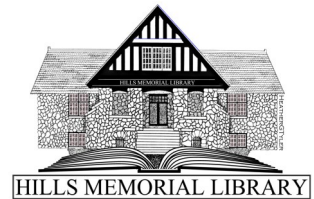


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NEWSLETTER

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18 Library Street, Hudson, New Hampshire

<http://www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us>

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Kristen Paradise

A Note From Debbie Newton Library Assistant

Thank you to all the patrons who have visited the Children's Room and participated in the programs. You have all made my first couple of months warm and inviting.

Children's Room Highlights

Begin registering Monday, December 12 for Monday or Thursday Story Times and Friday Lullaby Lapsits. Session I will run from the second week in January through mid-March. Home school parents, register for Family Fun Day!

Kids! Come get your picture taken with Santa. "Jolly old Saint Nick" will be visiting us Saturday, December 3 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy crafts and coloring.

Children's Room Program Schedule

Fire safety standards limit the number of people in our programming area. We therefore have to require registration. To sign up for programming, call us at 886-6030 ext. 24 or stop by the Children's Room. Programs are limited to Hills Memorial cardholders. Be sure to have your library card ready!

Home School Family Fun Day

Teeny Tales and Book Safari have been combined to form this fun and innovative program hosted by Miss Debbie. Home Schooled children ages three through second grade and their families meet for stories, activities, crafts and more! This group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 10am.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

What's Going On At The Library

Look for our program listings on the Hudson Cable Channel scroll, HLN "Scoops", and you can access our online calendar by visiting the HML website at :

<http://www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us>

**Don't Forget
To Check Out
Holiday Music CDs,
DVDs, Videos
and Books**



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Gift Ideas

Looking for a distinctive holiday gift at a bargain price? The Friends of the Library has Hills Memorial Library sun catchers for \$10. "Read the Trees" note cards for \$.75 cents and calendars for \$1.75 are designed by local artist Peter Duquette. They are available at the library and also at Second Hand Prose book sale on December 11.

December 3, the Friends will be at the GFWC Jr. Women's Craft Fair at Hudson's Memorial School. Litchfield artist Peter Duquette will again join us with his "Read the Trees" tee shirts and sweatshirts. Sales benefit the Library Building Fund. There are different tee shirt designs for 9 towns plus one state: Atkinson, Chester, Derry, Hampstead, Hudson, Manchester, Nashua, Sandown, Wilton, New Hampshire.

Second Hand Prose Book Sale

Sale opens on December 11 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry St. (2 doors up from the back of the library). Religious and craft books will be specially priced.

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Family Fun Night for ages 4-3rd grade is an evening story time where we share themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. FFN meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

Story Spinners for grades 3-5 is held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Ferry Street Annex from 3:30-4:45. We read and discuss a book from a series, do themed crafts and have a snack. Diverse reading abilities welcome.

Story times for 3-5 year olds: Choose from one of two weekday story times on either Mondays or Thursdays at 10am. We read stories, sing songs and make a craft. Parents stay with their children and participate. 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 infants to 2 year olds will meet every Friday for eight weeks. 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 children.

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



The staff of
Hills Memorial Library
Wish You A
Warm And Joyous
Holiday Season

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Dungeons & Dragons For Middle & High School Students

We will be holding Dungeons & Dragons adventures for Middle and High School students on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Players meet in the back room of Annex II. Both experienced players and newcomers are welcome. Please call 886-6030 ext. 26 to register. THERE WILL BE NO GAME ON DECEMBER 24.

Paper Quilling Workshop

On December 15 and 19 at 7 p.m. Adults and Teens can learn to make gift tags and cards by curling thin strips of paper into beautiful designs using the old fashion art of paper quilling. A \$5 materials fee will be charged and all participants will be able to take home a quilling needle so that they can do this at home. There is currently a waiting list for the December 15 workshop but we anticipate a few openings. We need to purchase enough supplies for everyone so please pre-register at 886-6030 ext. 26.

Book Discussion

There will be no book discussion in December. The next book discussion meeting will be in January, when we will take up Tracy Chevalier's historical novel *Girl With Pearl Earring*.

The book brings to life the story behind the famous Vermeer painting. The book discussion will be held on Tuesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. Copies of the book will be available in Annex II in mid-December. For more information call 886-6030 ext. 26.

Playreading Circle Blithe Spirit Act III and a classic one-act play

On Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m., the library holds a monthly play-reading circle. 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 being read 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. This month we will be finishing up the play from last month, Noel Coward's classic comedy, *Blythe Spirit*, the story of a happily married man being haunted by the ghost of his first wife. We will catch newcomers up on the action so far. We will also be choosing a one-act play from an anthology of classic short plays to read aloud. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information or to suggest future plays.

Stop by Annex II and check out our collection of holiday books, films and CDs. A bibliography of Christmas themed titles is available.

New Holiday Books

The Christmas Quilt. Jennifer Chilverini.

The Christmas Scrapbook. Phillip Gulley

There's Something About Christmas. Debbie Macomber
The Christmas Guest. Ann Perry

The Christmas Hope. Donna Van Liere

Barnes & Noble Purchases Benefit Libraries December 2 and 3

A percentage of all purchases made at any New Hampshire Barnes & Noble book store on December 2 and 3 will be donated to New Hampshire teen reading programs. You must present a voucher for your purchases to count towards the donation. Pick up the vouchers at the library. This is a chance to do your Holiday shopping and help your library to encourage teen reading.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Kate Butler

New FAFSA Worksheet

More than 88% of all FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) are now being filed electronically! In the past, many people have filled out a FAFSA form prior to filing online, hoping to make completing the online process easier.

However, they have discovered the online experience is not identical to the paper form: the FAFSA on the Web is able to skip questions and present topics in a different order depending upon the user's answers to prior questions.

The Department of Education has thus created a new online form known as the *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet*. Filling it out prior to starting the online FAFSA should organize all of the required information so it's easy to find.

This form cannot be mailed in as an application for financial aid, and there is no requirement that it be used. It is an aid only. The standard paper FAFSA form is still available for those who prefer to file offline. Both the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet and the paper FAFSA form are available at the library. Students and families may also print the Worksheet from the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or call 1-800-4 FED-AID to request single copies.

Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or by phone, 886 6030 x21.

December 6, Tuesday

Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

December 8, Thursday

Christmas Cards With Microsoft Publisher 10:30 a.m.

Only for persons with mouse and keyboarding skills.

December 13, Tuesday

Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

Only for persons with mouse and keyboarding skills.



by Ann Carle

Happy Holidays!

And best wishes for stress free shopping experiences. If not, check out the following articles from our online catalog.

Problems with Holiday Purchases?



Holiday Shopping: is a Sale Price Your Best Deal?



Jingle Bells, Jingle Sells: Tips For Holiday Shopping



Christmas & New Year's Day Closings

We are closed Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 and on Monday, December 26, the day after Christmas.

We are also closed on Monday January 2.