our new library will be a BIG impetus for people to come see us and then remain to avail themselves of the wonderful services we offer.

To quote Anne Herbert: *Libraries will get you through times with no money better than money will get you through times with no libraries.*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose Book Sale

Sunday, September 14, 12-3 p.m.

Second Hand Prose (used book sale) will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from noon-3 p.m. at 49 Ferry St. Every hardcover book will be specially priced. Help us clear the shelves! Proceeds benefit the Leonard A. Smith Scholarship Fund.

The Friends group will meet on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 from 7 p.m.— 9 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street. New members are welcome as we make plans for the upcoming year. Please join us!

The New Library Going Up

View the construction progress of the George H. and Ella M. Rodgers



Memorial Library by logging onto our website: <http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us> then clicking the "Rodgers Library" link. We have photos and video via You Tube.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Carol Giffin

September Is Library Card Sign-up Month !!!

It's no accident that *Library Card Sign-Up Month* falls in September when kids go back to school. With no sign-up fee for people in Hudson, a library card is the ultimate bargain in back-to-school supplies. Adults and Children age 5 and over (with parent's signature) may register for a free card. You may apply for a new card in the adult room of the main building or in the Annex building. For more information call 886-6030, extension 21 or 26.

Spotlight On New Database *Career Library*



Are you:

- Planning for college?
- Searching for a school that matches your needs?
- Looking for scholarship and financial aid information?
- Looking for cool jobs?
- Looking for help to create a resume?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then this online database is for you. **Career Library** is a comprehensive information resource for career and college research. The database consists of five major parts:

The *Exploration Center* lets you access career interests and explore information pertaining to occupations and higher education. Included are college searches, financial aid, military occupations, college majors, and more.

The *Planning Center* helps you obtain printable resources and helps with building a resume.

The *Resource Center* lets you search for web resources, full-text articles related to colleges and universities, careers, curriculum.

The *Help Center* is a dedicated tech support section which provides documents for students and parents, as well as help files and FAQs.



And last, but not least, the *Activity Center* offers ways to test knowledge of history, math, English, vocabulary and occupations. It includes items such as interactive quizzes on history, online polls, proficiency test questions, and more.

This database, as well as other databases, is available at your home, work, or here at the library, <http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us>.

New Hot Titles In Non-Fiction

Choosing the President 2008: A Citizen's Guide to the Electoral Process.

League of Women Voters

The Place to Be: Washington, CBS, and the Glory Days of Television News.

Roger Mudd

For the Thrill of It: Leopold, Loeb, and the Murder That Shocked Chicago.

Simon Baatz

Slavery by another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to WWII.

Douglas A. Blackmon

Every Landlord's Legal Guide.

Nolo Publications

Care & Repair of Antiques & Collectibles.

Judith Miller

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Afternoon & Evening Book Discussion Groups To Read Recently Challenged Book

On September 16 at 1:30 p.m. and September 23 at 7 p.m., we will be discussing Lois Lowry's award winning young adult novel *The Giver*. This story of a dystopian future where anything unpleasant, including emotions, is suppressed, was recently challenged in Nashua. A parent requested that it not be taught in the elementary schools and be removed from the elementary school libraries due to mature themes such as euthanasia. The school board agreed to require parental permission if the book is read in class at the elementary level but declined to remove it from libraries. National Banned Books Week starts September 29 so it is fitting that we read a book that has been challenged in schools during this month. The afternoon book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m., the evening book discussion group meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. The 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.

Playreading Circle

Wednesday, September 10

The Playreading Circle will meet September 10 at 6:30 p.m. This month's play is *Vital Signs* by Jane Martin. It is a series of short monologues that introduces a wide variety of characters. Some of the stories



include mature themes and language, that may not be appropriate for younger readers. Playreading Circle meets most months on the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Meeting time is occasionally subject to change. 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 Videos

Babylon 5

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Dr. Who

Treasures of America's National Parks

Hot New Fiction

Smoke Screen
Sandra Brown

The Mercedes Coffin
Faye Kellerman

The Bourne Sanction
Eric Van Lustbader

Tribute
Nora Roberts

Moscow Rules
Daniel Silva

Free Fall

Computer Workshops

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

September 9, Tuesday Ψ

Microsoft Excel
10:30 a.m.



September 16, Tuesday Ψ

Introduction to Microsoft Word
10:30 a.m.

September 25, Thursday Ψ

Introduction to the Internet
10:30 a.m.

October 7, Tuesday Ψ

Powerpoint 10:30 a.m.

October 14, Tuesday Ψ

Microsoft Publisher 10:30 a.m.

October 23, Thursday

Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m.