

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

Children's Room Highlights



Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

A: With a pumpkin patch!

Fall is here and programming is in full swing. Currently *Lullaby Lapsit* is full, and *Story Time* has a couple openings on Monday or Thursday. *Story Spinners*, a book discussion group for grades 3-5 has plenty of openings. *Family Fun Night*, *Small Adventures* and *Story Explorers* are also still open. Fall programming runs through November 17.

October 27, at 1 p.m. is the annual *Little Goblin's Parade*! Sign up to bring your child, dressed in their Halloween best to parade through the library and various town offices. There will be stories and crafts too! Register your 3-7 year old for this fun program by calling or stopping by the Children's Room starting October 2.

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. Family Fun Night meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Story Spinners for grades 3-5 is held third Tuesday of the month at the Ferry Street Annex from 3:30-4:45 p.m.. We read and discuss a book, 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 on either Mondays or Thursdays at 10 a.m. We read stories, play games and make a craft.

Lullaby Lapsit for infant-2 year-olds will meet every Friday at 11 a.m. 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).

***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 new session. All participants must re-register for each new session.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Net Notables

MySpace and *Seventeen's* online safety guide for parents and teens <http://www.myspace.com/safetytips>

Six Steps to Protect Your Online Search Privacy

<http://www.eff.org/Privacy/search/searchtips.php>

November 2 is National Mock Election Day

http://www.nationalmockelection.org/how_educators.html

Coming Soon

Downloadable books will be available to library cardholders soon.

The library is offering this wonderful new free service to our patrons. Patrons will be able to download full-length audio books to their PCs from our website. Nearly one thousand titles will be available and will include popular fiction, nonfiction, children's and young adult titles.

Once the titles are on your PC, you will have the choice to burn the title to a CD or transfer the file to an MP3 player or a portable



device. If you need to purchase an MP3 player, go to this website: <http://www.overdrive.com/Device>

[ResourceCenter/](#) for a list of players that are compatible.

We will provide more information for you as the time grows near to implement this service. Check our website, <http://www.hills.lib.nh.us>.

Fines Amnesty

As a special Halloween treat for patrons, the library is offering an amnesty for overdue materials. October 30-November 4, patrons may return their overdue books, DVDs, CD, etc. without having to pay fines. This offer does not apply to fines or fees already incurred. We are happy to offer this Halloween special treat as a gesture of good will that will get patrons to return those materials that may have fallen behind the sofa or under a car seat.

The primary reasons libraries charge fines is to encourage prompt return of materials so that everyone has access to them. Occasionally patrons amass such large fines that instead of paying them they simply forfeit their library privileges. We want our materials back and our borrowers back as well.

Patron Accounts

There is a fast, simple way to be informed of overdue materials and it can save money too. Give us your e-mail address and you will automatically be notified via e-mail of overdue materials. The library allows patrons a grace day, so if you return materials on the same day you receive your e-mail notice, no fine will be charged.

New Library

Catch the rebroadcast of the September 26 Board of Selectmen meeting on HCTV, the Hudson public service channel. The Library is proposing plans for building a new library.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

MYSPACE.COM

The Unchaperoned Net: What Parents Need To Know

One of the most popular sites, *MySpace.com* appears to be the coolest teen place for hanging out on the Internet. This social-networking site, begun only a year and a half ago, has exploded in popularity and become a subject of parental concern. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, MySpace is fascinating and clearly demonstrates that today's youth have completely adopted the Internet as a comfort zone. There are similar sites that teens may visit to post profiles and blogs, leave messages for one another and connect with new people: sites such as Facebook, Xanga, Tagged, Sconex, and Bebo. But *MySpace.com* has become known for eye-opening and scintillating profiles, and unfortunately many people visiting the site are sexual predators. The magazine also notes that teens interacting with their peers in cyberspace can have serious impact on their lives offline. The good news is that *MySpace.com* is trying to reach out to parents. The social networking site, along with other Internet companies and child advocate groups is trying to provide the tools to educate parents. They have teamed up with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to introduce new ad campaigns that target teens online.

If you want your kids to be safe on *MySpace.com* and other social networks, *U.S. News & World Report* suggests the following:

Set rules (such as talking with friends you have, but not make new ones)

Ask to see your teen's profile (help remove personal information)

Take advantage of protection features (to keep strangers from viewing your child's profile)

Talk to your children about what they are doing online

For more information about

MySpace.com and other like networking sites, visit:

BlogSafety.com

GetNetWise.org

NetSmartz.org

WiredSafety.org

"What Parents Need to Know About MySpace" *U.S. News & World Report* – September 18, 2006 (Issue on reserve at library in the Circulation Department, Annex 2)

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose Book Sale

by Barbara Costello

On Sunday, October 8, 2006, our monthly book sale will be at 49 Ferry St., Hudson, NH from 12 noon - 3:00 p.m. Friends members may come at 11:00 a.m. This month's features will be horror books at half price. Come and stock up for Halloween. We still have several of our suncatchers for \$10.00 each. And Hudson Historical Society history books still can be purchased.

Don't forget whenever you are doing your fall cleaning, we the Friends are still looking for those books donations. We take all kinds. You can either drop them off at the Library in boxes marked *Friends*, or at our book sale on October 8, 2006. Our next book sale will be November 12, 2006.

Harvest Fest



See you at the Hudson Harvest Festival at Hills House grounds on October 7, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Friends are holding a book sale. This is a good chance to stock up on reading materials and to look at the display of the plans for a new library.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Celebrate Teen Read Week, October 16—21

The theme for this year's national Teen Read Week is GET ACTIVE @ your library. During the week of October 16-21, any teens stopping by the library will get a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes that will help them "get active" at local bowling alleys, roller rinks and more.

Play Reading Circle, Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.

Come join our 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 to 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, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. To celebrate Halloween, we will be reading the classic horror play *Dracula* by H. Deane and J.L. Balderston. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 extension 26 for more information.

Halloween Make-Up Workshop, October 18, 7 P.M.

Adults and Teens, come to the library on October 18 at 7 p.m. for our third annual *Halloween Make-up Workshop*. Local theatrical make-up artist Jon Fisher will demonstrate horrifying special effects make-up techniques such as blood, scars, bruises and false facial features just in time for Halloween. This workshop is also useful for theatre people interested in how to achieve special effects make-up for the stage. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information.

Morning Book Discussion Group, October 17, 10 A.M.

Snow Flower and the Secret

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 October 17 at 10 a.m. we will be discussing *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See, the story of the friendship of two women in 19th century China. Our next discussion on November 21 will be on Herman Wouk's tale of growing up in the Bronx, *City Boy*. 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 Group, October 25, 7 P.M.

The evening book discussion group meets on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing *Wait Till Next Year*, Doris Kearns Goodwin's memoir of growing up and being a baseball fan in 1950's New York. Evening book discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Next month, on November 28, we will be discussing Jodi Picoult's tale of murder in an Amish community, *Plain Truth*. Books are available at the library. For more information call 886-6030 extension 26

Columbus Day

We are closed on Columbus Day



Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030 x21. (Ψ=Mouse & keyboarding skills needed for this workshop.)

October 4, Wednesday
Digital Pictures Online/Flickr
10:30 a.m.

October 12, Thursday
Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.

(Come at 10 a.m. for mouse/keyboarding preparation)

October 17 Tuesday Ψ
Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.

October 19, Thursday Ψ
Genealogy Online, Part I, 10:30 a.m.

October 24, Thursday Ψ
Intermediate Microsoft Word
10:30 a.m.

October 26, Thursday
Genealogy Online, Part II
10:30 a.m.