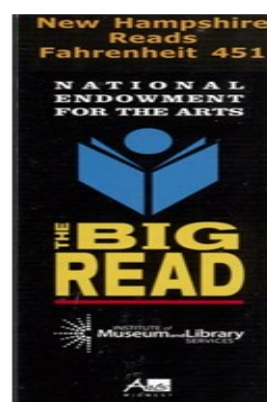


# HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsey Martel

#### Summer Winding Down

Summer flew by and the Children's Room had a **GREAT** summer! Over 300 kids signed up for the *Summer Reading Program*, and they read 116,520 minutes!! Great job reading! Over 1,000 people came to programs like Mr. Phil, Alex the Jester and Steve Blunt!

New this fall: *Don't Judge a Book by its Cover Gang* for grades 4-5, will include all kinds of books, book discussions, reading and games. Kids will be introduced to old favorites, classics, new fiction, genres and much more. Kids will have the opportunity to discuss their favorite books with others and explore what the library has to offer!

Registration for programs, including *Story Time*, *Toddler Time*, *Lullaby Lapsit*, *Family Fun Night*, *Small Adventures*, *Story Explorers* and *Don't Judge a Book by its Cover Gang*, began August 27. Registration is ongoing so be sure to call and see if there is space available.

This fall *Craft Days* on Saturdays will be every Saturday beginning September 15. Join Miss Megan to make or take home one of her crazy creations every week!

Check out our Parenting Section! Currently we are featuring a donation from the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund: the *Strengthening Families in Community Libraries Project*. Generously supported by the Bank of America, this collection includes the 12 DVD series *I Am Your Child*. This donation also includes handouts and brochures. Come on in to check it out!

#### 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 to 23 months : Friday 11:00 a.m.

Movement, stories, songs and more for babies.

**Family Fun Night:** Ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Third Thursday each month, 6:30pm

Themed evening *Story Time* for families and fun!

**Don't Judge a Book by its Cover Gang.** Grades 4-5 : Tuesday 3:30pm

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

#### Homeschool Programs

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

Story Time for homeschooled kids with crafts and activities.

**Story Explorers:** Ages 7-12 : 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

#### New Hampshire Poet

#### Named As U.S. Poet Laureate

Once again the Library of Congress has selected a New Hampshire poet to serve as U. S. Poet Laureate. Charles Simic, Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing and Literature at the University of New Hampshire, where he has taught for 34 years, will take up his duties in the fall, opening the Library of Congress's annual literary series on October 17 with a reading of his work. He also will be a featured speaker at the Library of Congress National Book Festival in the Poetry pavilion on Saturday, September 29, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

#### Services For Seniors

I have heard a rumor that our senior citizen community does not think the library "has anything to offer them." This distressing news suggests our past marketing efforts have been inadequate, and we need to do a better job of informing this important demographic group of potential library users. I believe the seniors would become avid library users if they were aware of the free services the Hills Memorial Library can offer them. And so I am addressing the issue this month, and in the following months I will continue to highlight "Services for Seniors."

The first thing that comes to mind is our large print book collection. Every month the librarians order new titles of both fiction and non-fiction) in large print format. These large print titles can be found on the new book shelf in Annex 2, or on our online catalog. The online catalog shows large print titles with a call number that begins with "LP." Our qualified, expert library staff can help with reader's guidance, and provide assistance in locating materials.

Another service that patrons may not be familiar with is the audiobook collection. Whether you're a seasoned road warrior or relaxing by the pond, audiobooks offer another way to enjoy the classics or popular titles. We offer audiobooks in cassette tape format, CD-ROM format, Play-a-Ways (self contained I Pod-like devices) and downloadable books. This last requires a player of some kind.

Our excellent children's department -- with all sorts of programming activities and wide variety of materials, books and magazines -- provides opportunities to spend quality time with the grandchildren!

Other services for seniors include genealogy, local history, free notary public service, photocopiers, interlibrary loan, computer training classes, computers in the library, music cd's, movies on vhs and dvd formats, fax service, popular magazines and newspapers, museum passes, tax forms, books by mail, free parking, book/media drops, "Talking Book" service through the New Hampshire State Library, trained professional librarians to help with informational needs.

Please call Hills Memorial Library (886-6030, extension 22) to arrange for a librarian to come to your club, church group or community organization to give book talks, a program, or a forum to talk about how we can better serve your needs.

#### Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030, extension 21. (Ψ means you must already have mouse & keyboarding skills)

September 20, Thursday Ψ

Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.

September 27, Thursday Ψ

Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m.

## REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

### Library Card Sign-Up Month

It's time to get carded up for *National Library Card Sign-up Month!* Celebrated through September, Hills Memorial Library encourages you to gain full access to our library services by signing up for a card.

