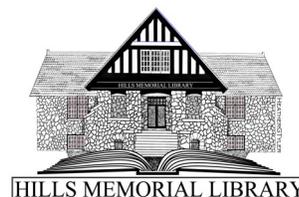


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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Highlights
February

Castles And Kings Program

Are you ready for royal good time during school vacation week? February 28 to March 4 is our *Castles and Kings Program*.



Ms. Connie Vandervort, our former Children's Librarian, will be back for a special storytime with delightful puppets and energetic activities on Monday, February 28 at 10 a.m.

All day Tuesday is our Castle Game. If you find certain titles in the library, you win a prize. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m. we will have stories and activities. Joust with the knights, have a cup of tasty dragon stew, and hear some fractured fairy tales.

You can register in the Children's Room or call 886-6030 Ext. 24. Space is limited to 12 children. Please sign up now.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

'You Don't Need Books Any-more—You Have Computers'

There has been a lot of publicity lately about Google's plan to digitize 15 million books owned by 4 universities and the New York Public Library. This ambitious project will take a decade and its content will derive only from pre-1922 (unprotected by copyright) titles, not every book in the world. Almost without exception, librarians have hailed Google's initiative, and have not run screaming "the end is near".

Over the past 10-15 years, there have been several projects to digitize books. Project Gutenberg www.gutenberg.org is the oldest producer of free electronic books (eBooks or etexts). Most of the 13,000 books in Project Gutenberg are older literary works in the public domain in the United States. All may be freely downloaded, read, and redistributed for non-commercial use.

Great Books online at www.Bartleby.com and University of Virginia's <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/> are well known.

Although not an e book site in the strictest sense this site hosts an interesting collection of websites of e-books <http://www.metronet.lib.mn.us/grants/ebooks2.cfm>. See also references from an ebook conference held in Dublin, OH in 2003 at <http://www.rit.edu/~cxb5946/ebook/libr.htm>.

No matter how you slice it, these sites offer only those titles that are not protected by copyright law. If you want current best sellers or non-fiction, some-

one, somewhere has to pay for it. Many public libraries offer their patrons free e-book downloads via *NetLibrary* which is available via subscription per individual libraries. Individuals can pay to download best sellers at <http://www.ebooks.com/>.

E-books are not common reading at Internet cafés and most of the traveling public I observe are working on their laptops. E-books are just a format for those who prefer reading from their computer screens. Despite claims that books are obsolete, hard- and soft cover formats will be around for a long, long time.

Adieu Miss Linda

The children's Dept. will be missing a VIP. Sadly, we say adieu to Linda Zink, who has played an important role as Assistant Children's Librarian this past year. Everyone, including the registered storytime kids and Story Spinners book discussion group, have received the benefit of Miss Linda's buoyant personality and friendly persona. She will be missed by everyone. Bon Voyage Miss Linda as you begin a new adventure.

Free Computer Workshops

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

February 10, Thursday:

EbscoHOST
10:30 a.m.

(Mouse and keyboarding skills needed)

February 17, Thursday

Introduction to Genealogy
Online 10:30 a.m. (Mouse and keyboarding skills needed)

February 22, Tuesday

Homework Helpers
6:30 p.m.

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Ongoing Programs

These programs are full to capacity, but you may register on the waiting list for the new sessions starting March 7.

Lullaby Lapsit : For infants through 2-year olds, is a half hour program with nursery rhymes, familiar songs, tickle poems and a story. There are two sessions. You may choose Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or Fridays at 10 a.m. Registration required.

Storytime : For 3-6 year olds. We have a fun-packed 45 minutes with stories, finger poems and a craft. You may choose one of three sessions; Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Registration required.

Story Spinners : A book discussion group for 3rd to 5th graders. They meet every two weeks and each child reads a book from an assigned series. This hour-long program includes taking a turn speaking and leading a group, answering questions and doing a related activity. Registration required.

School Vacation Programs

These are for every child. Other programming is suspended for the week to accommodate the influx of children from school recess. February vacation from February 28 to March 4 is our *Castle and Kings program*. April vacation from April 25 to 29 is our *Harry Potter Program*. We have performers, games, stories and crafts with a theme for each day. Registration is required.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Tax Forms

Tax forms will be available in the main room of the library this month. The IRS will be distributing the many forms to libraries over the next several months, so not all forms will be available right away.

