

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsey Martel

Children's Room Highlights

Treasure Reading, the summer reading program, ended on a fabulous note, with over 280 kids registered. Congratulations to all participants on reading 141,060 minutes this summer! Thank you to everyone who read books, attended programs and spent time in the Children's Room this summer!

Fall programming begins the week of September 11. We've made a few changes to our fall schedule, be sure to check the times and days of the program.

On September 20 at 6:30 p.m. the Children's Room will host SMART-Kid Jr., a safety awareness training program for ages 3-6. For more information or to register call 889-1110.

Children's Room Program Schedule

Fire safety standards limit the number of people who can fit in the programming area. We therefore have to require registration. **To sign up for programming, call us at 886-6030 extension 24 or stop by the Children's Room. Be sure to have your library card ready!**

Small Adventures (ages 3-6) and Story Explorers (ages 7-12) and their families meet for stories, activities, crafts and more! These groups meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m.

Family Fun Night for ages 3-3rd grade is an evening story time where we share themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. Family Fun Night meets the third

Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m..

Story Spinners for grades 3-5 is held third Tuesday of the month at the Ferry Street Annex from 3:30 p.m. — 4:45 p.m. We read and discuss a book, do themed crafts and have a snack. Diverse reading abilities are welcomed.

Story times for 3-5 year olds: choose from one of two weekday story times on either Mondays or Thursdays at 10 a.m. We read stories, sing songs and make a craft. Each session runs 8-10 weeks. If someone misses two weeks in a row 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.

Lullaby Lapsit for infant-2 year olds will meet every Friday at 11 a.m. Complete with tickle songs, nursery rhymes and poems, this program lasts about 45 minutes with the last 15 minutes set aside for parents to read to their child.

Craft Days are held the first and third Saturdays of the month. Come into the Children's Room any time during the day and make or take a craft (while supplies last).

*Check out our Children's web page: www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp

Labor Day Closing Hills Memorial Library



The library will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

25th anniversary of Banned Books Week

"More than a book a day faces expulsion from free and open public access in U.S. schools and libraries every year. Throughout history, there always have been a few people who don't want information to be freely available. And this is still true," said ALA President Leslie Burger.

Bookstores and libraries around the country will celebrate the freedom to read during *Banned Books Week*, September 23-30. First observed in 1982, *Banned Books Week* reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.

Robie Harris's *It's Perfectly Normal* was the most challenged book of last year. Rounding out the top four most challenged books in 2005 were:

Forever by Judy Blume for sexual content and offensive language;

The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger for sexual content, offensive language and being unsuited to age group;

The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier for sexual content and offensive language; and

Banned Books Week is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, the ALA, the Association of American Publishers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and the National Association of College Stores. It is endorsed by the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

For more information on *Banned Books Week*, please visit

www.ala.org/bbooks.

The Smartest Card Is @ Your Library® : Get It, Use It

September is *Library Card Sign-up Month*, and Hills Memorial Library wants to make sure that your child is among the two-thirds of Americans who carry the smartest card of all – a library card.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Also, Forty-four percent of another survey's respondents take their children to the library to spend time together.

"A library card has always been the most important school supply of all." Kids can go to the library to get homework help and check out books, but they can also check out free music, DVDs and use the Internet to make after school life a little more fun. There's a lot happening at your library. Check out our website calendar at www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us

Libraries are unique in that they offer lifelong learning – and welcome everyone from preschool age to well beyond retirement age. Libraries are a place for education and self-help. Because they bring access to all, they bring opportunity to all.

Get carded during September (or any month). Visit the library to obtain a card for yourself or accompany your child (18 or under) to get his/her own card. Every parent can afford to give his or her child the key to success – a library card.

Cool Arthur bookmarks to print: <http://pbskids.org/arthur/print/bookmarks/index.html>

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr & T. Weller

Back to School Information Resources

• **Students** may call the librarians with their questions. Children's Department 886-6030 x 24 (K-grade 5) and Reference Department 886-6030 x 21 (grades 6 -- forever). **Librarians are on duty until 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 5 p.m., Friday-Saturday.**

• **E-mail** reference librarians. Answers can be e-mailed or phoned back.

