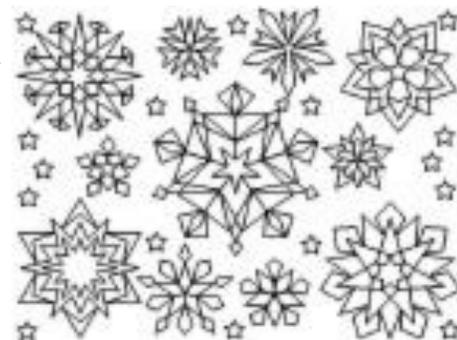


HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsey Martel

Children's Room

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Santa is coming! Saturday December 8, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.



head to the library to have your child's picture taken with Jolly Old Saint Nick! Drop by the children's room first to get a number, then do a fun holiday craft while you wait!

Registration for Holiday Programming is open! Call to reserve a place for your child in our December holiday events! Registration is **REQUIRED**.

Programs

Lullaby Holiday for ages birth-23 months is Monday December 3 at 10 a.m. Register your baby for holiday songs, activities and special treats!

Holiday Toddlers will be Monday December 10 at 10 a.m. Call to register your two year old for pint size holiday stories and craft!

Holiday Story Times for ages 3-5 are Wednesday OR Friday at 10 a.m. Join us for stories, crafts and activities, all with holiday themes!

Celebrate the Season is new this December for kindergarten through grade 3. This story time Tuesdays December 4, 11, & 18 at 4 p.m. will be filled with stories, games,

crafts and special treats!

Holiday Surprises for kids in grades 4 and 5 is also new this month. Thursdays, December 6, 13, and 20 at 4 p.m., kids will hear weekly installments of a great holiday chapter book and do crafts and games.

Don't forget **Crazy Craft Days** each Saturday with one of Miss Megan's wonderful crafts! No registration is required for **Crazy Craft Days** and is available 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.

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

Holiday Closings

We will close
at 5 p.m. on

**Christmas Eve, Monday
December 24**



**Christmas Day, Tuesday
December 25**



5 p.m. on

**New Year's Eve, Monday
December 31**



**New Year's Day, Tuesday
January 1**

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Internet Use

Happily, we are experiencing a large percentage increase in Internet usage over the last 3 months. While we are pleased that patrons are taking advantage of this valuable service, it also brings issues to the forefront which allow for fair use by all including our heretofore somewhat lax enforcement of library policy, which limits computer usage to 1 hour a day. In order to deal with the increased usage, we are instituting some new procedures to help streamline and make this a fair policy for everyone. Please note the new procedures which began mid-November include:

- A patron must present an ID – Library Card, Driver's License, School ID—at the circulation desk to sign up and use computer
- A patron who does not have an ID may still request time, but the time for computer usage is limited to 1/2 hr
- "Clustering" is not permitted – 1 person per computer

Thank you for your cooperation. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

The Doors Might Be Locked

but the library is always open.



Visit us at www.hillsml.lib.nh.us

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Artist Pete Duquette will be at the Junior Woman's Club **Holiday Craft Faire** selling (and auto-graphing) his unique *Read the Trees* T-shirts for 14 area towns. Proceeds will go to the Library Building Fund.

Second Hand Prose December 9

The Friends of the Hills Memorial Library in Hudson will hold their monthly book sale the second Sunday of the month, December 9, from 12-3 at 49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right). Books for adults and children, videos, CDs and more will be available. *Holiday Specials* will be 1/2 off all books and media. Great gift ideas for teachers or a Yankee Swap: library motif sun catchers (\$5) and tote bags (\$10) are available at the book sale and at the library

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Twice As Nice

Don't spend all of that holiday money just yet. One of the best gifts is giving someone a gift you have made. Stop by the library and check out some of our new Christmas titles and make, bake or sew Grandma a special present. *Christmas Sweets: 65 Festive Recipes: Table Decorations* by G. Brennan

Sew it for Christmas by B. Weiland

Country Living: Merry & Bright: 301 Festive Ideas for Celebrating Christmas.

Oh, and have yourself a very merry little Christmas!

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Thinking about school going back to school after the holidays? Maybe you're a student soon to graduate from college. Maybe you're an adult interested in a career change. Applying for college is never easy, but finding the right college or professional program is very important. You want to find the right fit, academically and financially. Your library can help you find the right materials to assist you in your selection. Below is a list of titles to help start you on your way:

The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2008.

Peterson's Graduate Schools in the U.S. 2008.

Get Free Cash for College 2008.

The College Board Scholarship Handbook 2008.

Getting In Without Freaking Out: The Official College Admissions Guide.

What Colleges Don't Tell You.

Reference Resources

Rugg's Recommendations of the Colleges.

Peterson's College Money Handbook 2008.

Peterson's Two Year Colleges 2008.

Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes 2008.

Also available to you is *LearningExpressLibrary* – a comprehensive online learning web site of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help you succeed in the academic tests that must be passed. E-Books are included with many topics such as math and writing books or health, career and workplace skills. This site can be used at the library or at your convenience at home. For information on accessing *LearningExpressLibrary*, call the reference desk or visit our website at <http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us>.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Afternoon & Evening Book Discussions Resume In January

The afternoon book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and the evening book discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. On January 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon we will discuss *Year of Wonders* Geraldine Brooks' story of a small, plague-ravaged village in England in the year 1666. On January 22, the evening book group will discuss *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, the story of a boy's quest to solve the mystery of the disappearance of all trace of the works by his favorite author. Books are available at the library. For more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list call 886-6030 extension 26.

Playreading Circle December 18

The Playreading Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 18 to read aloud a play from the collected works of Lillian Hellman. 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. 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. Call Amy Friedman at 886-6030 extension 26 for more information.

Read-Alikes

IF YOU LIKED

the Janet Evanovich, *Stephanie Plum* series, try these authors:

Torri Carrington – *Sophie Metropolitanis* series

L.A. Konrath – “*Jack Daniels*”

series

T. Lynn Ocean – *Southern Fatality* (first in new *Jersey Barnes* series)

Sarah Strohmeier – *Bubbles Yablonsky* series

New Christmas Books

Kissing Christmas Goodbye: an Agatha Raisin Mystery by M.C. Beaton

All Through the Night: a Troubleshooter Christmas by Suzanne Brockman

A War of Gifts: an Ender story by Orson Scott Card

Sweet Revenge by Diane Mott Davidson

The Gift by Richard Paul Evans

Hell for the Holidays: a Christopher Miller holiday thriller by Chris Grabenstein

The Last Noel by Heather Graham

Bowled Over by Kasey Michaels

Cat Deck the Halls: a Joe Grey Mystery by Shirley Rousseau Murphy

A Christmas Beginning by Anne Perry

The Staff Of Hills Memorial Library Wish



Our Friends & Patrons
All The Blessings Of The Season