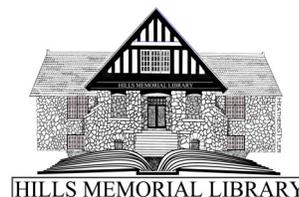


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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Kristen Paradise

Children's Room Highlights

Congratulations to all of the kids who participated in the summer reading program *Camp Wannaread!* In total, you read over 81,180 minutes! That is a lot of reading! We have Camp Wannaread Completion Certificates for all of you, so don't forget to stop in at the Children's Room check-out desk and pick yours up. I am proud of you all. It was great to see so many of you returning books and getting new ones and then returning on Fridays and Saturdays to exchange your reading log tents for book bucks. It was great for me to be a part of it all. Keep up the great effort and happy reading as you return to school!

I (Miss Kristen) remember when my sister Deb would read to me using different voices. This slated my future. I was either going to end up with psychiatric problems or as a Children's Librarian where I too can read with many voices. Thanks Deb, for the inspiration! With that being said, we encourage you to take some time out this fall to treasure reading with your children. Read to them or have them read to you and show you what they can do. It could be a gift for a lifetime.

Ever wonder what your child should do if someone is following them? Help arm your children with knowledge through the Back-to-School SMART-KID™ Project. The library is hosting Feel Safe Again, Inc. as they offer this course for 6-13 year olds and their parents September 7 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please call 889-1110 so they can reserve spots for you and your child.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

The Exchange Series On New Hampshire

New Hampshire Public Radio's *Granite State Stories: Reading into Our Region*, is a six-part series on "The Exchange." It begins Friday, August 19, 9-10 a.m. with a rebroadcast at 8 p.m. It takes a look at selected literature about New Hampshire. *The Exchange* host Laura Knoy and guest authors and scholars explore a different book about New Hampshire and/or Granite State authors to discover our state, who we are, and our special issues. Again, programs are on Fridays at 9 a.m., starting August 19.

- August 19 - *Our Town*. Thornton Wilder
- August 26 - *The Cheerleader*. Ruth Doan MacDougall
- September 2 - *History of the White Mountains*. Lucy Crawford
- September 9 - *Coniston*. Winston Churchill
- September 16 - *The Dogs of March*. Ernest Hebert
- September 23 - *Jack and Other New Poems* and *In Deep: Country Essays*. Maxine Kumin

Reading groups and libraries are encouraged to participate each Friday to discuss these books and themes.

Look for more information on New Hampshire Public Radio's web site www.nhpr.org including study guides for each book put together by David Watters, UNH Professor, Director of the Center for New England Culture. Contact Mary Jo Alibrio (malibrio@nhpr.org)

This series is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Book Discussion

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini will be the topic of our book discussion on September 27, 7 p.m. An epic tale of fathers and sons, of friendship and betrayal, that takes us from the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy to the atrocities of the present. It is the story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant. Books are available for borrowing in Annex II.

Dungeons and Dragons

Due to the popularity of our *Introduction to Dungeons and Dragons* workshop during our Young Adult Summer reading program, we will be organizing an ongoing game at the library. The time is to be determined by availability of players and a dungeon master. Interested middle and high school students should call 886-6030 ext. 26 or stop by Annex II to give us your contact information.

Play Reading Group

Starting in October, the library will be holding a play reading group. Participants will gather to read aloud plays both classic and modern. Participants can choose to portray characters from the plays or simply to listen. This is an excellent way to discover plays the way they were meant to be experienced, through the spoken word. More information will be coming soon. Call 886-6030 extension 26 or stop by the library to give us your contact information if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Cheryl Hatch

Ongoing And New Programs

Registration is required for every program, because fire safety standards limit the number of people our programming space accommodates. Each session runs 5-7 weeks. If you miss two weeks in a row without calling to maintain your place, we must call the next person on the waiting list. Waiting list people are asked if they want to register for the new session first. All participants must re-register for each new session. **You may register in the Children's Room or call 886-6030 Ext. 24. Be sure to have your library card with you when registering.**

Lullaby Lapsit for birth through age two is held Fridays 10 a.m. in the Children's Room. Note the change in time. Parents and children sit on pillows on the floor and sing songs, have tickle poems and stories. You read to your child for the last fifteen minutes of the 45 minute session. **This program is currently full.**

Storytimes for 3-5 year olds is held on Mondays and Thursdays 10 a.m. in the Children's Room. Parents participate with their children in reading stories, singing songs and making a craft.

