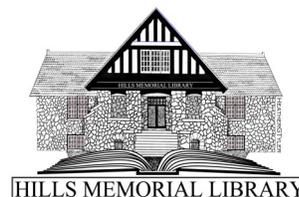


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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

School Vacation

Come celebrate the Harry Potter Series in preparation for the release of J.K. Rowling's next book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. Program is for 2nd to 5th graders, or great Harry Potter fans. We will discuss the first five books and talk about the characters. Make magic wands, spell charmers and a glitter globe with a magic stone! Every day from 10-11 a.m. April 25 - 29. Register in Children's Room or call 886-6030 ext. 24. Regular programming is suspended that week.

Children's Poetry Week April 11-15. Pick out and read some of the greats like Shel Silverstein, Jack Prelutsky, Emily Dickinson or Douglas Florian, author of *Laughteria*. See you there!

Earth Day is April 22. Join in to plant a tree, clean up trash and conserve your water!

A friendly reminder from the Children's Department. Patrons must present a library card to check out materials. The card protects your security as a patron. Thanks.

Harry Potter Week

April 25, Monday, 10-11 a.m.:
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone discussion.

April 26, Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.:
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets discussion.

April 27, Wednesday, 10-11 a.m.:
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban discussion.

April 28, Thursday, 10-11 a.m.:
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire discussion.

April 29, Friday, 10-11 a.m. : Per-
former Greg McAdams will present
Magic for Muggles. Children make
magic wands and leave with a genu-
ine certificate.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

"The Library Works Because We Do"

National Library Workers' Day April 12

Library workers are responsible for a wide variety of services that patrons come to expect from their libraries. They are in charge of more than just checking books in and out of the library. Library workers catalog and shelve materials; handle requests and send them to other libraries; answer phone calls and emails; answer questions and locate information; organize programs and events; administer computer networks; update the library's Website; select and obtain books, CDs, videos and databases. Not only do library workers make sure the library runs smoothly, they also protect user privacy, fight against censorship and ensure that all people have access to library resources they need, when they need them. April 12 is a time to recognize the contributions of all library workers - librarians, support staff and others - who make library services possible. So stop in to see what's new @ your library, and meet the people who contribute so much to the quality of life in the community.

Amnesty

In honor of *National Library week*, the library is holding an amnesty for overdue library materials. This week only, April 10-16, patrons may return their overdue books, videos, CDs, etc. without having to pay fines. This offer does not apply to fines or fees already incurred on a patron's library card. The Board of Trustees are happy to offer this amnes-

ty as a gesture of good will that will get patrons to return those materials that may have fallen behind the sofa or underneath a car seat.

The primary purpose of fines is to encourage prompt return of materials. Occasionally, however, patrons amass such huge fines that instead of paying them they simply forfeit their library privileges. "We want our materials back, and we want our borrowers back as well."

Second Hand Prose



Book sale Sunday April 10 from noon to 3 p.m. at the 49 Ferry Street annex. Sale proceeds will go to the *Leonard H. Smith Scholarship Fund* for an Alvirne senior going to college.

Hot New Books



The Rising. Time LeHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins

Impossible. Danielle Steel

Cold Service. Robert Parker

Shadow of the Giant. Orson Scott Card

The Red Hat Club Rides Again. Haywood Smith

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Programs

Patrons must register for every program to ensure we do not exceed prescribed capacity (Fire Marshall's standards) in the programming area. We ask you to pick your day to attend each week. If you miss three weeks in a row without calling to reserve your place in the program, we call someone on the waiting list to join us. Our sessions usually go for three months. People on the waiting list will be registered for the new session first. All participants must re-register for each new three-month session. Register in the Children's Room or call 886-6030 Ext. 24.

Storytimes for 3-5 year olds: Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Parents and children participate. We read stories, sing songs and make a craft. The March to June sessions are filled. Sign up for our waiting list.

Lullaby Lapsit for birth through two year olds: Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. We sit on floor pillows, sing songs, have tickle poems and stories. And you read to your child during the last fifteen minutes of the forty-five minute session. March to June sessions are filled. Sign up for the waiting list.

Please Note Well: Storytime and Lullaby Lapsit do not meet during school vacation April 25-29.

Performer Greg McAdams

Magic For Muggles

April 29, 10-11 a.m.

