

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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George H. and Ella M. Rodgers
Memorial Library

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

Happy Holidays !!

There is space left in our Holiday Programs this December! Call to register.

Santa Is Coming !!

Mark your calendars for Saturday December 6! He'll be here from 9:30-11:30 a.m.!

Holiday Programs

Winter Wonderland Lapsit: ages birth-23months: Friday December 19, 10:30 a.m.

Songs, fingerplays, movement, sign language and stories for babies and caregivers!

Toddler Time Holiday Jive: age 2: Friday December 12, 9:30 a.m. Toddler size stories and activities.

Holiday Story Times: ages 3-5: Wednesday December 3, 10 & 17, 10:00 a.m.

Stories, games, crafts, FUN!

Book Bunch: Season of Giving: grades K-3: Thursday December 11, 3:30 p.m.

Stories, crafts, and activities.

Holiday Extravaganza: grades 4&5: Tuesday December 16, 3:30 p.m.

Explore classic and new books and genres. Find new favorite authors and stories!

Jingle Family Fun Night: ages 3-2nd grade: Thursday December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Stories, crafts and fun for the whole family! No registration required!

Registration begins Monday December 22 for Spring Programming. Spring programs will run through the end of March, but that date is subject to change as plans for the move to the Rodgers Memorial Library progress! Programs are *Lullaby Lapsit*, *Toddler Time*, *Story Time*, *Book Bunch*,

and *Don't Judge a Book by its Cover Gang*.

Lullaby Lapsit: ages birth-23 months: Fridays 11:00 a.m.

Songs, finger plays, movement, sign language and stories for babies and caregivers!

Toddler Time: age 2: Fridays 9:30 a.m.

Toddler size stories and activities.

Story Time: ages 3-5: Mondays OR Thursdays 10:00 a.m.

Stories, games, crafts, FUN!

Book Bunch: grades K-3: Thursdays 3:30 p.m.

Stories, crafts, and activities.

Don't Judge a Book by its Cover Gang: grades 4&5: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.

Explore classic and new books and genres. Find new favorite authors and stories!

Homeschool Story Times: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

Small Adventures: ages 3-6: Stories, games, crafts.

Story Explorers: ages 7-12: Learn library Skills through games, activities and crafts; along with stories.

Family Fun Night: ages 3- 2nd grade: Third Thursday every month 6:30 p.m. No registration required.

*Space is limited for all programs. Unless noted, registration is required. Call or stop in the children's room to register. Registered programs are open to Hills Memorial Library cardholders.

***For all registered programs:** If someone misses two sessions 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

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Sam's Club Membership Offer



In partnership with Sam's Club the Hills Memorial Library is presenting an exclusive membership offer. Patrons will receive a **\$10 Gift Card** when they sign up for a new Sam's Club membership or renew an existing membership by January 18, 2009.

Bring a certificate obtainable at the library to the Membership Services Desk at our Hudson Sam's Club #6352. Upon payment, a patron will receive a \$10 Sam's Club gift card.

Happy Holidays from Hills Memorial Library and Sam's Club!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Sale Gift Ideas

Sunday, December 14, 12-3 p.m.

The monthly book sale of the Friends is on the second Sunday of the month, December 14, 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.

Hills Memorial Library motif sun catchers (\$5) and tote bags (\$10) are great gift ideas. Both may be purchased at the book sale or the library.

Artist Pete Duquette will be at the *Junior Woman's Club Holiday Craft Faire* on December 6 selling (and autographing) his unique *Read the Trees* T-shirts for 14 area towns.

Buy A Brick

Stumped over what to give that special someone for a holiday gift? Purchase a donor/commemorative brick to be placed in the front walkway of the new Rodgers Memorial Library. You may choose two (\$50) or three (\$75) lines of engraving for your brick.



To order your brick, simply print off a donor form at the George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library website www.rodgerslibrary.org, or pick one up at a service desk at Hills Memorial Library.

Clean Slate 2008 !

This is a reminder to those patrons carrying fines/fees on their library account that you have until the end of December to pay down outstanding fines. Beginning January 1, the maximum fine is \$5. Your account may temporarily be blocked until you comply with the new policy. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

SANTA IS COMING!



Saturday December 6! He'll be here from 9:30-11:30 a.m.!

