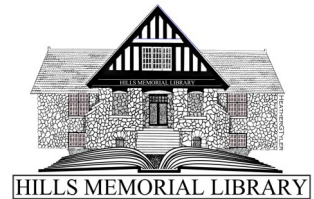


HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2005

18 Library Street, Hudson, New Hampshire

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

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Kristen Paradise

Children's Room Highlights

A joke from Yahoo!igans's at <http://yahooligans.yahoo.com>:
What is a wolf's favorite holiday?
Answer: HOWL_OWEEN!! It is that time of year again!

Join us for the *Little Goblins' Parade* where the children (ages 3-5) can decorate a pumpkin that they bring from home, hear fun stories and enjoy a yummy Halloween snack: October 28 at 1 p.m., here in the Children's Room. Your child can dress in their favorite costume and we will parade up to Ferry Street. Please register at 886-6030 Ext. 24

Scarecrow Contest. Do you make a scarecrow at home? If so, bring in a picture of your creation. The children's entries will be put on the bulletin board and their scarecrow could win an award!!

Registration for the second session of *Story Times* begins on Monday October 17. Have your library card available and give us a call to register, or stop in at the library.

Don't forget about *Super Saturday Craft days* on the first and third Saturdays of every month. Come in and make or take a craft home to complete while supplies last.

Columbus Day

We are open
Columbus Day
October 16



DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

October is National Book Month

The celebration is sponsored by the National Book Foundation, the organization responsible for the National Book Awards, and is meant to encourage everyone to "fall into a good book". For more information on National Book Month activities and the National Book Foundation itself, visit www.nationalbook.org.

Hail & Farewell

We say good-bye to Reference Assistant Cheryl Lewis who will be working for the Nashua school system as Media Specialist. We also send our best wishes for a successful college year to former pages Peter Chesnulevich, Emily Coffill, Ken Daynard and Shaunalynn Duffy.

We welcome Kate Butler and Debra Newton. You will see Kate in the Reference and Adult Services Departments. You will find Debra in the Children's Department. Debra is here 4 mornings and 1 evening each week. She will be carrying out *Family Fun Nights* and *Author Celebrations*. Additionally, we would like to welcome our new pages, Derrick Landry, Kris Daynard and Imran Mahmud to the HML family.

Harvest Fest

Look for us at Harvest Fest Saturday, October 8 at the Hills House 10-4 p.m. The **Friends of the Library** and the Children's Dept., will be sharing a booth. We will be selling sun catchers, Pete Duquette will have his "Read the Trees" t-shirts. Children's staff will be reading stories.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose

Please don't forget that on Sunday, October 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street annex, the Friends will hold their Second Hand Prose book sale. Proceeds will go to the Library

Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or by phone, 886 6030 x21. You will need mouse and keyboarding skills for workshops other than *Computer Basics*.

October 4, Tuesday
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

October 12, Wednesday,
Internet Introduction 10:30 a.m.

October 20, Thursday
Microsoft Publisher 10:30 a.m.

November 1, Tuesday
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

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

Amnesty for Teens

During Teen Read Week, October 16-22, all middle and high school students returning overdue materials will be granted amnesty from paying their overdue fines. To be granted amnesty, you must return the materials to a staff member at a circulation desk and let them know that you would like to have your fine erased. This program will not erase fines already on your record or charges for lost or damaged material. When returning your materials that week, make sure to enter our teen read week raffle and get a special treat.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Cheryl Hatch

Ongoing And New Programs

Registration is required for every program, because fire safety standards limit the group size our programming space can accommodate. 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. Those waiting have first opportunity to register for the new session. All participants must re-register for each new session. **Register in the Children's Room or call 886-6030 Ext. 24. Be sure to have your library card when you register.**

Home Schooling Reading Groups Begin In October

Teeny Tales. Story time for our 3-5 year-old home schoolers. We meet October 12 at 10 a.m.

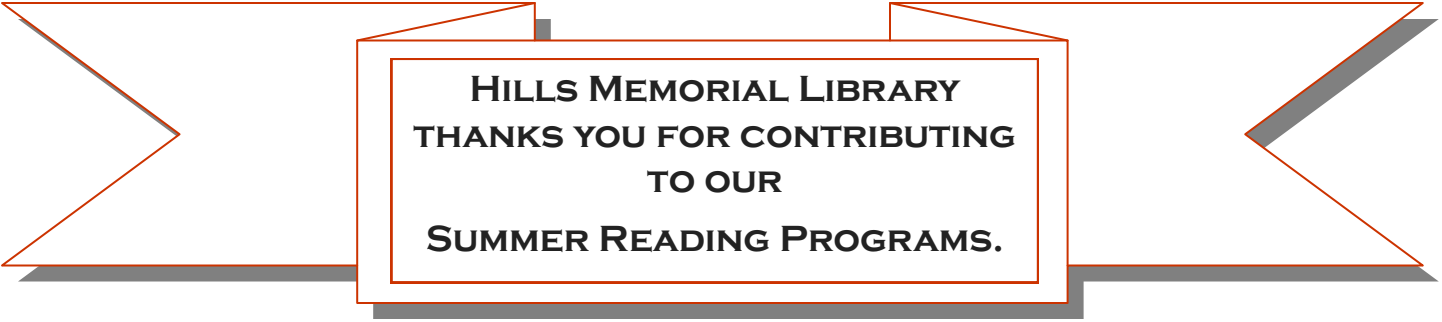
Book Safari. For 6 to 8 year-old home schoolers. October 19 at 10 a.m. at Ferry St.

