**Children’s Activities**
by Betsey Martel

**Children’s Room**

November 12 through 18 is Children’s Book Week! Enter a raffle in the Children’s Room to win a pile of books! Halloween raffle winners were Samantha Defeo, Parker Stevens and Kaylee Gamby! If you haven’t come to pick up your prizes, come on in!

The Ladybug Book Award is given to a picture book chosen by kids all over the state! Join us to hear the selections nominated by the State Library’s Center for the Book. November 1, 8, and 15 we will read the stories, play games and do activities. On November 15 kids through grade 3 will vote for their favorite! Registration is required, call or stop by the Children’s Room.

New to the Children’s Room this fall: computer learning games such as Scooby-Doo, JumpStart games, Typing, Sign Language and Foreign Language!

Also check out our new flashcard language learning sets and beginner language board books!

December is coming sooner than we think! Registration will begin November 19 for our special Holiday StoryTimes. Mondays will include a Lullaby Holiday program for ages up to 2 and Holiday Toddlers for 2 year olds.

Tuesday afternoons will be Celebrate the Season, a story time program for Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

There is a choice of Wednesday or Friday Holiday Story Times for ages 3-5.

Thursday afternoons feature Holiday Surprises for grades 4 and 5.

Registration is REQUIRED for these programs. Keep reading the newsletter and calendar for more information about holiday programming!

**Programs**

**Story Time:** Ages 3-5: Monday or Thursday 10:00 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 11:00 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!

**Don’t Judge a Book by its Cover Gang:** Grades 4-5: Tuesday 3:30 p.m.

All about books! Explore many types of fiction, both old and new!

**Homeschool Programs**

**Small Adventures:** Ages 3-6: 2nd and 4th Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Story Time for homeschooled kids with crafts and activities.

**Story Explorers:** Ages 7-12: 2nd and 4th Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Library skills, book discussions and more.

*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

**Benevolent Brothers’ Gift Of $4 Million For A New Town Library**

It is with great joy and gratitude that the library staff thank G. Philip and Alvin H. Rodgers for the gift of a new library to the Hudson community, in memory of their beloved parents.

It is the most awesome of all kinds of gifts, because it will be giving back to the community for many generations. The new public library for Hudson will be named the George H. and Ella L. Rodgers Memorial Library. Please see details on the Hills Memorial Library website: www.hillsml.lib.nh.us.

The Trustees hope to maintain the Hills Memorial Library as a genealogical and historical library.

(Thanks to Maureen Gillum for photograph)

**Flume Awards**

The NHSL is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Flume Award. The Flume New Hampshire Teen Readers’ Choice Award was created in 2005 in response to New Hampshire teens’ request to have a book award geared towards high school students. A collaborative effort between school and public librarians, this statewide award gives students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to nominate books they think are worthy of recognition. Each year, teens are invited to nominate outstanding fiction and nonfiction titles, published within the last two years. Once nominations are collected, a group of school and public librarians choose 13 titles for a final list. Teens then vote for their favorite title on the list.

Please invite teens in your library to nominate a book published between 2005-2007 that they believe to be an outstanding title for students in grades 9-12. Nominations can be made online at http://www.nashualibrary.org/YAL/FlumeNominationForm.htm. There is also a printed nomination form that can be downloaded from that page and given to a school or public librarian. Printed nomination forms can be sent to Amy Friedman at Hills Memorial Library, 18 Library Street, Hudson, NH 03051.

We also encourage you to promote the 2008 Flume Award list, which can be found on the Flume website at http://www.nashualibrary.org/YAL/Flume.htm. You will also find promotional bookmarks, a brochure and an order form for the new Flume posters.

**Friends Of The Library**

Second Hand Prose November 11

The Friends of the Library in Hudson will hold their monthly book sale the second Sunday of the month, November 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 will be available. Most hardbacks are $1 and paperbacks 50 cents.
Now that all students are back in school, the homework assignments have begun! An excellent resource for those necessary projects is Grolier’s Online. Not just an online encyclopedia, Grolier’s Passport offers several popular works as well. Users can get ideas for research topics, find historical timelines, or access games and quizzes. It’s fast and easy to use. This multimedia site also features the New Book of Popular Science, useful for your springtime science fair projects. And while you’re on the site, check out Grolier’s America the Beautiful, great for researching geography and facts about the states. Lands & People, another resource with a 1.1 million word repository of text and images is included in Grolier’s. Passport. The site is available at the library or via remote access to the library’s catalogue.

NEW NONFICTION

BEST SELLERS

Age of Turbulence
Alan Greenspan

Inside the Mind of the BTK – The True Story Behind the Thirty-Year Hunt for the Notorious Wichita Serial Killer
John Douglas

Change Your Thoughts – Change Your Life—Living the Wisdom of the Tao
Dr. Wayne Dyer

Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing & the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10
Marcus Luttrell

The Nine – Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court
Jeffrey Toobin

The World Without Us
Alan Weisman

Baseball Yesterday and Today
Joseph Leventhal

Reclaiming History: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
Vincent Bugliosi

Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030, extension 21. ($M = Mouse & keyboarding skills needed for this workshop.)

November 8, Thursday $M
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 10:30 a.m.

November 15, Thursday $M
Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m.

The Audies And The Winners Are...

The Audies® is sponsored by the Audio Publishers Association (APA) and is the only awards program in the United States recognizing distinction in audio books and spoken word entertainment.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Afternoon And Evening Book Discussions

The afternoon book discussion group on Tuesday November 20 at 1:30 p.m. and the evening book discussion group on November 27 at 7 p.m. will both be reading Sarah Gruen’s story of a young man’s life in a depression era circus Water for Elephants the book that has become a word of mouth must-read.

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. Books are available at the library. For more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list call 886-6030 ext. 26.

Playreading Circle November 20

The Playreading Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 20 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.

November 20

Dead Heat
Dick Francis and Felix Francis

Enjoy a multimedia sampler of sound clips of the winners and finalist by going to www.theaudies.com.

To get a full text list of winners in all categories click on the APA sidebar. Hills Memorial Library has most of the winning titles in our collection and we will be happy to get other titles for you via Interlibrary Loan.

Hot New Fiction

The Bone Garden
Tess Gerritsen

Playing for Pizza
John Grisham

Now and Then
Robert Parker

Dark of the Moon
John Sandford

Shoot Him If He Runs
Stuart Woods

Pre-Shelf Life of Library Materials

Ever wonder what transpires behind the scenes in Technical Services? How do books get to the shelves for checkout? Take a look at this flickr sequence of photographs from the University of Michigan graduate library and you will get an idea of the steps it takes our Technical Services dept. at HML as well (only in a much smaller scale.) http://www.flickr.com/photos/alexis_medea/set/72157601347637401/detail/

Top 100 Classic Web Sites

http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2168282,00.asp

Finding DRM free-music: