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.

Nothing will be due the week we switch, and no fines will be charged that week. We're working hard to make sure the transition is as transparent as possible. Read more about the new catalog on the page we've set up on our website, and ask any staff member if you have questions.

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

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 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.

Duke Ellington and the Harlem Renaissance
Wednesday, May 29, 7:00PM

The Duke: who is he? Genius interpreter of Big Band Swing and the Harlem
Renaissance moment, melody maker and aficionado of putting on the Ritz - Sir Duke.

Join singer and storyteller Nanette Perrotte as she sings the great songs and explores the internal workings of the music of this jazz icon.

Art Exhibit: Amy Hovasapian
Though May in the Community Room

Native New Yorker Amy Hovasapian has a passion for drawing and painting with mixed media. She attended the School of Visual Arts, majored in graphic design, and worked as a production artist in the packaging field for several of the top New York package design studios. She is presently enrolled at the Academy of Art University for a degree in web design. A mother of triplets, she resides in Hudson, NH where she continues to paint when inspired.

Healthy Habits
Tuesday, May 7, 7:00PM

As a family physician and life coach, Diane MacKinnon has a unique perspective on how to create healthy habits. During this class, Diane will discuss the 4 basics of a healthy life: food, rest, relationships and fun. She'll offer some tips, tools and strategies for getting the basics down so you can create a solid foundation for a healthy and happy life. 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 (May 9), 6:30PM
Zero Dark Thirty (R): The story of a determined CIA agent and Seal Team Six as they hunt for and take down Osama bin Laden.

Free Family Film: 3rd Saturdays (May 18), 1:00PM
Lady and the Tramp (G): One of Disney’s best loved animated features about the adventures of a prim and proper cocker spaniel who falls for a cocky mongrel.

Hills Memorial Library 3rd Thursdays:
2nd Annual Art/Photography/Craft Exhibit
Thursday, May 16, 6:00PM
An exhibit of photography, paintings, sketches and unique craft items drew many artisans and residents to the Hills Memorial Library building last spring. More than a dozen local artists shared their works and talents with visitors from Hudson and surrounding communities, providing a unique opportunity to share their work with the public. This year, local artists and craftsmen are again invited to share their work with the public. Applications to exhibit work are available at the library and on the library website.

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, May 12, and again on Thursday, May 16. 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, May 21 at 7PM in the Rodgers Memorial Library Community Room. New members welcome. This is the last meeting until September.