

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Kristen Paradise

Children's Summer Reading Program

READING ROADTRIP USA!

The Reading Roadtrip continues through August 15th! Don't forget craft days on Thursdays, game days on Mondays, and presenters on Wednesdays!

Where in the USA? Miss Betsey, Miss Kristen and Miss Debbie traveled a bit this summer... stop by the library, identify the states they visited and win a great prize! Look for the large red display with photos of us all over the USA!

Travel Club— Read to win prizes! Come in for a Travel Log Pit Stop — every Friday and Saturday! Keep track of the minutes you read, or that someone reads to you. For every hour of reading time, you will win a prize!

Library Traveler's Club is a new program developed by children's librarians around the state to complement the theme of *Reading Roadtrip USA*. Drop by the children's room to register and pick up a packet, license plate and map. Visit libraries around the state and get your license plate stamped. Come to a party on August 13 at 10am to share your travels!

Wednesday August 1, 10 a.m.

Magician & Balloon Artist Mr. Phil

Wednesday August 8, 10 a.m.

Magician Peter Boie

Wednesday August 15, 10 a.m.

Steve Blunt: Closing Day Fun!

Weekly Summer Programs

Game Days: Mondays: all day in the Children's Room.

Craft Days: Thursdays: all day in the Children's Room.

Check in the Children's Room often for more activities!

***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.

Sign-up for fall programming begins on August 27 at 9 a.m. Call or stop by to register.

Programs

Story Time: Ages 3-5 : Monday or Thursday 10 a.m.

Stories, crafts and puppet fun!

Toddler Time: Age 2 : Friday 9:30 a.m.

Toddler sizes stories and activities!

Lullaby Lapsit: Ages birth-23 months : Friday 11 a.m.

Movement, stories, songs and more for babies.

Family Fun Night: Ages 3-3rd grade : Third Thursday each month, 6:30 p.m.

Themed evening *Story Time* for families and fun!

Homeschool Programs

Small Adventures: Ages 3-6 : 2nd and 4th Wednesday 10 a.m.

Story Time for homeschooled kids with crafts and activities.

Story Explorers: Ages 7-12 : 2nd and 4th Wednesday 10 a.m.

Library skills, book discussions and more.

*Check out our Children's web page: www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

In Praise of Audio Books

I have a confession to make. I am obsessive compulsive. I cannot bear the thought of getting into my car without an audio book playing. I get nervous when I do not have a couple of audio books on the back seat waiting for my current title to end. I have discovered authors I would never have read had it not been for an audio book I picked up just in case.

I had been feeling a bit guilty that as a librarian I had not read and enjoyed a lot of the great literature I ploughed through in college. Now I find I can listen to literature easier than I can read it. I've enjoyed Dickens, Austen, Faulkner and Hemingway more on audio than in print. An acquaintance just suggested Proust. I think I'll put in an ILL request (or download it via Overdrive account). Who knows, I might actually like it.

Alvirne Summer Reading Help Sessions Offered This Summer

All incoming Alvirne High School freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have been assigned mandatory summer reading books, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck for freshmen, *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons for sophomores and *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien for juniors. Thanks to a grant from the Park Street Foundation and Verizon Wireless, we are offering guided reading groups for students wanting help with these reading assignments. An English teacher will go over the entire book, explaining the story and vocabulary and helping with required assignments. Reading Groups will meet afternoons Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays August 6-17. Call 886-6030 extension 26 for more details and to pre-register for the program.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose Book Sale

Sunday, August 12

The Friends of the Hills Memorial Library in Hudson will hold their monthly book sale the second Sunday of the month, August 12, from 12 a.m.—3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street (Rte 111: The second house on the right past the library). Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents. The special for the month is media.

ADULT Summer Reading Program Continues Through August 25

Why should kids have all the fun? Join our *Read for Rewards* adult summer reading program. Through August 25 get a raffle ticket for every library book you read or listen to. There will be weekly drawings for prizes from local restaurants. Everyone participating will receive a coupon for a free book at our Friends of the Library booksale.

