Spring deadline is approaching -- it's time to buy a brick to be placed on the library front walk.

Two lines: $50 or three lines: $75. Pick up an order form at the library or print one out online.

Spring deadline is April 16th

Coming Soon: New Library Catalog
Launching in May!

To better address the future needs of the community, the library is in the process of migrating to a new, more flexible system. Everyone's information will transfer over, but the catalog will look and behave somewhat differently when we launch the new system (called Evergreen) in mid-May.

More information about the change will be available in April. Please note that the library will be closed on Tuesday, April 30th, so staff can be trained in the use of the new software.

Free Tax Help at the Library
Wednesday, 12:30PM - 5:30PM, February 6 - April 10

Volunteers from the AARP will be at the library to help senior citizens and low to moderate income taxpayers with their tax returns. Tax assistance volunteers do not, however, help prepare Schedule C over $10,000 in expenses, Schedule E, complicated/lengthy Schedule D forms without proper paperwork, or other specialized forms. Taxpayers with complex tax forms are advised to seek paid tax help. Call the library at 886-6030 to make an appointment in advance. Walk-ins are welcome.

Annual Poetry Contest
Submission Deadline: April 29th

April is National Poetry Month, and that means the return of the library's annual poetry contest. This year the contest will be

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Additional April Events

- Beading Group
  Russian Spiral Bracelet
  Materials: $20
  Sat 4/27, 11-3PM

- Genealogy Club
  Identification and Care of Old Photos
  Fri 4/12, 1:30PM

- Gaming Day
  Sat 4/13, 12-4PM

- Teen Anime/Manga Club
  Mon 4/15, 2:30PM
open to both students and adults. Prizes will be awarded in five age categories: 2nd grade and younger, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12 and adults. People may submit one poem in any format for the contest. Entrants should include name, grade (or ‘adult’) and phone number on their entries.

Paper entries may be mailed or dropped off at the library. Email entries can be sent to askus@rodgerslibrary.org -- either type the poem into the body of the email, or attach it as a PDF or Word document.

There will be a prize ceremony and poetry reading at the library on Thursday, May 9th at 3:30PM. Anyone who submits a poem may read their entry as long as the subject matter is appropriate for general audiences. All prize winners will be invited to attend.

Alvirne Student Art Exhibit
Though April in the Community Room

The works of student artists from Alvirne will be on display in the Community Room through the month of April. Stop by and enjoy the work of these talented young people.

Five Things You Don't Know About Food and Exercise that are Making You Sick, Fat & Tired
Thursday, April 4, 7:00PM

When it comes to healthy eating and exercise, most women have it completely WRONG! Even the ones who think they ‘know’ really have no idea what they’re doing. Discover the 5 things most women are doing wrong when it comes to diet and exercise and how they’re only setting themselves up to fail over and over.

Fitness and nutrition coach Melissa Koerner of friendyourbody.com makes an encore presentation of this popular program. She’ll reveal some of the secrets used to help transform hundreds of busy women from frustrated, overweight, tired and discouraged to slim, sexy and bursting with energy and confidence. Pre-registration requested -- register online or call 886-6030.

Library Film Series

Catch films you may have missed in the theatres, sponsored by the Friends of Hudson Libraries. Snacks will be served. For upcoming films call our Film Line at 816-4535.

Cinema Celebration: 2nd Thursdays (April 11), 6:30PM

Lincoln (PG-13): Daniel Day-Lewis won an Academy Award for his portrayal of our 16th president. An all-star cast including Academy Award Nominees Sally Field and Tommy Lee Jones star in this Steven Spielberg film.
Free Family Film: 3rd Saturdays (April 20), 1:00PM

**Rise of the Guardians** (PG): Immortal Guardians including Santa, the Tooth Fairy, Jack Frost and the Easter Bunny join forces to battle the evil Pitch.

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**Hills Memorial Library 3rd Thursdays:**

**The American Chestnut Tree: Its History, Demise and Restoration**

Thursday, April 18, 6:00PM

Less than a century ago, forests in the Eastern United States were dominated by large American Chestnut trees. The decline of these chestnut forests and the attempts to preserve and restore these stately trees will be the subject of the latest Open House at the Hills Memorial Library building.

The presentation will include a historical view of American Chestnut growth in the vast eastern woodlands from Maine to Florida until the attack of the lethal fungal disease Chestnut Blight, which arrived in the United States on imported Asian Chestnut trees. Wildlife biologist Curt Laffin will also discuss the work of the [American Chestnut Foundation](http://www.americanchestnut.org) to restore these trees locally and throughout their original range.

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**David Cheng Cello Concert**

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00PM

Enjoy an evening of music with local cellist David Cheng. Hear a wide range of musical styles including classical, folk, pop and movie themes brought to you on the cello. Mr. Cheng hopes to be joined by his daughter, a harpist. Refreshments will be served.

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**Identification and Care of Old Photographs**

Friday, April 12, 1:30PM

Barbara Rimbunas, Curator of the Exeter Historical Society, local historian, and author, will present a workshop on the identification and care of old photographs. Ms. Rimbunas has a background in history and archaeology and has many years of hands-on experience in the field. She will bring samples of photographs and demonstrate how to identify the different types, including daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, cabinet cards, tin types and cyanotypes.

This program is held as part of the Genealogy Club meeting. All are welcome.

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**Quilt Christmas Stockings for the Troops**

Saturday, April 27, 10AM-4PM
Get into the Christmas Spirit early this year by coming to make quilted Christmas stockings to fill with treats for US service men and women this coming holiday season. No sewing skills are necessary, as non-sewers can cut or iron fabric.

Communities Matter @ your Library
National Library Week, April 14-20

The Rodgers Memorial Library joins libraries nationwide in celebrating National Library week. Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. They are also trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues. Come spend some time with us!

The Friends will also be celebrating National Library Week, April 14-20.

Second Hand Prose
2nd Sunday of the Month, 11AM - 3PM, Hills Memorial Library
3rd Thursday of the Month, 5PM - 8PM, Hills Memorial Library

Great prices on books, DVDs, CDs, and comic books this month on Sunday, April 7, and again on Thursday, April 18. The Friends recently received a donation of thousands of good quality books -- come have a look!

'Early Bird' admittance at 10AM Sunday granted to paid members of the Friends. You may become a member at the sale for as little as $10. Please enter via the ramp at the rear of the building. DONATIONS of DVDs, CDs, and gently used books are NEEDED and may be brought to Second Hand Prose or to the Library during regular hours.

The Friends will meet Tuesday, April 9 at 7PM in the Rodgers Memorial Library Community Room. New members welcome.