Story Spinners for 3rd to 5th graders is held the first and third Tuesdays of the month (with the exception of September 13) 3:30-4:45 p.m. (please note extended time from last year) at 49 Ferry Street.

Family Fun Night for 4 years olds to third graders will also return in September. It is an evening storytime where we share themed stories and songs and make a craft.



by Ann Carle

Check out *MyPyramid* the new



food pyramid site by the United States Agriculture Department. Also, you can download a mini-poster that explains the basics for food groups and physical activity.

Identity theft is a major concern for all of us. The SSA has pub-



lished a site called *Identity Theft and Your Social Security Number*. Find out how you can thwart criminals from destroying your credit and your life.

There is unease in this country



about the possible restructuring of social security. *Social Security Reform: Answers to Key Questions* by the United States Accountability Office may help (or not) to understand what's at stake with your future retirement.

An Easy Guide to Breastfeeding is a booklet published on the site of the United States Department of



Health & Human Services Office on Women's Health. Download and read this important guide not only for new mothers but also for their families and society at large.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Banned Book Week September 24 to October 1

Banned Book Week, celebrating our freedom to read, is observed in the last week of September each year. It acknowledges the First Amendment and the freedom we have to express and share ideas. John Steinbeck's classic novel, *The Grapes of Wrath* had a rough start in American libraries in 1939. It was burned by the East St. Louis Public Library, barred from the Buffalo Public Library and banned in Kansas City, Missouri. Even though Steinbeck won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1962 for this book, it continues to be challenged even today. And by the way, according to the American Library Association, Steinbeck's novel *Of Mice and Men* was the second most frequently challenged book in the 1990s. The first five on ALA's challenged books for the '90s are:

Scarey Stories. Alvin Schwartz

Daddy's Roommate. Michael Willhoite

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. Maya Angelou

The Chocolate War. Robert Comier

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Mark Twain

For more information about banned and challenged books visit ALA's web site at: <http://www.ala.org>.

"Books and ideas are the most effective weapons against intolerance and ignorance." Lyndon Baines Johnson

The Heat Is Still On

When will the hot muggy summer end? Stop in at your favorite library and get cooled off while you seek out a good read. Check out some of our new spine-tingling titles in the main room:

The Devil's Teeth - A true story of obsession and survival among America's great white sharks. Susan Casey

The Boys of Pointe Du Hoc -

Ronald Reagan, D-Day, and the U.S. Army 2nd Ranger Battalion. Douglas Brinkley

John Wilkes Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracies. What was Booth's real motivation to kill the President? Was he really a cunning monster? Michael W. Kauffman

America's Game - The Epic Story of How Pro Football Captured a Nation. Michael MacCambridge

Trail of Blood - A Father, A Son and a Tell-Tale Crime Scene Investigation. A mid-night phone call; an unfamiliar voice: "Your son Scott is missing." Is it murder? Wanda Evans

The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors - The Extraordinary World War II Story of the U.S. Navy's Finest Hour Heroism at sea; unforgettable and true. James D. Hornfischer

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*

September 6, Tuesday
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

September 14, Wednesday,
Internet Introduction 10:30 a.m.

September 15, Thursday
Ancestry Plus 10:30 a.m.

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.

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

November 29, Tuesday
Homework Helpers 3 p.m.

For Kids

<http://www.ajkids.com/>



<http://www.kidsclick.org>



<http://search.netnanny.com/>



<http://www.yahooligans.com/>



<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspage/>



<http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/content/ka/>

