

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsey Martel

Children's Room

March Comes In Like A Lion And Goes Out Like A Lamb

At least we hope so! Spring brings us all our favorite season.... **MUD SEASON!** How about some mud books?

Ducks in Muck * Lori Haskins

Hanna the Hippo's no Mud Day *
Iris Hiskey

Mud * Mary Lyn Ray

Mud Soup * Judith Head

*Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of
the Rud* * Lynn Plourde

Preschool to the Rescue * Judy
Sierra

Science Fun with Mud and Dirt *
Rose Wyler

One Duck Stuck * Phyllis Root

Duck in the Truck * Jez Alborough

My Truck is Stuck! * Kevin Lewis

Try something different this March. Have you ever borrowed one of our book and CD kits? These kits are great for kids of all ages. The CD includes the story word for word, enhanced with music and special sound effects. Books with a CD encourage independent reading, teach kids how to interact with books, enhance the visual auditory connection with words, and provide enjoyment! Here's a list of a few of our favorites!

Dinosaur Bones – Bob Barner

The Pot that Juan Built – Nancy
Andrews-Gobel

Dot the Fire Dog – Lisa Desimini

Players in Pigtails – Shana Corey

Planting a Rainbow – Lois Ehlert

Rikki-Tikki-Tavi – Rudyard Kipling

Arnie the Doughnut – Laurie Keller

Skippyjon Jones in the Doghouse –
Judith Schachner

The Velveteen Rabbit – Margery
Williams

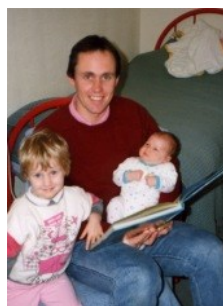
Hondo & Fabian – Peter McCarty

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 all Hills Memorial Library cardholders.

Lullaby Lapsit: age 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: Thurs-
days 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: Sto-
ries, games, crafts.

Story Explorers: ages 7-12: Learn
library Skills through games, activ-
ities 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 ses-
sion.

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Sunday, March 9

The Friends of the Hills Memori-
al Library will hold their monthly
book sale the second Sunday of the
month, March 9 from 12-3 p.m. at
49 Ferry Street/Rte 111 (The sec-
ond house past the library on the
right). **And please remember to
set your clock ahead on Saturday
night, March 8 for daylight sav-
ing time.** Our special for March
will be fiction.

Our next *Friends of the Library*
meeting will be held on Tuesday,
March 18 from 7—9 p.m. at 49
Ferry St. Potentially new members
will be most welcome.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Library Warrant Articles

The ballot for the Hudson Town
election on March 11, 2008, will
have a number of warrant articles to
be decided by the voters. Two of the
warrant articles are concerned with
the town library. Warrant article 9
approves a very thrifty salary in-
crease for full time Library staff.

Warrant article 13 deals with two
properties at 47 and 49 Ferry St.
purchased in 1999 and 2003 with
support of the town voters in the
hope of expanding the Hills Memori-
al Library on adjacent property.
That plan was eventually deemed
infeasible due to costs and environ-
mental factors. These properties
have been used for overflow library
functions in the ensuing years.

The library trustees are submitting
Warrant Article 13 to allow the sale
of these properties and the return of
the funds to the Library Building
Fund for use in fitting-up and fur-
nishing the new Rodgers' Memorial
Library, made possible by the gen-
erous gift of Phil and Al Rodgers.
Passage of this warrant article
would also return the two properties
to the Town tax rolls.

Both of the warrant articles have
been approved by the board of se-
lectmen and the budget committee.

Please vote on March 11, and
thank you for considering these two
warrant articles.

Rodgers Library Project Updates

On October 24, 2007 the Trustees
for the Hudson Library gratefully
accepted the generous donation—
\$4M— from Phil and Al Rodgers
for the construction of a new Li-
brary named in memory of their
parents, George and Ella Rodgers.

In the ensuing four months the

trustees have been working diligently on the new library project: including confirming permission from the board of selectmen for the use of the land; meeting with the architects to confirm the plans; clearing contractual issues with the Town attorneys; seeking/hiring a highly qualified construction management firm—North Branch Construction—to build the structure; applying for necessary approvals and permits, and other tasks related to a seamless professional process.