Children's Room

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Fools Rush In

April Fool's Day is thought to have started in 1582 with the adoption of the Gregorian calendar. The change meant the year started on January 1 instead of March 25, and those who still celebrated the March date were called "April Fools". Now, April 1 has become the time to play pranks and jokes on our nearest and dearest. April Fool's Day has even infected news organizations and media outlets, while some hoaxes have been meant to profit the hoaxer rather than amuse. For some fun looks at pranks, hoaxes and outright lies of the past, visit www.museumofhoaxes.com/top100 and www.infoplease.com/spot/hoax1.html.

Sorry Charlie Day

According to Chase's Calendar of Events, this month we honor Charlie the Tuna who, though rejected for 43 years, is still with us. Join us in April and recognize Charlie in the *Sorry Charlie, No-Fan-Club-for-You Club* by stopping by the library and browse our collection of fishing titles:

Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis. Howell Raines

The Complete Book of Fishing: A Guide to Freshwater, Saltwater & Big-Game Fishing. A. J. McClane

Freshwater Companion Fisherman's. Paul C. Baumann

The Complete Book of Sportsfishing. Edited by G. Cederbert

National Poetry Month

We can't forget that April is *National Poetry Month*! The Reference Room has a variety of your favorite authors and some not so familiar authors:

Always a Reckoning. Jimmy Carter.

Life is But a Flight. Astrid Horjus.

Bringing Together. Maxine Kumin.

Coming Into Eighty. May Sarton.

Wallace Stevens Collected Poetry & Prose.

Her Blue Body Everything We Know. Alice Walker.
PLUS: 2005 Pushcart Prize XXIX – Best of the Small Presses

Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register during library visits or by phone, 886 6030 x21

April 14, Thursday
Introduction to Genealogy
10:30 a.m.

April 21, Thursday
Introduction to the Internet
10:30 a.m.
(Need mouse/keyboarding skills)



May 12, Thursday
Introduction to Genealogy
10:30 a.m.

May 19, Thursday
Computer Basics
10:30 a.m.

June 16, Thursday
Introduction to the Internet
10:30 a.m.
(Need mouse/keyboarding skills)

Baseball Videos & DVDs

Whet your appetite for the coming baseball season.

Bad News Bears



Baseball – a Film by Ken Burns

Bull Durham

Eight Men Out

Field of Dreams

A League of their Own

The Natural

The Pride of the Yankees

The Rookie

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Fresh Flower Arranging Workshop

Adults and Teens, join us on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. for a Fresh Flower Arranging workshop presented by Anne's Country Florals. There will be a materials fee for this class which will be held at 49 Ferry Street (The second house past the library on Route 111/Ferry Street). Pre-registration is required, call 886-6030 extension 26, or stop by the library.

Book Discussion

On Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m. there will be a discussion of "My Sister's Keeper" by New Hampshire author Jodi Picoult. A story of family conflict and difficult choices about a child whose sole reason for existence is to assure a genetic match for her terminally ill sister. Copies of the book are available in Annex II. For more information call 886-6030 extension 26.

National Library Week April 11-16

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers to their schools, campuses and communities. Books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs, software, databases, Internet access: Hills Memorial Library has something for everyone.

For this annual event, the library offers the following programs and events:

Book Raffle: Each time you visit the library during National Library Week you can receive a raffle ticket and take a chance to win books of popular subjects and authors.

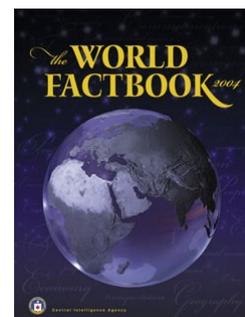
Special National Library Week items such as bookmarks, pencils and lollipops will be distributed throughout the week. Remember, there's something for everyone @ your library!

Amnesty For Overdue Materials.



... for these websites.

by Ann Carle



Does that school assignment need a color map and flag of a specific country? *The World Factbook* site also offers a summary of each country featuring political, geographical and economic data.

Online Social Security Handbook
Your Basic Guide to the Social Security Programs



Social Security information is literally at your fingertips. The online handbook site is a very readable, easy to understand guide to programs and services.

American FactFinder

Do you want to know the median age for residents of Hudson, N.H.? Check out the *American FactFinder* site, published by The United States Census Bureau. The Bureau provides data, based on the 2000 census, for population, housing, economics, and geography.