

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

Happy Holidays! The always exciting "Pictures with Santa" will be Saturday December 9, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Have your child's picture taken with Santa and do a holiday-themed craft!

Registration for all *Story Times* begins January 22. Beginning in February there will be a new *Toddler Time* for two year olds in addition to *Lullaby Lapsit* and *Story Time*.

Story Spinners is reading *The BFG* by Roald Dahl for their next meeting in January. Children in grades 3-5 are invited to read the book and join the group for fun discussion, crafts and snacks!

Children's Room Program Schedule

Fire safety standards limit the number of people who can fit in the programming area. We therefore have to require registration. **To sign up for programming, call us at 886-6030 extension 24 or stop by the Children's Room. Be sure to have your library card ready!**

Small Adventures (ages 3-6) and Story Explorers (ages 7-12) and their families meet for stories, activities, crafts and more! *Small Adventures* consists of stories, crafts, games and fun. *Story Explorers* teaches library skills, introduces kids to the library and ends each week with a game or story. These groups meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m.

Family Fun Night for ages 3-3rd grade is an evening story time

where we share themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. FFN meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Story Spinners for grades 3-5 is held each third Tuesday at the Ferry Street Annex, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Read and discuss a book, do themed crafts, and have snacks. All reading levels are welcome.

Story times for 3-5 year olds: choose from one of two story times—Mondays or Thursdays at 10am. We read stories, play games and make a craft.

Lullaby Lapsit for birth-23 months will meet every Friday, 11 a.m. Complete with tickle songs, nursery rhymes and poems, program lasts about 45 minutes with the last 15 minutes for parents to read to their children.

Toddler Time for 2 year olds: meets Fridays from 9:30-10:00 a.m. *Toddler Time* will include toddler size stories and activities.

Craft Days are held the first and third Saturdays of the month. Come into the Children's Room any time during the day and make or take a craft (while supplies last).

***For all registered programs:** 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 next session. All participants must re-register for each new session.

*Check out our Children's web page: www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Library Expansion

If anyone is interested in seeing the library expansion presentation by the trustees for the selectmen, a video is now available on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=D50C695EBAF875CA

The presentation is also available as a link under *Library Expansion* on the Hills Memorial Library web page. See under *About HML*.

Entertainment News

Actor Noah Wile, will be back again for more adventure as Flynn Carson, the Librarian, in the popular movie series, *The Librarian: Return to King Solomon's Mines*. The made-for-TV movie is due out in December. (<http://www.tnt.tv/title/?oid=621690>)

We librarians cannot compete in real life with Flynn's "action-thriller" adventure, but speaking personally, I secretly always wanted to be Emma Peel in *the Avengers TV show*. Regardless, we are happy to be portrayed differently from the stereotypical shushing, stern, grey-haired, *little ole ladies* with buns.

Most Young People Entering Workforce Lack Success Skills

Reading contributes significantly to an individual's critical thinking skills.

According to a new survey ([PDF file](#)) of leaders from a consortium of business research organizations, the incoming generation sorely lacks much needed

workplace skills—both basic academic abilities and such skills as critical thinking, teamwork, and communication. The report, released October 2, is based on a detailed survey of 431 human resource officials conducted in April and May 2006 by the Conference Board, Corporate Voices for Working Families, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, and the Society for Human Resource

Christmas & New Year's Day Closings

We are closed Christmas Day Monday, December 25 and

New Year's Day Monday, January 1

Get Ready For 2007 Register to Vote



"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote" ~George Jean Nathan

Santa's Visit

Remember to save December 9, Saturday, 10—11:30 a.m. for pictures with Santa. We look forward to seeing you.



REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

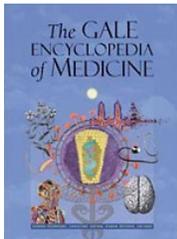
by Gayle St. Cyr

Most Reliable Tool Could Be Your Librarian

Most people don't bother to look at results past the first page or spend much time evaluating the source of the material, experts say. While the Web is good for offering quick results from a broad range of sources (which may or may not be trustworthy), librarians can help people get access to more authoritative information and go deeper with their research. (C/net news.com, September 29)

New In Reference

The Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine is a one-stop source for medical information of approximately 1,750 common medical conditions, disorders, tests and treatments and preventions methods. The articles are clearly written, avoid medical jargon and use



language that laypersons can understand. Many common drugs are also covered, with generic names appearing first and brand names following. Each section includes additional resources, among them books, articles, tapes, web sites and contact information for associations. Throughout the encyclopedia many prominent individuals are highlighted as sidebar biographies that accompany the main topical essays. In addition are a number of essays on alternative therapy medicine, ranging from traditional Chinese medicine to homeopathy, meditation and aromatherapy.

This award-winning, five-volume set, contains more than 690 full-color illustrations, photographs and tables.

You'll find this set in the reference area of the main room.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Origami Ornaments Wednesday, December 13 7 P.M.

Adults and Teens learn how to make origami ornaments to decorate trees or holiday packages. To ensure enough supplies for everyone, please pre-register at 886-6030 extension 26.

Play Reading Circle December 18, Monday 6:30 P.M.

Read A New Work By An Award Winning Playwright

Our monthly playreading circle will be reading a brand new play by local playwright Tom Anastasi called *Role Play*. Readers may give the writer feedback on the script before it is performed. You may also listen to the play reading by others. Call Amy Friedman 886-6030 extension 26 for more information.

No Book Discussion Groups In December. Groups Will Resume In January

Daytime Book Discussion Group Switch To Afternoon

In January, the daytime discussion group changes its meeting time to 1:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be January 16 at 1:30 p.m. We will discuss Margaret Atwood's award winning novel *The Handmaid's Tale*, the story of a society controlled by religious extremists in America of the near future.

The evening group meets the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. The next meeting is January 23. We will discuss *The Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks, the critically acclaimed novel based on the true story of a Franklin Tennessee woman who turns her farm into a hospital and graveyard for fallen Confederate soldiers.

Books are available in Annex II. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list.



by Ann Carle

Buying Time: the Facts About Pre-paid Phone Cards
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/products/buytime.htm>



http://www.consumer-ation.org/english/articles/getting_the_best_value_from_prepaid_phone_cards/

Consider the Alternatives: Alternative Fueled Vehicles and Alternative Vehicle Fuels
<http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/current.shtml>



Credit Scoring
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre24.htm>



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose Book Sale

Second Hand Prose book sale will be held Sunday, December 10, at the 49 Ferry St. Annex, noon to 3 p.m. As the special of the month everything will be half price.

Looking for that unique gift for teacher or a yankee swap? The Friends of the Library are selling Hudson Design "Read the Trees" T-shirts for \$15. There are still a few sun catchers available also for \$10 each. Items may be purchased at The GFWC Christmas fair, SHP or at the Library.

MP3 Players Are For More Than Just Music!

If you haven't heard, the library is now offering free downloadable audio books. Hills Memorial Library has access to Overdrive, a service that allows our patrons to download audio books to an MP3 player. There are plenty of titles of interest for teens as well as adults.

Listening to a book, even if you have already read it, can be fun and entertaining. A good reader can bring characters to life and make you look at the story in a new light. Give it a try; go to our main web site at www.hillsml.lib.nh.us and click on *NEW downloadable audio books*.

The Library Staff wish our friends and patrons a Happy Holiday Season!!