• **14 online databases** offer a wealth of material. Students can get :

- * **photos** for reports (Image collection, in **EBSCO Masterfile**)
- * **Countries** around the world & maps of various types and country flags (**Grolier's Lands & Peoples**)
- * **authors and books** information for papers and book reviews (**Novelist**)
- * **science** diagrams, timelines, essays (**Grolier's New Book of Popular Science**)
- * **magazine and newspaper** articles, full text (**EBSCO** offers **Primary and Middle Search** for younger students. Middle and high schoolers can use **EBSCO**)
- * **Current events** around the country can be found in America's Newspapers. The in-library database will also be of great use in current events/debate preparation. (**Newsbank**)
- * **Biographical references** in the areas of literature, politics, sports, government, history, art & newsmakers (**Biography Resource Center**)
- * Also **Encyclopedia Americana, Health Source, Newspaper Source, Business Resources, Topic Search, ERIC, Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia.**

For circulating books (what's available on a subject, reserves or title requests): 886-6030, X 21.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Summer Reading Programs a Huge Success

Over 200 middle and high school students attended library programs over the summer including our *Thursday Fun Nights*, Monday morning drop-ins and *Guided Reading Groups* that helped students with Alvirne H.S. required summer reading thanks to a literacy grant from Sam's Club. Over 100 students participated in our *Pages for Prizes* summer reading raffle.

Check Out The New Pocket-sized Playaway Digital Audio Books.

Listen to your favorite books on a player that fits in your pocket! Playaway makes self-contained 2" X 3" digital audio books that can be listened to with any standard headphones and can be used in the car with the same radio adaptors used to for other MP3 players such as iPods. Titles include *Beach Road* by James Patterson, *Marley & Me* by John Grogan, *Cell* by Stephen King, *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler, *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, and *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger.

Play Reading Circle, Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.

This month the playreading circle will be meeting on a different night. The circle usually meets the third Tuesday of the month but will meet this month on the third Wednesday instead. We will be reading Agatha Christie's classic mystery *Ten Little Indians*. 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. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 ext. 26 to find out the play for the month or to suggest future plays.

Morning Book Discussion Group

In a Sunburned Country

The Hills Memorial Library in Hudson has started a new book discussion group for people who are available in the morning. The group will be meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

This month, on September 19 at 10 a.m. we will be discussing *In a Sunburned Country* Bill Bryson's amusing account of his travels in Australia. 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.

Evening Book Discussion

They Marched Into Sunlight

On Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. we will be discussing *They Marched Into Sunlight* by Pulitzer Prize winning author David Maraniss. It is the story of the sixties reflected in a few days in October 1967. Maraniss weaves together the stories of death on a Vietnam battlefield, the tumult of anti-war student protests and the confusion and cover-ups of Washington officials.

Evening Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.. Our Books are available at the library. For more information call 886-6030, extension 26.

Hot New Fiction Titles

Crisis by Robin Cook

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven by Fannie Flagg

Sleeping With Fear by Kay Hooper

Judge and Jury. James Patterson

Hills Memorial Library Fall Hours

September 5 To End of School Year June 2007

Monday Through Thursday
9:00 a.m.—9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday
9:00 a.m.—5 p.m.

Sunday Closed

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose Book Sale

The Friends will hold their monthly book sale on the second Sunday of the month, September 10, from 12—3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right). Books for adults and children, videos, CDs and more, will be available. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents.



by Ann Carle

Home Safety for People with Alzheimer's Disease



National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza



Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030 x21.

(Ψ=Mouse & keyboarding skills needed for this workshop.)

September 12, Tuesday Ψ
Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.

September 14, Thursday
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

(Come at 10 a.m. for mouse/keyboarding preparation)

September 19, Tuesday Ψ
Introduction to Excel 10:30 a.m.

September 28, Thursday Ψ
Microsoft Word 10:30 a.m.