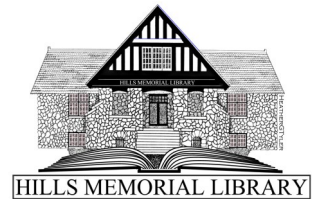


# HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## 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

New to the Children's Room... We have been fortunate to find Miss Betsy Martel, a veteran Children's Librarian hailing from the Gordon-Nash Library in New Hampton. Miss Betsy is also an experienced dance teacher, enjoying both tap and ballet. Please join us in welcoming her to the area and to the Children's Room.

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

#### Winter Storm Closings

We will make every effort to submit our notices of closings and delays to WMUR - TV, Channel 9. Closings or delays will appear at [www.theWMURchannel.com](http://www.theWMURchannel.com) and on the streamer at the bottom of your television screen. When schools are closed due to weather conditions, the library will delay



opening until 11 a.m. We need the extra time to clear walkways, ramps and steps for your safety and convenience.

Morning programming for children is cancelled when schools delay opening or cancel sessions.

### DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

#### Free Small Business Counseling And Information For Women

*Small Business Administration and Women's Business Center Day* will be held at the library January 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the 49 Ferry St. library annex, just two doors up from the rear of the library.

Free, small business informational material will be supplied to all attendees. If you're curious about obtaining a small business loan or simply are in need of free business counseling, Alice Zachos, Business Development Specialist and Women's Business Ownership Representative of the U.S. Small Business Administration, will be available to help you. Also, she may be reached at the Administration office at 55 Pleasant Street, Suite 3101, Concord, NH 03301, 603-225-1607. Her e-mail address is [alice.zachos@sba.gov](mailto:alice.zachos@sba.gov). Go to [www.sba.gov/nh](http://www.sba.gov/nh) to sign up to receive *New SBA Solutions Newsletter* via e-mail. Go to [web.sba.gov/list/](http://web.sba.gov/list/) for a FREE subscription to *SBA-Your Small Business Resource*. To learn about other small business workshops or seminars throughout New Hampshire, please visit [www.sba.gov/nh](http://www.sba.gov/nh) and select "training calendar."

#### Humane Society Gets Seasonal Gift



This past holiday season, our staff voted to make a donation to the Nashua Humane Society in lieu of

exchanging gifts. We were able to raise and donate \$50 for animal care.

#### New Head of Children's Services Hired

Come meet our newest employee, Betsey Martel, Head of Children's Services. Betsey comes to us from the Nashua school system where she was a Media Specialist at Mount Pleasant School and Fairgrounds Elementary School. She also worked seven years as Children's Librarian at the Gordon-Nash Library in New Hampton. We are very pleased to have Betsey on board. Please stop by and introduce yourself.

#### Thank You Miss Kristen and Miss Debi

A big *Thank You* goes to Kristen and Debi for doing such a



great job in the children's department. You are awesome!

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

#### Second Hand Prose Book Sale

Sale opens on January 8 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry St. (two doors up from the back of the library).



Religious and craft books will be specially priced.

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#### Children's Room Schedule

##### *Home School Family Fun Day*

Ages 3 - grade 2 and their families meet for stories, activities, crafts and more! We meet second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.

##### *Family Fun Night* for ages 4 —

grade 3 is an evening story time. We share themed stories, songs, crafts and activities. Meets the third Thursday of the month 6:30 p.m.

##### *Story Spinners* for grades 3-5.

Held the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 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 welcomed.

##### *Story Times* for 3-5 year olds.

Choose from one of two weekday story times, either Mondays or Thursdays 10 a.m. We read stories, sing songs and make a craft. Parents participate with their children. A session runs 8-10 weeks. Missing two weeks in a row without calling loses your place, and we must call the next person on the waiting list. Those waiting have first chance to register for the new session. All participants must re-register for each new session.

*Lullaby Lapsit* for 0-2 years old meets for eight consecutive Fridays. Complete with tickle songs, nursery rhymes and poems, this program lasts about 45 minutes. Last 15 minutes are 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 out our Children's web page:

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

## ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

### Book Discussion

History and fiction merge seamlessly in Tracy Chevalier's story of the life of the young girl immortalized in Vermeer's masterpiece. *Girl with a Pearl Earring* tells the story of sixteen-year-old Griet, whose life is transformed by her brief encounter with genius, even as she herself is immortalized in canvas and oil. The book discussion will be held on Tuesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. Copies of the book are available in Annex II. For more information call 886-6030 ext. 26.

