

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsey Martel

Summer Reading Program

Arrrgh! Thar be pirates everywhere! *Treasure Reading* the annual summer reading program continues through July with pirate-themed programs and activities. *Treasure Reading* has sailed off with over 150 young pirates registered already! Make sure to register to earn doubloons for prizes!

A joke: by Samantha age 7

Q: Where do parrots like to eat?

A: At the Cracker Barrel!

Beginning June 26 Treasure Reading Programs

Monday: All Day- Game Day (ages 5-12) come in anytime during the day to play a game and win fabulous loot.

Tuesday: Story Time (ages 3-6) 10am: Stories, crafts, and games, Arrrgh! *registration required

Tuesday: Reading Crew (ages 7-12) 1 p.m.: Sink me! It's a reading discussion group with activities. *registration required

Wednesday: Presentations (all ages) 10 a.m.: Grand Illusion, Big Truck Day, Mr. Phil and Co., Ultimate Treasure Hunts, Campfire Stories and Steve Blunt.

Thursday: Craft Day- Bring 'er alongside all day to make a craft.

Thursday: PegLeg Craft Club (ages 7-12) 1 p.m. Yo ho ho! Set sail for more complex crafts! *registration required

Friday: Lullaby Lapsit (ages birth-2) 10 a.m. *registration

required

Friday & Saturday: Pirate's Plunder- All Day: Bring in your reading log for pirate booty!

July 5: Big Truck Day 10 a.m.

July 12: Mr. Phil and Co. 10 a.m.

July 19: Ultimate Treasure Hunts 10 a.m.

July 26: Campfire 6:30 p.m.

August 2: Steve Blunt and Closing Festivities

*Check out our Children's web page:

www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose Book Sale

Sale opens on July 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at 49 Ferry St. (two doors up from the back of the library). Books for adults and children, videos, CDs and more will be available. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents, and we will offer monthly specials!

Membership dues

The Friends of the Library membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. Renewing members and new members are reminded to please send a check (amount \$10, \$20, \$30 depending on membership category) to the Friends of the Library at 18 Library Street, Hudson, New Hampshire 03051.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Farewell to the Rolling Hills



The last bookmobile in New Hampshire makes one last "stop." On June 27, 2006, the library's bookmobile will be a thing of the past. Due to high repair costs and low usage, it is no longer feasible to operate. We are sad to see the great tradition of bookmobiles phased out and the Rolling Hills will assuredly be missed by the neighborhoods, pre-schools, and nursing homes it served for 29 years. Bon Voyage!

U.S Poet Laureate

Donald Hall of Wilmot, New Hampshire has been appointed as the Library of Congress's 14th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry by Dr. James Billington, Librarian of Congress. On making the appointment Dr. Billington said, "Donald Hall is one of America's most distinctive and respected literary figures. For more than 50 years, he has written beautiful poetry on a wide variety of subjects that are distinctly American and conveyed with passion."

A special issue of Book Notes, the biennial newsletter of the New Hampshire Center for the Book,

recently included a biography of Donald Hall and a list of his published volumes of poetry. This issue was distributed to libraries via the NHSL van system and is also available as a PDF file at http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter/news/book_notes.html.

Congratulations to Donald Hall!

Hills Memorial Library Summer Hours

June 26 To August 29



**Library Will Be Closed
July 4**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

9:00 a.m.—7 p.m.

Thursday

9:00 a.m.—9 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m.—5 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m.—1 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

Patriot Act Update

For the latest information about F.B.I. authorization to demand and inspect library files, see <http://www.aclu.org/safefree/nationalsecurityletters/>

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr, et al.

Star Spangled Summer

The Fourth of July is to be "solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games and sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore." So wrote John Adams to his wife Abigail in July 1776 after the Continental Congress' vote for independence. Independence Day is one of the largest secular holidays celebrated in the U.S. and deserves a big celebration! For a good history of celebrations of Fourth of July celebrations and other American symbols, visit the following web sites:

www.fourth-of-july-celebrations.com

Boston's Fourth of July:

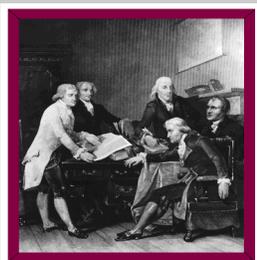
<http://www.july4th.org/>

And for more facts and fun visit: infoplease.com/spot/july41776.html

Harper Lee To Be On Oprah (from USA Today 6/28/06)

Publicity-shy Harper Lee, author of *To Kill A Mockingbird*, resurfaces in the July *O, The Oprah Magazine*. Writing about how she became a reader in Depression-era rural Alabama, Lee tells how the scarcity of books in 1930s Monroeville made them especially treasured. "Now, 75 years later in an abundant society where people have laptops, cell-phone, iPods and minds like empty rooms, I still plod along with books," she writes. The 80-year-old Pulitzer Prize winner never published another book after *Mockingbird* in 1960.

