

# HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

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



### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Kristen Paradise

#### National Poetry Month

April is *National Poetry Month*. Celebrate with the children's room by entering a poem in our poetry contest! Poems are due April 6, and prizes will be awarded in four age categories. Everyone is invited to read their poem at our Poetry Party, April 19 at 3:15 p.m.

School vacation week is April 23-27. Check in the children's room for information about sports-themed programming; including a visit from a Nashua Pride player!

Don't forget- Family Fun Night is April 19 at 6:30pm. Join us for great stories, crafts, activities and snacks!

#### Picture Book Favorites

Kristen Paradise

It may seem like a normal Tuesday evening in the swamp but not this Tuesday evening. An unsuspecting turtle lifts his head to the night sky. What's that? Green luminous forms float lightly over the water casting shadows below. Look out! It's an invasion of the amphibious kind! Don't miss *Tuesday* by David Wiesner my, all time favorite picture book complete with toads on magic carpet like lily pads careening through town.

*I Stink!* is about the workings of a garbage truck with a likable personality. I didn't think there was much that was redeeming about garbage trucks. Perhaps that is why I like *I Stink!* so much. Not only does this story have a great garbage truck rhythm and show how important garbage trucks are but it throws in the ABCs garbage style to boot. A fun and gritty read aloud for young truck enthusiasts and those who love them.

### 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 ext. 24 or stop by the Children's Room. Be sure to have your library card ready!**

**Lullaby Lapsit for birth-23 months** Friday at 11 a.m.

**Toddler Time for 2 year olds** Friday, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

**Story times for 3-5 year olds** Monday or Thursday, 10 a.m.

**Family Fun Night for ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

**Story Spinners for grades 3-5** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday: Ferry Street Annex, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

**Craft Days** first and third Saturdays

#### Home School Programs

**Small Adventures (ages 3-6)** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays- 10:00 a.m.

**Story Explorers (ages 7-12)** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays- 10:00 a.m.

#### \*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.

\*Check out our Children's web page at [www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp](http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp)

### DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

#### Thank You All!

The HML staff wishes to thank everyone who worked so hard to get Ballot Article #9 for a new Hudson Public Library passed: The Building Committee members, The Board of Library Trustees, The Friends of the Library, BOS, Budget Committee, CIP Committee, Town Departments, local newspapers & media including: Ashley Smith and Pamme Boutselis from the *Telegraph*, John Collins from the *Broadcaster*; Maureen Gillum from the *Hudson-Litchfield News*, Carolyn Choate host of *142 Main* Cable TV Show, Jean Serino of *Conversations* on HCTV, and especially to our patrons and civic-minded citizens who supported our efforts to give the Hudson community the 21<sup>st</sup> century library they deserve.

A special *Thank You* goes to our staff person, Kate Butler, whose technical skills and patience enabled the design/layout of our beautiful brochures, fliers, fact sheets, etc. Not to be overlooked, we thank our architects Frank Adams and Richard Smith of Beacon Architectural Associates who gave us two functional and outstandingly beautiful designs for a library.

We achieved a 52% majority, but not the required 60% favorable vote for passage of a bond article. Regardless of the disappointing outcome, thank you all so much for your assistance, help, support, and endurance during this long five-year endeavor of planning for library expansion/building program for the community.

#### National Volunteer Week, April 15-21

Thank you HML Library Volunteers! The staff wishes to thank

all the library volunteers who work and advocate for the Library all year. We don't often say it, but we are so appreciative of all you do for the library and the staff. The Board of Library Trustees, The Friends of the Library, and the Building Committee please take a bow and be recognized for all the time you give to benefit the library. It is hard to single out any one person, but special thanks this year to Arlene Creeden and Jane Bowles who have dedicated years of their lives to get a new library for the town.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**Second Hand Prose Book Sale Sunday, April 15**

The Friends of the Hills Memorial Library will hold their monthly book sale the third Sunday of the month, April 15, from 12-3 at 49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right). This is a change from their usual scheduling. Books for adults and children, videos, cds and more will be available. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents.

### National Library Week

COME TOGETHER  
@ your library®

April 16-20.

## REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

### Arbor Day!

The celebration of April 27<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day began in 1872. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City established the day to honor and plant trees. The major event of the day is to plant a tree. To help you decide on what tree to plant, check out the gardening section here at the Library. Start With *Growing Shrubs and Trees in Cold Climates* by Nancy Rose, *Trees and Shrubs* by Catriona Tudor Erler, and *Better Homes & Gardens Step-By-Step Yard Care*. Find out astonishing facts from the tallest to the smallest of trees that will inspire the wonder of it in all in us in the new book, *The Tree: A Natural History of What Trees Are, How They Live, and Why They Matter* by Colin Tudge. We also have books on pruning trees, and dealing with pests, insects and diseases

### Get 'Er Done....Taxes That Is!

Yes, your Federal taxes are due this month. If you still need forms and booklets, the library still has a limited supply. The forms and publications are also available online and the librarians will be glad to help you get started.