### Play Reading Circle "The Lion in Winter"

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.

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.

This month's play is James Goldman's comedy/drama *The Lion in Winter*. The story of the struggle between Henry II and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine over which of their sons should inherit the throne. Come enjoy this double-crossing dysfunctional family at its most cut-throat. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information, or to suggest future plays.

### Magazines Giveaway!

Stop by Annex II during the month of January and take home the 2004 issues of many of our magazines. Recipes, crafts, home décor ideas, how-to information, etc. doesn't go out of date, so bring home some new ideas. Magazines are given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

## REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Kate Butler

### Best Selling Business Books Available In The Main Room

#### USA Today's Bestsellers

- *The Little Red Book of Selling: The 12.5 Principles of Sales Greatness*. Jeffrey Gitomer (658.85 GITOMER)
- *Jeffrey Gitomer's Tipping Point*. Malcolm Gladwell (303.48 GLADWELL)
- *Rich Dad, Poor Dad: What the Rich Teach Kids about Money that the Poor and Middle Class do not!* Robert Kiyosaki (332.024 KIYOSAKI)

#### Other New Business Bestsellers

- *Automatic millionaire: A Powerful one-step plan to live and finish rich*. David Bach. (332.024 BACH)
- *Michael Finney's Consumer Confidential: The Money Saving Secrets they don't Want You to Know*. Michael Finney. (332.024 FINNEY)
- *Winning*. Jack Welch. (658.409 WELCH)
- *The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous, and Broke*. Suze Orman. (332.024 ORMAN)
- *Freakonomics*. Steven D. Levitt. (330 LEVITT)
- *Bull's Eye Investing*. John Mauldin. (332.024 MAULDIN)

#### New Skills For The New Year

Register for a newly added computer workshop *Microsoft Excel*. Patrons have requested this workshop, along with our popular workshop *Introduction to the Internet and Basic Computer Skills*. These workshops start with an introduction, followed by hands-on time on our computer stations. Except for *Basic Computer Skills*, it's necessary that you know how to use a mouse and keyboard before the class. No other experience is necessary. Advanced registration is requested, as space is limited. For more information on our computer workshops, call 886-6030 X21.

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### Snow!

If the snow gets too deep or the temperature gets too low, Hills Memorial Library is only as far away as your home computer. From our website at [www.hillsml.lib.nh.us](http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us), you can check our catalog, find your family history, search the magazine and newspaper databases, and find full text articles, check your record and even reserve and renew books! Try out our new database *Learning Express Library*, a test preparation website that allows you to take practice tests including the GED, SAT, and ASVAB. It also includes courses to help with resume writing, grammar, math, and more. So bookmark our homepage now, and visit us without bundling up!



by Ann Carle

The following Medicare titles are published by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



### 2005 Choosing a Medigap Policy:

a Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare  
(100 pages)

Guide to Choosing a Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card  
(34 pages)

Medicare and Home Health Care  
(32 pages)



Paying for Outpatient Services: a Guide for People with Medicare  
(16 pages)

Your Medicare Rights and Protections  
(39 pages)

For up-to-date information on any issues regarding Medicare be sure to visit the website <http://www.medicare.gov>

### Free Computer Workshops

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

#### January 10, Tuesday

*Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.*

#### January 17, Tuesday

*Introduction to Excel 10:30 a.m.*  
**Only for persons with mouse and keyboarding skills.**

#### January 26, Thursday

*Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m.*  
**Only for persons with mouse and keyboarding skills.**

**February 1, Wednesday** *Medical Information Online 10:30 a.m.*  
**Only for persons with mouse and keyboarding skills.**

#### February 14, Tuesday

*Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.*

#### February 21, Tuesday

*Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.*  
**Only for persons with mouse and keyboarding skills.**

#### March 7, Tuesday

*Introduction to Microsoft Word 10:30 a.m.* **Only for persons with mouse and keyboarding skills.**

#### 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.**