The Library Will Be Closed July 4



ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Adult Summer Reading Program

Why should kids have all the fun? Join our *Read for Rewards* adult summer reading program. From now to August 26 get a raffle ticket for every library book you read. There will be weekly drawings for prizes from local merchants and restaurants. Everyone participating will receive a coupon for a free book at our Friends of the Library book sale.

Middle & High School Students Pages for Prizes Raffle June 26- August 26

Keep a reading log, get a raffle ticket for each book (over 80 pages) read. Get bonus tickets for longer books (200-400 pages, 1 ticket, 400-600, 2 tickets, etc.) Get two bonus tickets for reading a book on your summer reading list. The first raffle drawing will be at the summer reading program finale, August 3. Final raffle drawing, August 26. Prizes include free tickets to area attractions, sporting events, store coupons and more. Plus

Read 1 Book and register for the program, get candy.

Read 5 Books. Get a coupon for a free Dairy Queen treat.

Read 10 Books: Get a free string of bowling at Leda Lanes or \$5 worth of Funworld Tokens.

Middle & High School Students Thursday Fun

Come to the library Thursday evenings through August 3 for special activities. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Each participant will get raffle tickets. Pre-registration is requested. You can call or register in person. There may be room for walk-ins but call the library in advance to be sure, some programs have limited space.

July 6: Origami 7-8:30 p.m.

You'll be amazed at the things you can make from a simple piece of paper. Join us for a night of paper folding projects.

July 13: Card Magic 7- 8:30 p.m.

Glen Walant, president of the local chapter of The Society of American Magicians, will teach

card tricks to amaze your friends and family.

July 20: Beaded Bracelets 7- 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to make beautiful beaded bracelets and take home your creation. A great craft for making gifts for friends and family

July 27: Anime Mania! 7-8:30 p.m.

Learn how to draw anime characters from an anime artist. Bring your favorite anime books to show and discuss with other fans.

Food Pantry Donations

Bring in items for the food pantry between June 26 and August 26 and get raffle tickets. We will be collecting donations in Annex II and at the *Summer Reading Program* Events.

Playreading Circle, July 18

The Hills Memorial Library holds a monthly playreading 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 playreading circle will meet on Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 extension 26 to find out the play for the month or to suggest future plays.

Morning Book Discussion Group *The Pilot's Wife*

We have started a new book discussion group for people who are available in the morning. The group will be meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

This month, on July 18 at 10 a.m. we will be discussing *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve, the story of a woman who discovers how little she really knew about her pilot husband after his death in a crash. Our next discussion will be *Drowning Ruth* by Christina Schwarz on August 15. 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.

Evening Book Discussion *The Jane Austen Book Club*

We will be holding a book discussion on Tuesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing *The Jane*

Austen Book Club by Karen Joy Fowler, about the lives and loves of six members of a book club devoted to Jane Austen. *Evening Book Discussion Group* meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Next month we will be discussing *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden on August 22. Books are available at the library. For more information call 886-6030 extension 26.

Coming Soon: Playaway Audio-books

Check out a pocket sized digital audiobook, only six square inches in size. Plug in your earphones and take your book anywhere. Hot titles including *Marley and Me* by John Grogan, *Cell* by Stephen King, *Beach Road* by James Patterson, *Digging to America* by Ann Tyler and more. Look for them soon in the audiobook section.

Booktalks

The purpose of a booktalk is to "sell" the book -- grab the audience's interest and make them want to read the book. It is analogous to a movie trailer.

Nancy Keane's Booktalks Quick and Simple now has a podcast! In addition to the website filled with booktalks for all ages. (Booktalks site:

<http://www.nancykeane.com/booktalks>) and the blog with a sneak peek at the new booktalks, now you can hear the booktalks by Nancy Keane herself. Plan to publish one a day.

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