As part of the process it is necessary to access funds previously allocated for a new town library which have not been liquidated because of the inability to move forward without the Rodgers' brothers gift. Thus there will be a warrant article on the town ballot in March which is part of that process – warrant article 13—to allow the sale of these properties and the return of the funds to the library building fund.

The Alvirne High School Forestry Department will be clearing trees from the route 102 land in preparation for ground-breaking early this spring.

The library IT staff is currently working on a web site to update the progress of the new Rodgers library building project. The site will be accessible via the Hills Memorial website www.hillsml.lib.nh.us sometime this month.

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.)



March 5, Wednesday

Homework Helpers 10:30 a.m.

March 13, Thursday Ψ

Introduction to Internet 10:30 a.m.

March 18, Tuesday

Basic Computer Skills 10:30 a.m.

April 22, Tuesday Ψ

Free E-Mail Accounts 10:30 a.m.

April 24, Thursday Ψ

Genealogy Online 10:30 a.m.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Hot Non-fiction Titles!

God & Gold – Britain, America & the Making of the Modern World.

Walter Russell Mead

A Reef in Time: The Great Barrier Reef from Beginning to End.

J. Vernon

Generation Ageless: How Baby Boomers Are Changing the Way we live Today ... & They're Just Getting Started.

J. Walker Smith

Trial Database: Science Online

Stop by the library this month and take a look at *Science Online*, an excellent and comprehensive tool that offers timely, accurate information taken from reliable sources in a variety of formats. This database offers a broad range of the sciences with diagrams, experiment, biographies, activities and more

\$25K Challenge

Our library has applied to participate in the **Challenge** extended by the Robert & Karin Finlay Foundation issued to all NH libraries to increase their membership. "Libraries have long been building blocks for education and important institutions essential to the welfare of communities. However, libraries face significant challenges in at-



tracting patrons, retaining staff and maintaining the support they need to carry out their important programs." \$25 thousand dollars will be given to the New Hampshire public library that shows the greatest membership increase from November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008.

Please tell your family, friends and acquaintances about the wonderful services available for free at their library and encourage them to get a library card. It would be really nice to win this challenge out of 234 competing libraries, but regardless of the outcome, everybody is a winner with a Hills Memorial library card.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Poetry Contents For Children And Teens

To celebrate "Young People's Poetry Week" April 13-19, we are holding a poetry contest for Hudson students in pre-school-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 14 at 3:30 p.m. when prizes will be awarded to the winning poets.

Deadline for the contest is March 31. The winners will be announced by the week of April 7. Public school students can give their entries to their school librarian. Others may drop their entries off at the library or mail it to Hills Memorial Library, 18 Library Street. Please put your name, grade and telephone number on the back of the poem.

PlayReading Circle: A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. the *Playreading Circle* will read Shakespeare's comedy classic *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Join us as we bring to life Fairies, lovers, fools and mythical figures. You may also come and listen to the play reading by others. The playreading circle has recently changed meeting times to the second Wednesday of the month. The meeting day is occasionally subject to change, so 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.

Afternoon Book Discussion Group The Samurai's Garden

On March 18 at 1:30 p.m. we will be discussing *The Samurai's Garden*, Gail Tsukiyama's tale of a young Chinese man and the valua-

ble lessons he learns on a trip to Japan on the eve of WWII.

The daytime book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Books are available at the library. Call 886-6030 ext. 26 for more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list.

Evening Book Discussion Group Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America

Author Barbara Ehrenreich investigates life as a low wage worker by taking minimum wage jobs around the nation and trying to survive on these minimal salaries. The result of her investigation *Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting by in America* will be discussed on March 25 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 ext. 26 for more information or to add your name to our book group mailing list.

Hot New Books



The Appeal by John Grisham

Firefly Lane by Kristen Hannah

Stranger in Paradise by Robert B. Parker

7th Heaven by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

Beverly Hills Dead by Stuart Woods

Hot New DVDs



3:10 to Yuma

Across the Universe

Elizabeth the Golden Age

The Jane Austen Book Club

Michael Clayton