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Hang A Shining Star Upon The Highest Bough

It is believed that the tradition of the Christmas tree, like many other Christmas traditions, originated in Germany. Having a Christmas tree to symbolize life during the holidays was practiced well before the beginning of Christianity. Romans and Egyptians used trees and boughs during the winter solstice celebrations to decorate their homes. During the middle ages, a *paradise tree* was hung with apples at the feast of Adam and Eve on December 24. In Latvia, the first decorated tree appeared around 1510. It is held that Martin Luther, on his way home saw stars shining brightly through the fir trees, which lit the dark night. This inspired him to recreate this effect by placing candles on the branches of his tree. Christmas trees have been decorated with many items over the years. Food items were the symbol of plenty and paper flowers were symbolic of the tree in the Garden of Eden. Another constant of Christmas tree decorating is tinsel. It also originated in Germany about 1610. Interestingly, the original tinsel was actually made with pulled silver until the mid-19th century. Besides tinsel, the first trees were decorated with small beads, candles, and silver wire ornaments, many of which were made in the home. In the latter part of the 1800s, new innovations such as the electric lights and metal hooks for ornaments emerged. We are all familiar with the new trees and decorations that have appeared in the last twenty years or so. Artificial trees (including fiber optic lights) and safety lights already on lit trees are just a couple. I have an artificial tree because my husband is allergic to the fresh ones, but I miss the fun of picking out, tagging and bringing home a fresh cut tree. Maybe I'll buy one of the pine sprays and make it smell real!

For more information about Christmas trees and ornaments visit the following websites:

<http://www.home-and-family.com/Christmas.html>
<http://www.allthingschristmas.com/traditions/html>

Or stop by the library and check out:

Country living handmade Christmas decorating your tree and home (745.59412.SEARS)

An Old-Fashioned Christmas (745.59412.STERBENZ)

Christmas in New England: a treasure of traditions, from the Yule log and the Christmas tree to flying Santa and the Enchanted Village (394.2663.MCGUIGG)

Christmas ornaments: exquisite handmade ornaments for the tree (745.59412.CHRISTMAS)

New Nonfiction Titles

Holidays on Ice: Featuring Six New Stories – David Sedaris

The World is Curved: Hidden Dangers to the Global Economy— David M. Smick

American Lightning: Terror, Mystery, The Birth of Hollywood, and the Crime of the Century – Howard Blum

The Work From Home Handbook (From *USA Today*) – Diana Fitzpatrick

Bagdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander's War in Iraq – Peter R. Mansoor

Fruitless Fall: The Collapse of the Honey Bee and the Coming Agricultural Crisis – Rowan Jacobsen

Holiday Closings

at 5 p.m.
**Christmas Eve, Wednesday
 December 24**

**Christmas Day, Thursday
 December 25
 (Reopening 9 a.m. Friday
 December 26)**



We Will Close

5 p.m.
**New Year's Eve, Wednesday
 December 31**

**New Year's Day, Thursday
 January 1
 (Reopening 9 a.m. Friday
 January 2)**

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 20 at 1:30 p.m. and on January 27 at 7 p.m. we will discuss *Three Cups of Tea: One man's mission to promote peace...one school at a time*. This is the uplifting story of Greg Mortenson's humanitarian campaign to use education to combat terrorism. 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.

New Fiction

**Divine Justice* David Baldacci

**Extreme Measures* Vince Flynn



**Bones* Jonathan Kellerman

**Salvation in Death* J.D. Robb

**The Good Woman* Danielle Steel

**Rough Weather* Robert Parker

(*Also available as audiobook)

Annual Discarded Magazines Giveaway

On December 15, Monday, maga-



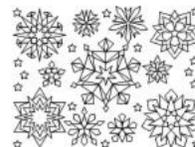
zine discards from 2007 will on display in Annex II for giveaway.

At the beginning of the new year, we will begin to select 2008 issues for give away.

PlayReading Circle December 10

The *Playreading Circle* will meet on play from the collected Wednesday, December 10 to read aloud Lillian Hellman's classic drama *The Children's Hour*. 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 Second Wednesday 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.

New Christmas Fiction



Santa Clawed: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery Rita Mae Brown

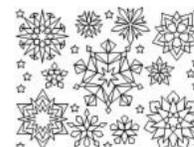
All I Have to Give: A Christmas Love Story Melody Carlson

**Dashing Through the Snow* Mary Higgins Clark, Carol Higgins Clark

**Grace* Richard Paul Evans

**'Tis the Season* Lorna Landvik

**A Cedar Cove Christmas* Debbie Macomber



Comfort and Joy Fern Michaels

One Perfect Gift Kathleen Morgan

(*Also available as audiobook)