National Library Week: April 8-14

Visit the library to enter a raffle to win books signed by the authors.

Annual Poetry Contest

All ages - submission deadline is April 30th

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, please include your name, grade (or 'adult') and phone number on your entry.

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 in PDF or Microsoft Word format.

There will be a prize ceremony and poetry reading at the library on Tuesday, May 8th 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.

Self-Guided Walking Tours of Benson's Park

Now available for check out

Thanks to Elizabeth and Dominique from Girl Scout Troop #12053, we now have several walking tour kits for Benson's Park. Included are an audio player, CD, and laminated maps for patrons to take to the park for a self-guided tour. Enjoy the springtime once it warms up!
Recognizing Frauds and Scams
Tuesday, April 10, 1:00-2:00PM

Senior citizens are being targeted with greater frequency by con artists and identity thieves. Criminals will use telephones, false advertisements, the internet and the U.S. Postal Service to attract as many vulnerable seniors as they can. But they always leave behind clues of their intention to con you! Learn to recognize the major clues, how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud, and the steps you need to take if you do become a victim. This program is presented by Officer Jane Constant from the Senior Relations Division of the Nashua Police Department.

So You Want to be a Writer? Workshop and Author Visit
Tuesday, April 17, 7:00PM

Join NH author Joe Smiga for a presentation on the process of writing, how to get started, what to do about writer's block, and resources available to writers. He will also discuss his own writing process and tell you about some of the books, both fiction and non-fiction, that he has published. Copies of Joe's books will be available for purchase and author signing.

1940 Census - It's Here!
Genealogy Club: Friday, April 13th, 1:30PM

The 1940 U.S. Census release is the most significant record to be made available to genealogists since the 1930 census was released a decade ago. The 1940 census provides an economic snapshot during the time of the Great Depression and just before the onset of WWII. However, it will be quite a while before the 1940 census is indexed, so you'll need to do some research of your own. To help us with this, Christine Sharbrough, a Certified Genealogist, will help us understand all the ins and outs of finding your ancestors in the 1940 census record. She will show you, step-by-step, where to start looking for your family, along with some interesting facts about the 1940 census.

Magic the Gathering Tournament
Saturday, April 14 1:00PM (Registration Noon-12:45PM)
In addition to our usual gaming day, we're also holding a Magic tournament. Anyone grade 6 - adult is welcome to compete. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Normal deck building rules apply, all sets are legal except "Unglued". The tournament is unofficial - come prepared to have fun!

Beading Group: Bling Bangle Bracelet

Saturday, April 28, 11AM - 3PM

Beaders of all experience levels are invited to the new Beading group which will be meeting at the library the 4th Saturday of every month. Some meetings will be drop-in sessions where people bring their own projects and can share tips and techniques with other beading enthusiasts, while other meetings will be classes devoted to specific projects which will be taught by experienced beaders. For classes, people will need to register in advance and there may be a materials fee for project kits.

April's meeting is a project: Bling Bangle Bracelets. These bracelets incorporate crystal beads with a variety of other high quality beads. There is a $40 materials fee to purchase the project kit. Payment and registration can be done online or stop by the Reference desk to sign up and pay. In addition, beaders will also need to bring a beading mat and at least one big eyed or beading needle.

Second Hand Prose

2nd Sunday of the Month, 11AM - 3PM, Hills Memorial Library
3rd Thursday of the Month, 6PM - 8PM, Hills Memorial Library

Great prices on books, DVDs, CDs, and comic books this month on Sunday, April 8th and again on Thursday, April 19th. Check out the magazine recycling/swap program. Bring current magazines during SHP hours - take others home FREE.

'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.