Library Lawn Sale

Come one, come all on Saturday, August 11, Hills Memorial Library from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.,



weather permitting. The sale is sponsored by the GFWC. The *Second Hand Prose* book sale will be open during this event.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Greenwood Encyclopedia Of World Folklore & Folklife

Folklore isn't just about long ago. It's also about what's happening in the world today. And it's a great way to learn about the folklore and folkways of different ethnic groups. This large work provides an exciting way to trace the origins and developments of traditional cultures around the world. The encyclopedia has surveys of folklore and traditions by more than 200 specialists providing the backgrounds, beliefs, oral traditions and arts and crafts entries of roughly 170 cultural groups. Many maps, illustrations, and a cumulative index are included. This set is a valuable reference work for students and general readers seeking to understand the cultural heritage in worldwide societies. This set can be found in the Reference section of the main room – REF 398.03 GREENWOOD.

Hobbies – What's Hot?

We have lots of non-fiction titles for all kinds of hobbies: stamp collecting, making jewelry, knitting and quilting, origami, alternative art, airbrushing and carpentry. The following are some of our new books:

Metal Crafting Workshop. Marie Browning

Polymer Clay – Techniques and Projects Inspired by the Fine and Decorative Arts. Judy Belcher

The New Hampshire Gardener's Companion – An Insider's Guide to Gardening in the Granite State. Henry Homeyer

Sewing for Outdoor Spaces – Easy Fabric Projects for Porch, Deck and Garden. Carol Zentgraf

Drawing and Painting Fantasy Landscapes and Cityscapes. Rob Alexander

The Kodak Most Basic Book of Digital Printing. Jenni Bidner

Collecting World Coins – More Than a Century of Circulating Issues 1901-Present. Thomas Michael (ed.)

Warman's Antiques & Collectibles 2008 Price Guide. Ellen T. Schroy

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Middle & High School Students Pages for Prizes Raffle Continues Through August 25

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 final raffle drawing will be August 25. Prizes include movie tickets, 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 more books, get more prizes!

Afternoon Book Discussion: When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka

On August 21 at 1:30 p.m. we will be discussing *When the Emperor Was Divine*, Julie Otsuka's novel of one family's experiences in the Japanese Internment Camps during WWII. The afternoon book group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. 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: Love and Other Impossible Pursuits by Ayelet Waldman

We will be holding a book discussion on Tuesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. This month's book is Ayelet Waldman's story of a woman adjusting to her role in her new family, *Love and Other Impossible Pursuits*. Evening Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Books are available at the library. For more information call 886-6030 extension 26.

PlayReading Circle Meeting At Alternative Time, Tuesday August 14

The Playreading Circle will meet on August 14 at 6:30 p.m. We will be choosing a play from the anthology *Kaufman & Co.* which includes classic comedies by George S. Kaufman and his famous collaborators including Moss Hart and Edna Ferber. Next month *Playreading Circle* will also meet on an alternate date, Thursday September 27 at 6:30 p.m. *Playreading Circle* meets most months on the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. call to confirm the date or check our website www.hillsmil.lib.nh.us. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 extension 26 for more information.

Granite Bits

Thanks to David Harris (NHSL) and Linda Sheldon (OIT) audio



versions of Granite Bits, the newsletter of the Talking Book Services Section, are now available.

http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/talking_books/gbits/

Leading To Reading Website

This is a free resource to help parents and childcare providers



develop the language skills of their infants, toddlers and preschoolers. You may reach it from the Reading Is Fundamental website at www.rif.org.

American Film Institute

The AFI recently updated their list of the best 100 movies.

We have most of these titles in our collection, in either DVD or VHS. Check us out!

Hot New Books Drop Dead Beautiful by Jackie Collins

Lean Mean Thirteen by Janet Evanovich

The Quickie by James Patterson

High Noon by Nora Roberts

The Judas Strain by James Rollins

Bungalow 2 by Danielle Steel

C.S.I. — Only Without The Stars

Do you like watching C.S.I. on television? Do you know how real-life crime investigators go about solving crimes that seem unsolvable? Find out when you visit the Boston Museum of Science's new interactive exhibit *C.S.I. : The Experience*. Based on the hit CBS



television series, about the world of forensic science, you as a new member of the C.S.I. team will learn firsthand how evidence is collected. First, you will need to do a crime scene walk-through for evaluation. Then visit the laboratories to examine what you've gathered. Match the victim's DNA, do a postmortem exam, then piece together all your findings. With all your analytical findings and your own judgment, see if you can solve the case. The exhibit opens September 30 in the exhibit halls. Discount coupons and passes for the Boston Museum of Science and several other places are available in the Main Room of the library. For more information, call the library at 886-6030, extension 21.