

# HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Kristen Paradise

#### Staff Picks!

*Skippyjon Jones*. Judy Schachner

Skippyjon Jones is a lovable and sassy Siamese kitty who thinks he is (dramatic pause) a Chihuahua! He sings:

"My name is skippito friskito,  
(clap, clap)

I fear not a single bandito, (clap,  
clap)

My manners are mellow,

I am sweet like the Jell-o,

I get the job done, yes indeed-o."  
(clap, clap)

In this epoch tale Skippyjon joins forces with Los Chimichongos an outlaw band of Chihuahuas to take on the dreaded bandito Alfredo Bumblebeeto Buzzito.

This is one of my all-time favorite picture books. And if you're feeling adventurous, give Skippito's accent a try. Your kids will love it! Here are picks from other staff:

**Betsey-** *Bamboozled*, David Legge, *Click, Clack, Moo, Cows that Type* Doreen Cronin and *Grandpa's Teeth*, Rod Clement.

**Deb-** *Jamberry*, Bruce Degen, *The Tree that Came to Stay*, Anna Quindlen and *Winnie the Pooh*, A. A. Milne.

**Megan-** *Tikki Tikki Tembo*, Arlene Mosel, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, Crockett Johnson, and *Where the Wild Things Are*, Maurice Sendak.

**Kris-** *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, Eric Carle, *I Love You, Stinky Face*, and *I Miss You, Stinky Face*, Lisa McCourt.

**Kate-** *Roxaboxen*, Alice McLerran, *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*, Paul Goble, and *The Wild Baby*, Barbro Lindgren.

### 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

#### Vote March 13

The HML has two articles on the ballot. Article 9 is for a bond to build a new Hudson Public Library on Route 102 between Alvirne High School and Hills Garrison School. This article requires a super majority (60% favorable vote) in order to pass. Additionally, Article 16 is for a 3% raise for (non-union) library employees. You may register to vote at the polls on March 13 if you are not currently registered. Bring proof of Hudson residency: driver's license, passport, bill of sale for new home, etc. with you. Voting is at the Community Center (formerly Lions Hall) from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Please Support your library!

#### New Hampshire Magazine

The February issue of *New Hampshire Magazine* has an article on libraries entitled *Books without Borders (or Barnes & Noble)*. Several local libraries are featured. Check it out! The article will be found on page 56. The book *Libraries We Love* also mentioned in this article is available to check out from the Main Room.

#### Save the Internet

A vivid explanation of network neutrality and how a handful of telecom companies want to "lock down parts of the Web and make sites pay them more money in order to use it," while everyone else gets the slow lane. This *Save The Internet Coalition* video (3:59) features Bill Moyers, Jon Stewart, and other familiar faces. The *Internet Coalition* website is <http://www.savetheinternet.com/>

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

#### Second Hand Prose Book Sale

#### Sunday, March 11

The Friends of the Hills Memorial Library monthly book sale is the second Sunday of the month, March 11, from 12-3 p.m. at 49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The second house past the library on the right). Books for adults and children, videos, CDs, and more are available. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents. Media items are specially priced this month, proceeds going to the building fund. The Friends will have an information display regarding warrant article 9. And they will hold a meeting Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m.

#### Hot New films

*The Devil Wears Prada*

*HollywoodLand*

*Flicka*

*The Departed*

*Babel*

*Marie Antoinette*

*The Prestige*

*Prime Suspect series*

*An Inconvenient Truth*

*Talladega Nights – Ballad of Ricky...*

*Little Miss Sunshine*

Every Vote Matters!



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## REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

### New Medical Reference Sources

Education is the most powerful tool an individual can have when facing decisions about drug use. The library has recently purchased *The UXL Encyclopedia of Drugs and Addictive Substances*. This comprehensive, five-volume set is designed to inform and educate readers about a wide variety of drugs and controlled substances. Each entry offers insight into the history, statistics and effects of specific drugs or addictive substances. Although intended for middle and high school students, it is also a useful resource for readers of all ages.