Author Celebration for ages 4 through grade 3 will return October 8 from 1-2:30 p.m. Stories, songs and activities are based on a specific author's work.

Story Spinners for grades 3-5. First and third Tuesdays of the month beginning September 20 3:30-4:45 p.m. (time extended from last year) at 49 Ferry Street.

Family Fun Night for ages 4-3rd grade. An evening story time at 7 p.m. where we will share stories, songs and make a craft depicting the theme.

Story times for 3-5 year olds is currently full .



**HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
THANKS YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING
TO OUR
SUMMER READING PROGRAMS.**

**Bill Cahill's Subs, Hudson
Butterfly Place
Canobie Lake Park, Salem
Charman's Restaurant, Hudson
Charmingfare Farm
Chunky's Cinema-Pub, Pelham
Dairy Queen, Hudson
Friends of the Hills Memorial Library
Funworld, Nashua
The Fuzzy Cow, Hudson
Grennon's Trading Company
The Hippo
The Hudson Fire Department
Hudson/Litchfield News
The Hudson Police Department
Johnny's Pizzeria, Bar & Grill, Hudson
Leda Lanes, Nashua
Lindt & Sprungli (Lindt Chocolate)
Lowell Sun
Manchester Fisher Cats Baseball
Manchester Monarchs Hockey
Max's Country Golf, Tyngsboro
Nashua Pride Baseball
Nashua Telegraph**

**The Palace Theater
Parenting New Hampshire
Papa Gino's Pizza, Hudson
Pizza Hut, Hudson
The Pizza Man at Connie's Plaza
Rescue One
Ted Valpey
RVs of New Hampshire
SEE Science Center
St. John the Evangelist RC Church
T-Bones Restaurant, Hudson
Texas Road House
Tee Off at Mel's
Tee Off at Mel's, Litchfield
The Union leader
Verizon Wireless Arena/SMG
Wally's Pizza, Hudson
Wal-Mart, Hudson
Water Country, Portsmouth
Andy Buckman
Dana Danieli
Steve Dube
Brandon Ellis
Bill Hatch**

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Star Wars! – At The Museum Of Science

What is a repulsorlift engine? What would it be like to exceed the speed of light? What do landspeeders, Rebel X-wing Starfighters and Imperial Walkers have to do with real science and technology? You don't know? Well, call the HML and reserve the Museum of Science Pass and beam yourself down to their new exhibit *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination*, which premieres October 27 and runs through April 30 2006. This exhibition encourages visitors to participate in new hands-on intelligent machines by designing, testing, and building projects that engineers use to create and test new ideas. Prototypes such as magnetic levitation (maglev trains), hovercrafts, and real robots are examined. Help create new technologies for the future! For more information of special exhibit tickets drop by or call the main desk at 886-6030.

For more new exhibits and shows visit:

The Currier Gallery of Art: (Sept. 30 2005– Jan 2 2006)

In the American Grain: Dove, Hartley, Morin, O'Keefe and Steiglitz

The Children's Museum in Boston: (Now thru Jan 8 2006)

Adventures with Clifford the Big Red Dog and The Amazing Castle

The New England Aquarium:

Sea Lions Exhibit (New!) and Sharks

3-D at the Imax Theatre

The Museum of Fine Arts:

Ansel Adams Exhibit (now thru Dec. 31)

Things I Love: The Many Collections of William I. Koch

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center:

Life Underground and Ecotone Mammal Exhibits

Lake Cruises (Golden Pond Tours)

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Teen Read Week

October 16 – 22 is National Teen Read Week. This year's theme is *Get Real @ Your Library*. Middle and High School students, stop by the library to check out our selection of non-fiction such as how-to books, biographies, true crime and more as well as our realistic fiction for young adults. All teens visiting the library during teen read week will receive a treat and will be able to enter our raffle for a Pheasant Lane Mall gift certificate. So stop by the library and check out what's real.

Halloween Make-up Workshop For Adults And Teens



As part of Teen Read Week, October 16-22, the library will be having a Halloween Make-up workshop for both teens and adults on Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m. presented by Jon Fisher, a local make-up artist featured in local newspapers for his work on the Peacock Player's production of *The Hobbit* and for his work at last year's *Halloween Horror* make-up workshop at this library. The theme for Teen Read Week is *Get Real @ Your Library*. Jon has worked as a make-up artist for many area theatre companies and will share his experience to teach workshop participants how to make realistic looking Halloween make-up effects. Please call 886-6030 ext. 26 to register. The workshop will be held at 49 Ferry Street, the house two doors up from the library.