Observed since 1987, *Sign-up Month* reminds parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Here are just a few things you can do at your library:

- ◆ Take a computer workshop.
- ◆ Bring your child to story time.
- ◆ Have access to a plethora of up-to-date reading material (including bestsellers, audio and large print books, magazines, CDs and DVDs).
- ◆ Gain access to information in other libraries, even large research libraries, through interlibrary loan.
- ◆ Availability of thousands of full text online magazines and books through Hills Memorial Library's subscription databases, some of which can be accessed from your home.
- ◆ Access to hundreds of expensive books that contain a wealth of information with your librarian there to help you find what you need.
- ◆ Have your documents notarized free.
- ◆ Use the Internet free.
- ◆ Use our Xerox copier and fax service.
- ◆ Monthly book discussion groups.

Stop by the library and sign up. There's no charge if you are a Hudson resident or pay taxes in Hudson.

### Database Of The Month LearningExpress Library

*LearningExpress Library* is the nation's leading completely interactive online platform of practice tests and tutorial series designed to help students and adults succeed on academic and licensing tests. The database includes 300+ practice exams including ACT, GED, SAT, ASFAB and more. *LearningExpress*

press has a wide range of subject matter. Here are some exams of special interest for students from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school in the areas of math, reading and writing skills improvement:

- ◆ Advanced Placement
- ◆ Math Skills Improvement
- ◆ Algebra Skills Improvement
- ◆ Writing Improvement Skills
- ◆ Reading Comprehension
- ◆ Grammar Skills Success
- ◆ Research/Writing Skills Success
- ◆ Job and Career Success Skills

Some of the topics in the e-book section are parents' guides, military, real estate, civil service, workplace skills and career tools, U.S. citizenship, and titles in Spanish.

Go to the Hills Memorial Library website: <http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us>. Click on "Online Services" and create your own password. *LearningExpress Library* is free and may be accessed from your library, home or office. If you have any questions about this database call 886-6030, extension 21.

#### Hot New Books

*The Diana Chronicles*

Tina Brown

*Tin Roof Blowdown*

James Lee Burke

*Critical*

in Cook

*Burnt House*

Kellerman

*Secret Servant*

Silva

Rob-

*The*

Faye

*The*

Daniel

#### Hot New Movies

*The Astronaut Farmer*

*Bridge to Terabithia*

*Breach*

*Miss Potter*

*Music and Lyrics*

#### Banned Books Week

Explore your freedom to read during Banned Books Week, September 29 to October 6.



Author of *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury, said "You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

## ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

### The Big Read: New Hampshire Reads *Fahrenheit 451* Hills Memorial Library Will Participate In National Reading Project

In October over 60 libraries, schools, and bookstores throughout the state will hold programs related to Ray Bradbury's classic novel of censorship and book burning as part of *The Big Read: New Hampshire Reads Fahrenheit 451* a project that encourages citizens to join together as a community to read and discuss a single book for pleasure and enlightenment.

Hills Memorial Library will be holding book discussions relating to themes in this book on October 16 at 1:30 p.m. and on October 23 at 7 p.m. Along with discussing the book itself, we will be asking people to tell us "Which book would you save from the flames and why?". You are also invited to submit your response to this question on [bigreadnh.blogspot.com](http://bigreadnh.blogspot.com). Books will be available for borrowing in Annex II.

Details on all of New Hampshire's *Big Read* events will be available at <http://bigreadnh.blogspot.com> and will also be included, along with those of the other participating communities around the country at [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org).

The *Big Read* is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. *The Big Read: New Hampshire Reads Fahrenheit 451* is a project of the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library in partnership with the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

### Afternoon Book Discussion: *Beachcombing For A Shipwrecked God* by Joe Coomer

On September 18 at 1:30 p.m. we will be discussing *Beachcombing for a Shipwrecked God* by Joe Coomer, The story of three women living on a houseboat in Portsmouth who set out on an open-sea voyage to Prince Edward Island in an attempt to escape the unpleasant circumstances of their lives. 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: *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks

We will be holding a book discussion on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Geraldine Brooks tells the story of the plague as it ravages a small village in England in the year 1666. 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 Alternate Time On Thursday, September 27

The *Playreading Circle* will meet on Thursday, September 27 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. *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.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### Second Hand Prose Book Sale

Sunday, September 9

The Friends of the Hills Memorial Library in Hudson will hold their monthly book sale the second Sunday of the month, September 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. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents.

Also, please note that the next Friends Of The Library meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, at 7 p.m. Please make a point of attending. The Friends will gladly welcome new members.