Newsletter December 2013



# **Rodgers Memorial Library**

# Upcoming Closings and Openings

Wednesday, Nov 27: Close at 5PM Thanksgiving Day, Nov 28: Closed Friday, Nov 29: Closed Saturday, Nov 30: OPEN Tuesday, Dec 24: Closed Christmas, Dec 25, Closed Tuesday, Dec 31: Close at 5PM Wednesday, Jan 1: Closed

## Fax Price Change Starting Monday, December 16

The price for our fax machine will be changing this month. The first page of a domestic fax will now be \$1.75. The price of international fax will drop by \$1.00.

# Author Visit: Being Santa Claus Monday, November 25, 7PM

Professional Santa Sal Lizard will be visiting to talk about his book *Being Santa Claus: What I Learned About the True Meaning of Christmas.* Sal has been playing Santa Claus for over two decades, and in that time he's had countless magical experiences with children, adults and people everywhere who share in the wonder of the holiday spirit. Now, for the first time, Santa Sal's amazing stories have been collected into a hardcover book that you can share with the people you love. Follow the career of this naturally bearded Santa from his earliest



encounters wearing the red suit through the many lessons he's learned along the way about how to be the best possible Santa Claus. Sal will have books for sale and signing.

Please note this program is **not** intended for young children. Santa will be visiting as Santa on Saturday, December 7.

# Skywatch with the NH Astronomical Society Tuesday, November 26, 6:30PM

Join members of the NH Astronomical Society for a presentation on astronomy

#### **Quick Links**

- Upcoming Events
- RML Website



Additional December Events

Pre-register online

Procrastination and other Roadblocks to Life

w/Diane MacKinnon Tue 12/17, 7PM

Cinema Celebration The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey Thu 12/12, 6:30PM Family Film Despicable Me 2 Sat 12/21, 1PM

Beading Group

Almost Tennis Bracelet
Sat 12/7, 12PM



Regularly Scheduled Events

Pokemon League



followed by a skywatch with telescopes in the soccer field between the library and Hills Garrison. Bring a telescope if you have one, or look through one of the telescopes provided by NHAS members as experienced skywatchers guide you in exploring the night sky.

Check out the library's telescope and have your own personal look at the sky. Holds may also be placed

on the telescope (as with all library materials!) online, by phone or in person. To place an online hold, you'll need your library card number and PIN.

## Gingerbread House Contest House Dropoff: December 2-6

People of all ages are encouraged to enter our annual gingerbread house competition. Individuals, families or other groups are eligible to enter. Houses can be built out of any material, but exterior decoration must be entirely edible. Houses must fit on a platform of 24" x 24" or less. The houses will be on display in the Children's Room until the Gingerbread Party and Prize Ceremony on December 19th.



## Baked Beans and Fried Clams: How Food Defines a Region

Wednesday, December 4, 7PM

Baked beans, fried clams, fish chowder, Indian pudding so many foods are distinctive to New England. This talk offers a celebration of these regional favorites along with an examination of how contemporary life has distanced us from these classics. What makes them special and how do these foods define our region? Yankee Magazine's



Edie Clark draws from such diverse resources as Fannie Farmer, Julia Child and Haydn S. Pearson for enlightenment and amusement as well as her own experiences writing and traveling over the past thirty years to places where baked beans are still featured prominently on the menu.

This program is made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities Council.

## ABCs of the Affordable Care Act Monday, December 9, 12PM (noon)



Confused about the new changes in healthcare laws? Want to know how to navigate the Health Insurance Marketplace and find out what insurance programs you qualify for? A trained volunteer from the AARP will be here to provide information on the new Health Insurance Marketplace for people of all ages and try

to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to bring a bag lunch to this afternoon program.

## Christmas Floral Centerpiece Workshop Tuesday, December 10, 7PM

Create a beautiful centerpiece for your holiday table with this workshop, presented by Anne's Florals and Gifts of Hudson. The centerpiece will be made out of long lasting materials, so you can use it for this year's celebration.





Mon 12/2, 5PM

Genealogy Club

Fri 12/13, 1:30PM

Gaming Day

Sat 12/14 12-4PM

Teen Snack Chat Tue 12/10, 4PM

Book + Film **Discussion** A Christmas Memory Tue 12/17

> Film: 11:30AM Pot-luck: 1PM Disc: 1:30PM

Teen Anime/Manga Club Tue 12/17, 4PM

**Teen Writing Lab** Mondays, 2PM

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**Drop-in Stitchers** Fridays, 9:30-11:30



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# Art Exhibit: Photographer's Forum Camera Club All of December

There will be an opening reception for the exhibit on Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Meet the featured photographers and share in some light refreshments. All are welcome.



# Hills 3rd Thursday: Feasts and Festivals of the Middle Ages

Thursday, December 19, 6PM

Why do religious holidays cluster around the winter time and patriotic ones in the summer? Why can't Easter or Hanukkah fall on the same date every year? Do our cherished holiday traditions preserve memories of a distant pagan past? Medieval historian Jonathan Couser takes us on a guided tour of the calendar to discuss how the year took on its rhythm of workdays and holidays.



The Trustees of the Rodgers Memorial Library present monthly open house programs at the historic Hills Memorial Library building, 18 Library St.

### 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, December 8, and again on Thursday, December 19.

'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.