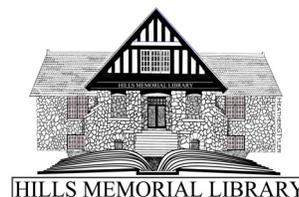


# HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

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18 Library Street, Hudson, New Hampshire

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

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Kristen Paradise

#### Children's Room Highlights

Q: Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?

A: The turkey because he's already stuffed!

From: <http://www.surfnetkids.com>

As Thanksgiving draws near, we thought we would make a list of things we are thankful for. The following were submitted by the staff in the Children's Room.

Kids just being kids, caring and fun co-workers, parents encouraging their children to read, connections made between parents in library programming, community partners, grown-ups giving time and expertise to the staff, and last but not least: Patrons with a sense of humor!!! You are out there. You know who you are! We are thankful for all of you who contribute so much to the Children's Room community. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us!

You may get our monthly calendar on our website or in the Children's Room.

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

We are saying good-bye to Miss Cheryl who has been a wonderful and amazing addition to the Children's Room. She must shift her priorities to her family. When asked about specific things he would miss about her, Jason from the Children's Room staff replied, "Do you mean besides Cheryl herself?" We will miss everything about her! Pre-school and kindergartners: Keep an eye out for her at the bank or the local coffee shop. Make her sit down and sing *The More We Get Together* song in sign language with you. Many blessings to you, Cheryl!!! Thanks for gracing our lives.

### DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

#### Hail and Farewell

We bid adieu to our children's librarian, Cheryl Hatch. Due to family obligations, Cheryl is unable to remain as Children's Librarian after Oct. 27. In the interim, Kristen Paradise, Assistant Children's Librarian, will be acting as department head. Also Miss Edie, former Children's Librarian, will be coming in to do Friday Lapsit programming.

#### Automation System Anniversary

Our automation system, TLC Library Solutions, was two years old on October 30. We have been satisfied that the system has met our needs and those of our patrons. We are pleased that TLC continues to upgrade and offer new features and new capabilities to keep the system current and to meet changing demands. A popular feature with patrons is reserving and renewing book titles online. You only need to establish a pin number (do this step in person at the library first, however), then you can search, reserve or renew from any terminal anywhere that has access to the Internet. We have had positive response from patrons about the book jacket and table of contents features added this year which appear for each title in the catalog. Happy Anniversary to Library Solutions at the HML!

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

*Second Hand Prose book sale* will be Sunday, November 13 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street annex. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Library on the second Sunday of every month.

### Thanksgiving Closing

The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23

The Library will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2005.

We will resume our regular hours on Saturday, November 26.



### Open Veterans' Day

Please note that the Library WILL BE OPEN on November 11, **Veteran's Day**, so that busy families will have a chance to visit the library together.

### Free Computer Workshops

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

**November 8, Tuesday**  
*Internet Introduction 10:30 a.m.*

**November 10, Thursday**  
*Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.*

**November 15, Tuesday**  
*Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.*

**November 17, Thursday**  
*Microsoft Word 10:30 a.m.*

**November 29, Tuesday**  
*Homework Helpers 3-4:30 p.m.*

**December 8, Thursday**  
*Christmas Cards*  
*With Microsoft Publisher 10:30 a.m. You must have mouse and keyboarding skills.*

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Cheryl Hatch

#### Ongoing And New Programs

Registration is required for every program. Fire safety standards limit our programming group size. Each session runs 5-7 weeks. If you miss two weeks in a row without calling to keep your place, we must call the next person on the waiting list. Waiters have first opportunity to register for the new session. All participants must re-register for each new session in the *Children's Room* or by calling 886-6030 Ext. 24. Be sure to have your library card when you register.

#### Home schooling reading groups

*Teeny Tales* A story time group for 3-5 year old home schooled children and their parents. We will meet at Ferry Street on Wednesday, November 9, 10 a.m.

*Book Safari* for 6-8 year old home schoolers will meet at Ferry Street on Wednesday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

*Family Fun Night for ages 4-3<sup>rd</sup> grade* has been a great hit! An evening story time of shared themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. We will meet on Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

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

*Story times for 3-5 year olds* are on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room. Parents participate with the children. We read stories, sing songs and make a craft. Each session runs 5-7 weeks. **Story time is currently full.**

## 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. Players meet in the back room of Annex II. Both experienced players and newcomers are welcome. Please call 886-6030 ext. 26 to register.

