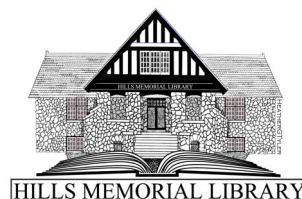


# HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER



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18 Library Street, Hudson, New Hampshire (603) 886-6030 <http://www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us>

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsey Martel

#### Highlights

My first month here at Hills Memorial Library has been great. The staff here has been incredibly helpful and enthusiastic. We have been making some changes and everyone has been very patient and supportive. I am looking forward to getting to know Hudson and all of our patrons (big and small) better very soon.

Home school Family Fun Day has a new format! Check out *Small Adventures* for ages 3-6 and *Story Explorers* for ages 7-12. *Small Adventures* will include stories, crafts, games and loads of fun. *Story Explorers* will develop library skills through games, activities and crafts.

Going on a Trip? *Family Fun Night* is going on a car trip Thursday February 16! Join us for stories, crafts, activities and games that celebrate going places.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Kristen Paradise

Fire safety standards limit the number of people in our programming area. We therefore must require registration. **Call 886-6030 ext. 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! Second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

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### DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

#### USA Patriot Act . . . Again

The *USA Patriot Act* is making headlines again! January 26, Newton (Massachusetts) Free Library's Director, Kathy Glick-Weil, made FBI agents obtain a warrant for seizing library computers in their response to a threat to Brandeis University. Glick-Weil says she was following state law, but the FBI insists they could have searched the computers since they were "evidence of a crime in plain view." Congress is once again considering extending/revising/renewing the act. There is much debate over conflict between civil liberties and national security issues. The debate tests the very guarantees of our *Bill of Rights*.

Among the more controversial of the 16 provisions is Section 215, which gives the government broad power to search and seize library records. Since 2001, federal agents have had the power to order libraries to turn over "any tangible things" which might reveal which books you have checked out, or websites you visited on the library's computers. Furthermore, librarians so approached by the FBI are under a federal gag order. Some libraries have gone so far as to put up signs reading "The FBI has not been here today."

Professional librarians' core beliefs and ethics support intellectual freedom (freedom of information) and the patron right to confidentiality (privacy). Is there incompatibility between protection of patron privacy rights and the requirements of national security? The government says it has never used Sec-

tion 215. Even so, there is no guarantee it won't be used in the future.

Civil liberties groups and members of congress have proposed numerous amendments, among them special protections for libraries and bookstores, a requirement that investigators explain why records are sought, and an end to the gag rule. The Justice Department has agreed that a person affected by Section 215 must be able to consult an attorney, and is open to considering an amendment that specifies this right. But the government says the controversy is an over-reaction, and that 215 merely expands longstanding access to certain business records.

Whatever happens to the *USA Patriot Act*, it is sure to be contentious as our legislators try to balance strong national security with maintenance of individual civil liberties. Stand by. . .

For more information go to:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/civilliberties/theusapatriotact/usapatriotact.htm#to>.

#### What's Happening At The Library

Look for our program listings on the Hudson Cable Channel HCTV bulletin board, HLN "Scoops", and you can access our online calendar by visiting the HML website at <http://www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us>

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

#### Second Hand Prose Book Sale

Sale opens on February 12 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry St. (2 doors up from the back of the library on Ferry Street, route 111). Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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**Family Fun Night for ages 4-3<sup>rd</sup> grade** is an evening story time when we share themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. Third Thursday of the month 6:30 p.m.

**Story Spinners for grades 3-5** First and third Tuesdays of the month, the Ferry Street Annex 3:30-4:45 p.m. We read and discuss a book from a series, do themed crafts and have a snack. Diverse reading abilities welcome.

**Story times for 3-5 year olds:** choose from one of two weekday story times, Mondays or Thursdays at 10 a.m. We read stories, sing songs and make a craft. Parents stay with their children and participate. Each session runs 8-10 weeks. If you miss two weeks in a row without calling to hold a 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.

**Lullaby Lapsit for infant to 2 year olds** will meet every Friday for eight weeks. Complete with tickle songs, nursery rhymes and poems, this program lasts about 45 minutes with the last 15 minutes set aside for parents to read to their children.

**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).

Check our Children's web page at <http://www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp>.

## ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

### Valentine's Origami Workshop for Adults and Teens, February 9

Join us on February 9, 7 p.m. for a free origami workshop. Learn how to make boxes and bags for your Valentine's Day gifts and decorations. The workshop will be held at 49 Ferry Street, two houses up from the library. Pre-registration is requested. Call 886-6030 extension 26, or stop by Annex II.

### Play Reading Circle - Neil Simon Comedy, Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

The library will be holding a monthly play reading circle. Multiple copies of play scripts will be available to let you 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.

This month we will be selecting a play from an anthology of the work of Neil Simon. The readers present will select the play. Call 886-6030 ext. 26 for more information or to suggest future plays.

### Book Discussion

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Come and discuss Betty Smith's classic story of growing up in the slums of Brooklyn at the turn of the last century. Join us on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 p.m. Copies of the book are available in Annex II.

Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Upcoming book discussions include, *Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson (March 28), *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon (April 25), and *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi (May 23). For more information call 886-6030 extension 26.

### In Memoriam

*Lolita Coombes*

*Hills Memorial Library*

*Co-worker and Friend*

6/1982-1/2006



*We mourn the death of Lolly, our friend and co-worker. Her friendship and hard work are appreciated, and her memory will be cherished always.*

### Free Computer Workshops

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

**February 1, Wednesday**  
*Medical Information Online\**  
10:30 a.m.

**February 14, Tuesday**  
*Computer Basics* 10:30 a.m.

**February 21, Tuesday**  
*Introduction to Internet\** 10:30 a.m. **March 7, Tuesday**  
*Introduction to Microsoft Word\**  
10:30 a.m.

**March 16, Thursday**  
*Computer Basics* 10:30 a.m.

**March 23, Thursday**  
*Genealogy Online\** 10:30 a.m.

\* **Only for persons with mouse and keyboarding skills**

### Try These Computer Skills Websites

*Mouse and keyboarding:*  
<http://www.ivygreen.ctc.edu/AVE/R/activities/activity.htm>

*Mouse:*  
<http://www.lawrencegoetz.com/prgrams/mousepractice/>

## REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Kate Butler

### Tax Forms Available

Federal and Massachusetts tax forms are now available in the main room of the library. The IRS distribution of paper tax forms to libraries has begun phasing out. Because of this, postal service changes reflect a growing migration to electronic sources (e-file and e-services) in place of traditional services. There is also a decrease in the number of forms sent to libraries. Most post offices will no longer carry any IRS materials (including the Hudson post office).

As a reminder, 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/> or Call 1-800-829-1040

For help with your tax preparation, consider using the new J. K. Lasser's Your Income Tax 2006 for further help and tax saving tips.

### On Those Blah Days, Visit The *Star Wars* Exhibit

The new Museum of Science Exhibit *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination* is running now through April 30. This exhibition invites 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 levitations, hovercrafts, and real robots are examined.

Patrons using the library's pass will be able to add on a ticket to the *Star Wars* exhibit for only \$5.00 per person the day of their visit. This is a significant savings over the general public ticket price of up to \$22.00 per person. Patrons must reserve their exhibition tickets in person at the Museum of Science on the day of their visit.

For more information about the special exhibit tickets and other museum passes, drop by or call the main desk at 886-6030, extension 21.



by Ann Carle

### Consumer Beware!

Unfortunately, the advice written in the following three articles (from 1997-2000) is still necessary in today's society. All 3 are found in our online catalog using "Title" in your search window for the following titles:

**Costly Coupon Scams Secured  
Credit Card Marketing Scams  
Automatic Debit Scams**

**COSTLY  
COUPON  
SCAMS**



**ANYONE CAN  
QUALIFY FOR A  
MAJOR CREDIT CARD!**

Separated? Divorced? Bankrupt? Widowed?

**BAD CREDIT? NO CREDIT?  
NO PROBLEM!**

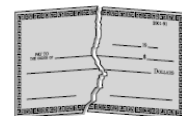
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Make the call NOW and get the credit you deserve!

Even if you've been turned down before, you owe it to yourself and your family.

Your major credit card is waiting.

**Automatic Debit Scams**



### Disappearing Civil Liberties?

If you're a little uncomfortable with the possible extension of the *USA Patriot Act* and need some cheering up, check out [www.philosophersguild.com](http://www.philosophersguild.com) and click on "Mugs & Glassware".