### End Of Winter Getaway Books

Are you travel bound? Planning an end-of-the-winter vacation? Stop by the main room and check out some of our new travel books:

#### Fodor's 2007 European titles

*Ireland 2007*

*France 2007*

*Italy 2007*

*See It Venice 2007*

#### Like the warm weather?

*Fodor's Cancun Cozumel, Yucatan Peninsula 2007*

*Birnbbaum's Walt Disney World 2007*

*The Rough Guide to Florida 2007*

#### Want a jaunt closer to home?

*Walking Tours of Boston's Made Land*

*Fodor's New England 2007*

*AMC's Best Day Hikes in the White Mountains*

## Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030, extension 21.

(Ψ=Mouse & keyboarding skills needed for this workshop.)

### April 5, Thursday Ψ

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

### April 12, Thursday

*Computer Basics 10:30 a.m.*

### April 17, Tuesday Ψ

*E-Mail 10:30 a.m.*

## HOT NEW BOOKS

### *A Long Way Home*

Ishmael Baeh

*Shopaholic & Baby* Sophie Kinsella

### *Nineteen Minutes*

Jodi Picoult

### *Daddy's Girl*

Lisa Scottoline

### *In An Instant*

Lee and Bob Woodruff

*The Secret* Rhonda Byrne

## HOT NEW FILMS

### *Casino Royale*

### *Marie Antoinette*

### *The Prestige*

### *Rocky Balboa*

### *Stranger Than Fiction*



by Ann Carle

## Spring Landscaping And Greenscaping



Search the title *Green Scaping* in our catalog, cut and paste the link, and this pamphlet will open on the EPA website.

## ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

### National Library Week Raffle April 16-21

Each time you stop by Annex II, Main Room or Children's Room during National Library Week you will get a raffle ticket and a chance to win a set of books by popular authors.

### Poetry Contest For Children And Teens

To celebrate *Young People's Poetry Week* April 16-22, we are holding a poetry contest for Hudson students in pre-school-grade 12. Students may enter one poem in any format. Prizes are awarded in four age categories, grade 2 and younger, grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. First, second and third place winners in each category will receive gift certificates from a local bookstore. All entrants will be invited to share their poems at a poetry reading on April 19 at 3:15 p.m. where prizes will be awarded to the winning poets. Everyone is invited to come hear these young poets read. Deadline is April 6. Public school students can give their entries to their school librarian. Others may drop their entries off at the library or mail them to Hills Memorial Library, 18 Library Street. Please put your name, grade and telephone number on the back of your poem

### Student Poetry Reading Thursday, April 19

Students entering our poetry contest will be reading their poems at a Poetry Party celebrating *Young People's Poetry Week* and *National Library Week*. The event will be held at 49 Ferry Street 3:15 p.m., Thursday, April 19. Prizes will be awarded to winning poets and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to come hear our young poets.

### Intermediate Cake Decorating Class For Adults And Teens

Our recent cake decorating class was so popular we have decided to run a four week intermediate class for people who have taken the Level One Wilton Cake Decorating class or people with comparable cake decorating experience. Classes will meet Thursday nights April 12 and 19 and May 3 and 10

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. 49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right). There will be a charge of \$30 for the four week class to cover tools, books and supplies. Pre-registration and payment is required by April 9. Call 886-6030 extension 26.

### PlayReading Circle To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday

On April 17 at 6:30 p.m. the *Playreading Circle* will read aloud *To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday*, Michael Brady's drama of love, loss, and letting go. The Milford Area Players will be presenting this play weekends July 13-22. Auditions are April 16 and 18. This reading is an opportunity for people considering an audition to become familiar with the play. You may also come and listen to the play reading by others. The *Playreading Circle* meets most months on the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Call to confirm the date or check our website [www.hillsml.lib.nh.us](http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us). Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 extension 26 for more information.

### Afternoon Book Group The Interpreter Of Maladies

The *Daytime Book Discussion Group* has changed meeting times. Meeting time is now the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On April 17 we will discuss Jhumpa Lahiri's Pulitzer Prize winning story collection *The Interpreter of Maladies*. Next month, May 15, we will discuss Terry Ryan's memoir *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio: How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less*. Books are available at the library. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list.

### The Memory Keeper's Daughter

April 24, the *Evening Book Discussion Group* will discuss Kim Edward's *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, a tale of long buried secrets and the effects on a family. On May 22 there will be a discussion of Beth Gutcheon's *Leeway Cottage*. *Evening Book Discussion Group* meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Books are available at the library. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more information or to get on our book group mailing list.