Tax Help Center

Our staff is not trained to answer tax questions, but if you need additional information, please call the help line or access the IRS web site at:

<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/>

Telephone: 1-800-829-1040.

In addition, we have the new J. K. Lasser's *Your Income Tax 2005* for further help and tax-saving tips.

Grolier Online

An excellent resource for those sometimes tedious, but necessary homework assignments. *Grolier's* is not just an encyclopedia with a multitude of reference books. From the homepage, you can get ideas for research topics; find historical timelines, or access games and quizzes. It's fast and easy to use. This multimedia site also features the *New Book of Popular Science*, useful for your springtime science fair projects. And while you're on the site, check out *Grolier's America the Beautiful*, great for researching geography and facts about the states. This "must see" website is a fun place to explore on your next visit to the library.

It's Almost School Vacation Again . . . !

One fascinating and underutilized museum is the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester. During the month of February, the museum is holding its long-standing annual exhibition of the New Hampshire Art Association. Featuring work by many of New Hampshire's most accomplished

artists, this exhibit highlights works in all types of media, including watercolor, photography and sculpture.

And it's not just for adults. During February school vacation week, special programs and events will be held for children. Visit and draw with an art educator, use theater techniques with members of the Underground Railroad Theatre or attend a puppet show. The library has two free passes year round and there is free museum admission for everyone during spring vacation week!

For more vacation ideas, stop by the library and pick up a list of our free and discounted passes. These include:

The Mariposa Museum of World Cultures in Peterborough. Explore the museum's collection of folk art, costumes, art puppets, musical instruments and toys for six continents.

The New England Aquarium in Boston

The Fine Arts Museum in Boston

The Museum of Science in Boston

The Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord, NH

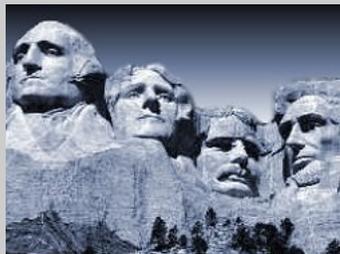
The Butterfly Place (seasonal)

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (seasonal)

Holiday Closings

The library will be closed

On Monday, February 21
in observance of



**PRESIDENT'S
DAY**

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Book Discussion Group

On Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. there will be a discussion of Audrey Niffenegger's award winning book *The Time Traveler's Wife*. A powerfully original love story about a man who uncontrollably hop scotches through time to his own past or future during stressful situations. Despite the fantastic premise, this is not so much a science fiction story as a story of enduring love. It is told from the perspectives of both Henry, the time traveler, and Clare, the woman he leaves behind. Copies of the book will be available in Annex II. Please call to check availability.

The March book discussion pick is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. The March discussion will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Hot New Films And Books

FILMS

The Bourne Supremacy

The Terminal

Anchorman

De-Lovely

Hero

Spiderman 2

BOOKS

A Salty Piece of Land. Jimmy Buffett

State Of Fear. Michael Crichton

The Broker. John Grisham

The Cat Who Went Bananas. Lillian Jackson

The Hot Flash Club Strikes Again. Nancy Thayer

Free Yoga Workshop

Adults and Teens Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m. Free introductory yoga class. Cathy Coppinger of *Yoga Circles for Life*, 43 Lowell Road, Hudson will teach the class at 49 Ferry Street (Second house on right past the library on 111/Ferry Street). Learn about breathing, stretching, relaxation. Wear comfortable clothes. Bring a mat or large towel. Please pre-register at the library or call 886-6030.

Valentine's Day Love Stories Videos and DVDs

An Affair to Remember

Breakfast at Tiffany's

Bridget Jones Diary

The Bridges of Madison County
Casablanca

Clueless

Down With Love

Doctor Zhivago
(video and DVD)

Emma

English Patient

French Lieutenant's Woman

Gone With the Wind

Girl With A Pearl Earring

Great Expectations

House of Mirth

Importance of Being Earnest

Jane Eyre (1987)

Jerry McGuire

Lady and the Tramp

Love Actually

My Best Friend's Wedding

Out of Africa

Persuasion



Possession

Picnic

Pretty Woman

Pride and Prejudice

Roman Holiday

Sabrina

Sense & Sensibility

Shakespeare In Love

Sleepless in Seattle

Something's Gotta Give

The Way We Were

West Side Story

What a Girl Wants

When Harry Met Sally

While You Were Sleeping

Working Girl

