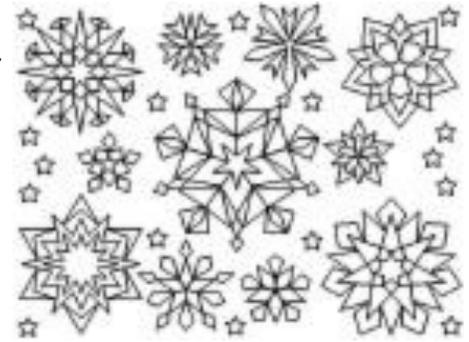


HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2008

18 Library Street, Hudson, New Hampshire (603) 886-6030 <http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us>



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

Children's Room

Winter/Spring Programs

This season's programming starts the week of January 21! New this season is the *Book Bunch*, a story time for kids in grades K-3. *Book Bunch* will include stories, crafts, games and other activities. The *Book Bunch* will also start learning a little bit about the library and how to find books!

Space is limited for the following programs, registration is required. Registration begins at 9 a.m., Monday January 7. Call or stop in the children's room to register. Registered programs are open to all Hills Memorial Library cardholders.

*Reminder: When Hudson schools are closed, all morning programming is cancelled. Call to confirm if you are unsure.

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

Songs, fingerplays, 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 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 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.

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

Happy New Year!

Brr! It's cold and snowy outside!!! Cozy up somewhere warm with one of these fun winter and snow books!

Axle Annie. Robin Pulver

Biscuit's Snowy Day. Alyssa Capucilli

Blizzard. Carole Gerber. Jonathan London

Husky in a Hut. Ben Baglio

It's Snowing. Olivier Dunrea

Snow Dance. Lezlie Evans

Snow Day. Daniel Peddle

Animals in Winter. Henrietta Bancroft

Cabin in the Snow. Deborah Hopkinson

A Cold Snap! Frosty Poems. Audrey B. Baird



Lucia and the Light. Phyllis Root

On a Wintry Morning. Dori Chaconas

When Will it Snow?. Bruce Hiscock

Winter is the Warmest Season. Lauren Stringer

Winter White. Joanne Ryder

The Winter Solstice. Ellen Jackson

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Second Hand Prose January 13

The Friends' next monthly book sale is on the second Sunday, January 13, 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 are available. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents. We still have many free magazines, computer books and cassettes. Hudson history books are still available. Our newly designed totes bags are available. Sun catchers are \$5.00 (a nice gift for the person who has everything).

Best Bargain In Town

Whatever your age or interests, there's something for you at Hills Memorial Library. Our collection contains over 60,000 items and you'll find books (print, recorded and downloadable), magazines, newspapers, DVDs, music CDs and information experts.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Fine Amnesty December 31-January 5

Fines will not be charged for any



currently overdue items returned during *Fine Amnesty Week*, December 31-January 5. This is a great opportunity to search your house for those long lost library materials and return them without a fine.

The Best Of 2007

It is that time of the year again when the best of 2007 comes out. Here are three for the books:

Village Voice writers pick their favorite 20 books of the year published December 4th, 2007):

<http://www.villagevoice.com/books/0749.asdf.78504.10.html/1>

The *Publisher's Weekly* list which came out in November :

<http://www.publishersweekly.com/article/CA6496987.html>

Library Journal :

<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6510658.html>

Best of... lists seem to fly fast and furious as the old year wanes, but I always found the good ones to be a helpful checklist to make sure the best of the year's vintage are in our collection. They can also provide thought-provoking titles for book discussion groups.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Database Of The Month

The library has recently acquired NewspaperARCHIVE.com. This online database gives public libraries access to tens of millions of newspaper pages. Easy to use, this research tool for primary sources provides convenient access to digitized newspapers dating back to the 1700s. You can use the archive to view, save and print full-page articles from around the world. The Nashua Telegraph coverage runs from the 1940s to 1977. The database is only available onsite at the library. Remote access is unavailable at this time. For more information call the main room at 886-6030, extension 21.

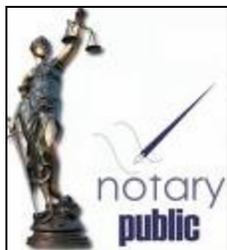
Reference Resources Morningstar & Value Line

The library has a subscription to *Morningstar Mutual Funds* to assist patrons with their financial planning. *Morningstar* is the premier source of unbiased information and one of the most-trusted and frequently cited sources of independent mutual funds. You will find current and historical quotes for over 90,000 investments and in-depth analysis of nearly 40,000 mutual funds and stocks.

The library also has a subscription to *Value Line Investment Survey*, an invaluable resource for investors. A weekly reporting service, it provides reports, ratings and analysis for major industries and approximately 1,700 stocks. Included are earnings and dividends, and stock price projections. The *Value Line Small and Mid-Cap* edition reports provide detailed descriptions and balance sheets of 1,800 stocks not included in the regular edition. Both subscriptions are located in the reference area of the main room.

Notary Service

Did you know that the library offers free notary service? There



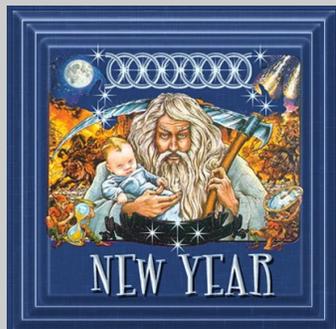
are two staff members who are notary publics and are available most hours the library is open – one in the Main Room and one in Annex 2. Call 886-6030, extension 21, to learn the times that these librarians are available.

Holiday Closings

We Will Close

5 p.m. on

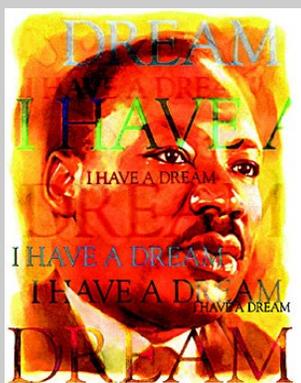
New Year's Eve
Monday, December 31



New Year's Day,
Tuesday, January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 21



ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Afternoon Book Discussion

Group:

Year Of Wonders

The afternoon book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On January 15 at 1:30 p.m. the afternoon group will discuss *Year of Wonders*, Geraldine Brooks' story of a small, plague ravaged village in England in the year 1666. Copies are available at the library. For more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list call 886-6030 extension 26.

Evening Book Discussion

Group:

The Shadow Of The Wind

The evening book discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. 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. Copies 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:

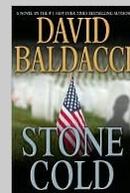
The Odd Couple:

Female Version

The Playreading Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 18 to read aloud an updated version of Neil Simon's classic comedy *The Odd Couple* rewritten with female characters Olive and Florence taking the place of Oscar and Felix. 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.

Hot New Books

Stone Cold by David Baldacci



The Chase by Clive Cussler

T is for Trespass by Sue Grafton

Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon

Double Cross by James Patterson

Amazing Grace by Danielle Steel

Hot New DVDs

The Bourne Supremacy



Hairspray

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Ocean's 13

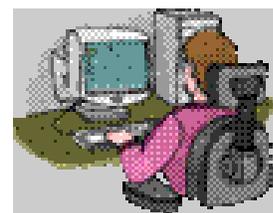
Shrek III

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End

Ratatouille

Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030, extension 21. (Ψ indicates that mouse and keyboarding skills are needed for this workshop.)



January 17, Thursday Ψ

Travel Planning Online 10:30 a.m.

January 22, Tuesday Ψ

Setting Up A Free E-Mail Account
Online 10:30 a.m.