Book Discussion

On Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m. there will be a discussion of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. This American classic is the tragic story of two itinerant ranch hands on the run—one is the lifelong companion to the other, a developmentally disabled man. Copies of the book are available in Annex II. For more information call 886-6030 ext. 26.

Dungeons and Dragons For Middle & High School Students



We will be holding *Dungeons & Dragons* adventures for middle and high school students on Saturday mornings. The first meeting of interested players will be October 1, 10 a.m. Both experienced players and newcomers are welcome. Please call 886-6030 ext. 26 to register.



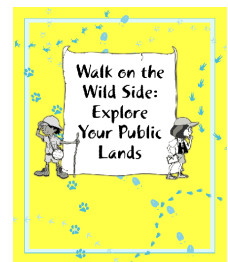
Play Reading Circle

The library will be holding 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 reading 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. The first meeting will be on October 26, 6:30 p.m. The play being read is Kaufman and Hart's classic comedy *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Call 886-6030 ext. 26 for more information or to suggest future plays.



by Ann Carle

Walk on the Wild Side: Explore Your Public Lands is an online booklet of facts and activities about America's public lands. You can print out the activity sheets to keep the kids busy (and learning) during car trips.



Our Endangered Species Program and how it works with landowners supplies two pages of information about the cooperation necessary at all levels to save our endangered friends from extinction.



Looking for a place to visit? **List of National Historic Landmarks by State** is an online directory providing approx. 2,500 places of cultural and historic interest within the United States.



OCTOBER WAS

by Toni Weller

Seventy-six years ago the United States Stock Market took a devastating plunge and set off the beginning of the Great Depression. For a look at “Black Tuesday” and its aftermath in detail, see the Spark Notes on the Depression at www.sparknotes.com/history/american/depression, and a number of interesting links about the Great Crash can be found at history1900s.about.com/cs/greatdepression. October marks the anniversary of the great Black Sox baseball scandal of 1919. Eight members of the Chicago White Sox agreed to throw the World Series for a group of gamblers in exchange for money. Suspicions were raised when the Cincinnati Reds suddenly became the favorites to win the series just before it began, but charges were not filed until 1920 against the players, all of whom were acquitted, but banned for life from baseball and denied a place in the Hall of Fame. For more details on this eighty-five year old scandal, see www.1919blacksox.com/index2.htm and a short overview from the Baseball Almanac at www.baseball-almanac.com/ws/vr1919ws.shtml. It was only sixteen years ago in 1989 the World Series was again rocked, but this time by a massive earthquake. San Francisco and the Bay Area were hit by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake just before the third game of the World Series, causing six deaths, widespread power outages and damage, and collapsed a section of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge

Happy
Halloween

Scary & Comedic Films For Halloween

by Toni Weller

The Birds
Blair Witch Project
Dram Stoker’s Dracula (1992)
Buffy the Vampire Slayer
Dracula (1931)
Frankenstein (1931)
Frankenstein (1994)
Friday the 13th
Ghostbusters
Halloween
Jaws
Misery
Nightmare Before Christmas
The Others
Psycho
Rocky Horror Picture Show
Rosemary’s Baby
Scream
Shadow of the Vampire
The Shining
Signs
Silence of the Lambs
The Sixth Sense
Sleepy Hollow
Turn of the Screw
Unbreakable



HAPPY ALL HALLOW’S EVE:

by Toni Weller

The first celebrations of Halloween in the United States incorporated the harvest festivals of the Native Americans and various European groups, and included dancing, singing, stories of the dead and the past, and general merriness and mischief making, often referred to as “play parties”. These harvest festivals found some new life with the flood of immigrants in the mid-nineteenth century, especially from Ireland. They brought their Halloween traditions and customs to the States, particularly the early forms of jack-o’ lanterns and trick-or-treating, and the divination of the future often practiced at midnight on Halloween. In the late 1800s, the move was made to make the 31st more of a family and child oriented holiday, with emphasis on parties and neighborhood get-togethers. Newspapers and community leaders encouraged the elimination of anything “frightening” or “grotesque” out of the holiday, as well as some of the now out-of-hand pranks. By the beginning of the 20th century, the spiritual, harvest and religious undertones gave way to community celebrations and secular practices, and by the fifties Halloween became a child’s holiday. By the 1980s and 1990s, though, Halloween began to be a fun night for adults again as well, with parties, horror movie marathons, and decorations everywhere. In fact, Americans spend nearly \$7 billion annually on Halloween! For more information on the history of Halloween, visit the History Channel at www.historychannel.com/exhibits/halloween.

General Halloween fun can be found at www.holidays.net/halloween
www.holidayinsights.com/halloween
www.webicurean.com/halloween