### Introduction to Cake Decorating

Adults and Teens can learn the basics of cake decorating just in time for the holidays. November 17, 7 p.m. We will hold a hands-on workshop teaching simple techniques for making beautiful cakes and cookies. A \$5 materials fee will be charged and all participants will be able to take home decorating tools. We need to purchase enough supplies for everyone, so please pre-register at 886-6030 extension 26.

### Book Discussion In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden

A timely story, echoing recent headlines, *In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor tells the story of the Johnstown, PA flood of 1889. Over 2,200 people perished in a tragedy that could have been averted if only the rich owners of the dam had listened to warnings that it was in need of repair. This book mixes fictional residents of Johnstown with the famous historical figures like Andrew Carnegie and Andrew Mellon who had summer houses above the dangerous dam. Not only does the book convey the horrors of the flood itself but also relates the huge outpouring of support for the survivors from people around the country, much like what we are seeing in our country today. The book discussion will be held on Tuesday, November 29, at 7 p.m. Copies of the book are available in Annex II. For more information call 886-6030 extension

### Playreading Circle *Blythe Spirit*

On Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., the library will be holding a monthly playreading circle. Participants will take on the roles of characters from our monthly play selection. Multiple copies of play scripts will be available. You



may also come and just listen to the play reading. This is a wonderful chance to hear great works of theatre come alive, instead of just reading them off the page. This month's play is Noel Coward's classic comedy, *Blythe Spirit*, the story of a happily married man being haunted by the ghost of his first wife. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information or to suggest future plays.

### Children's Book Week November 14-20.

Since 1918, CBW has been celebrated the week before Thanksgiving. The theme for the 86th annual observance is *Imagine*. The Children's Book Council, sponsoring the event, is a non-profit book organization that encourages literacy and the use and enjoyment of children's books. For more information on CBW or to download resources and activities go to the URL <http://cbcbooks.org/cbw>. The Hills Memorial Library encourages parents and caregivers to read to their children every day. Stop by and get a library card for your child. What a great way to celebrate Children's Book Week on a personal level. Then check out some books and "Imagine."

### People Are Talking . . .

Author Truman Capote is experiencing a rejuvenation! The new movie, *Capote*, starring Philip Seymour Hoffman is out, and the book, *In Cold Blood*, has again risen to the top of the best seller lists. We have both the book available and the DVD on order for patrons to enjoy.



by Ann Carle

### Consumer Action Handbook



Do you want to complain to a manufacturer? You can use the sample complaint letter from this site. You can also download the entire 168 page consumer handbook or just download one section at a time.

### Get The Facts On Saving And Investing: A Roadmap to Start You On A Journey To Financial Security Through Saving And Investing

This 34-page document by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission covers the basics of saving and investing.



### Zip Code Lookup

Do you know the abbreviation for Boulevard to write on your envelope before mailing it? You can locate any state and street abbreviations on this site. Of course, you can also search for any zip code by address, city, company, or all cities in one zip code area.

### Having Fun Can Save Money!

Be sure to beam down and reserve a pass to the Museum of Science's *Star Wars* exhibit which runs through April 20.

<http://www.mos.org/>



## REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

### Culturegrams, World Edition 2006

Do you know what the country of Columbia's original name was?

What country's traditional St. Nicholas Day brings Sinterklaas (St. Nicholas) riding on a white horse to leave gifts in children's shoes?

Find the answer to this question and more in the latest editions of CultureGrams. This set of books is great for any information you may need for debates, presentations or research papers. CultureGrams offers comprehensive overviews of 187 countries. For each country, a concise four-page report covers 25 categories, including history, religion, food, greetings, family, and more. We have copies in the reference area as well as circulating copies that can be taken for home use. This set of books is a gold mine of information.

### Gobble, Gobble, Gobble

Imagine going hunting and finding out there are no wild turkeys!



It seems a stretch, but in the 1930s this great bird was on the verge of extinction. But thanks to wildlife restoration programs and hunters, the wild turkey is now thriving in the U.S. According to the National Wild Turkey Federation, a survey found that 95% of Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving, with the average weight of the turkeys at 15 pounds. The typical American consumed about 14 pounds of turkey in 2002. From only 30,000 turkeys in the early 1900s to about 7 million today, this amazing species has truly made an awesome comeback. Not sure what your Thanksgiving plans are yet? The NWTF has come to the rescue. For everything you wanted to know about the turkey and some great recipes for the holidays visit their web site at <http://www.nwtf.org/>.