Ailments of ears, nose and throat are some of the most common illnesses facing Americans today. *The Ear, Nose and Throat Disorders Sourcebook* from the Health Reference Series for Consumers covers all disorders of the ears, hearing loss, sinus problems, throat and vocal cord disorders, genetic and congenital deafness, tinnitus, sensorineural hearing disorders, and more. Along with the medical entries is a glossary of related medical terms and a directory of sources for further help and information.

More recently added medical references sources:

- *The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy* – Coverage of symptoms and signs, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention of medical problems.

- *2007 Current Medical Diagnosis & Treatment* – Exactly what you need to know about inpatient & outpatient care.

*America's Top Doctors* – Consumer source for identifying and locating the nation's top medical specialists.

### March On.... Into The Main Room And Check Out Some New Hot Non-fiction Titles

- *The Gospel According to Science Fiction* – From the Twilight Zone to the

Final Frontier

- *Bob Greene's The Best Life Diet*
- *The Great Escape: Nine Jews Who Fled Hitler & Changed the World*
- *What Was Asked of Us: An Oral History of the Iraq War by the Soldiers Who Fought it.*
- *Hell & High Water: Global Warming – The Solution & the Politics.*
- *Beyond Glory: Joe Louis vs. Max Schmeling & a World on the Brink*
- *Boomer or Bust: Your Financial Guide to Retirement, Health Care, Medicare & Long-Term Care*

### Be The First One To Blinkx

Blinkx is a rich media search engine for finding multimedia online. It locates video and audio content on the Web. "Blinkx TV links users to relevant clips delivering video content straight from television to your PC...[You may] search and access news, movie trailers, popular multimedia segments and other video formats on demand." Click [blinkx.com](http://blinkx.com) for more information.

### Free Computer Workshops

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

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

#### March 8, Thursday ⌨

Microsoft Publisher 10:30 a.m.

#### March 15, Thursday ⌨

Introduction to Excel 10:30 a.m.

#### March 22, Thursday ⌨

Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m.



by Ann Carle

### Water Damage In Your Basement

Check for this subject in our online catalog at [www.hillsml.lib.nh.us](http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us). Search *Popular Mechanics* [electronic resource] in our catalog, click the link, and at the website search "basement water damage."

## ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

### 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 from pre-school through grade 12. Each student may enter one poem in any format. There will be prizes 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.

Deadline for the contest is March 31. The winners will be announced the first week in April. Public school students can give their entries to their school librarians. 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.

### Play Reading Circle: Best Plays Of The 70's

On March 20 at 6:30 p.m. the Playreading Circle will read aloud a play from the anthology *Best Plays of the 70's*. The group will choose from a list of plays including *The Elephant Man*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *Whose Life is it Anyway* and *Sleuth*. You may also come and listen to the play reading by others. The play reading 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 A Year In Provence

The daytime book discussion group has changed meeting times. The group will now meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On March 20 we will be discussing Peter Mayle's travel memoir, *A Year in Provence*. Next month, on April 17, we will dis-

cussing Jhumpa Lahiri's Pulitzer Prize winning story collection *The Interpreter of Maladies*. 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.

### Emma Evening Book Discussion

The evening book group will be discussing Jane Austen's classic *Emma* March 27 at 7 p.m. Evening Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. 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. In April, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* will be our selection for the Evening Reading Group. It is "an unforgettable story surrounding the birth of fraternal twins, a healthy boy and a girl with Down Syndrome."

### New Fiction

*Family Tree*. Barbara Delinsky

*High Profile*. Robert B. Parker

*Step on a Crack*. James Patterson

*Innocent in Death*. J.D. Robb

*Sisters*. Danielle Steel

### New Audio Books (Books Also Available)

*Deep Storm*. Lincoln Child

*Hide*. Lisa Gardner

*Trouble*. Jesse Kellerman

*The Audacity Of Hope*. Barak Obama.

*Ten Days In The Hills*  
Jane Smiley

### Read Across America

Join the nation in a Seussian celebration! Read with a child on March 2, 2007.



NEA has for more information on participation in Read Across America events. Visit [www.nea.org/readacross](http://www.nea.org/readacross) (e-mail: [readacross@nea.org](mailto:readacross@nea.org))