

HILLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Martel

November Means Elections, Cold Crisp Weather And Turkey!

November is also the month that the New Hampshire State Library's Center for the Book collects votes for the favorite Ladybug Book Award! Join us for three Saturday story times celebrating the ten nominees with crafts, activities and treats. Kids ages 3-3rd grade will hear the stories and get a chance to vote for their favorite! The story times are at 10 a.m., November 8, 15 and 22. Registration is required; please call the Children's Room at 886-6030 extension 24 to register.

The last week for Fall Programming is the week of November 17.

SANTA IS COMING!



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

Beginning November 10 register for special holiday programming!

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 and 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!

*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.

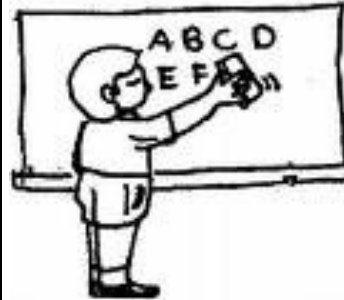
*Check out our Children's web page: www.hillsml.lib.nh.us/childrens.asp

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

Clean The Slate In 2008

In preparation for our move to the new library, we are *requesting patrons to pay* any outstanding fines. The Board of Trustees has voted to lower the maximum fine allowed on an individual's account to \$5. In these trying economic times, we felt, we should give patrons plenty of time to settle their accounts. Our goal is to clear off any outstanding fines so we can all start anew with a clean, fresh rec-



ord at the new library. Patrons with fines over \$5 can incrementally pay down their accounts, and once reaching \$5 we request that they zero out their accounts. Over the next couple of months patrons will notice a variety of posters throughout the library to remind patrons to pay down/pay off any outstanding fines. Thank you for cooperating with operation *Clean Slate* 2008. . .

Thanksgiving

It is again that time of year when we are reminded to articulate thankfulness for our blessings! Regarding work life "let me count the ways"... I am thankful every day when I see the progress on our beautiful new library building. I am thankful that the community will have a wonderful new facility where families can go and people

can gather to meet. I am thankful for my helpful, knowledgeable library staff, my supportive, hardworking, dedicated Board of Trustees, Friends



of the Library, Building Committee, and our patrons who have stuck with us regardless of space constraints. I am thankful and grateful to the Rodgers brothers for their vision and ability to provide the community this wonderful opportunity. I love libraries and I am thankful and privileged they are a large part of my life, and that the profession of librarianship has allowed me to meet and associate with many wonderful people. I am thankful to be part of the profession and to be part of the Hudson community!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**Second Hand Prose
Book Sale**

Sunday, November 9, 12-3 p.m.



The monthly book sale of the Friends of the Hills Memorial Library in Hudson is on the second Sunday of the month, November 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.

REFERENCE & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

by Gayle St. Cyr

Giving Thanks !

Some experts believe the first Thanksgiving dates back to 1621 and many states celebrated this occasion during colonial times. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first national Day of Thanksgiving in 1863, supposedly as a response to a camp organized by our own New Hampshire and popular magazine editor, Sara Josepha Hale. She hoped the holiday would encourage family values and traditions and inspire a spirit of unity in our nation. At one time, Thanksgiving was moved to the third Thursday of the month by President Franklin Roosevelt after pressure from store owners to move the date earlier in the month and make a longer Christmas shopping season. Many protested the decision and it was returned to the fourth Thursday and has remained so since 1942 when Congress passed an act designating it an official holiday.

Find more about Thanksgiving history at:

<http://www.pilgrimhall.org/thanksg.htm> or

www.thanksgiving-traditions.com



In the
Spotlight

Learning Express Library

Learning Express Library is a comprehensive, interactive online learning database of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help students and adult learners succeed on tests they need to pass. You can also evaluate your own strengths and weaknesses and brush up on your math and reading skills. Many popular exams, in-

cluding several civil service tests, advanced placement and college entrance exams citizenship and even elementary school performance tests are included. A simple log-in will let you take practice versions of any of these tests and will provide detailed results (with the correct answers for questions missed). Just some of the featured tests include

ACT	Cosmetology
GED	GMAT
EMS	Firefighter
TOEFL	Advanced Placement
MCAT	Nursing
Corrections Officer	Police Officer
U. S. Citizenship	PRAXIS

This database can be used at the library or from home and can be accessed through the library's website at: <http://www.hillsml.lib.nh.us>.

Free Fall Computer Workshops

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

November 13, Thursday Ψ
Microsoft Publisher for Greeting Cards

November 18, Tuesday Ψ
Introduction to Microsoft Excel

November 20, Thursday Ψ
Introduction to the Internet

New Seasonal Non-Fiction

Thanksgiving 101: Celebrate America's Favorite Holiday with America's Thanksgiving Expert

Giving Thanks: Thanksgiving Recipes and History, From Pilgrims to Pumpkin Pie

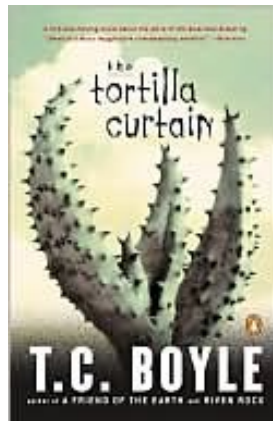
Betty Crocker Complete Thanksgiving Cookbook: All You Need to Cook a Foolproof Dinner

The Book of Thanksgiving: Stories, Poems, and Recipes for Sharing One of America's Greatest Holidays

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Afternoon & Evening Book Discussion : *The Tortilla Curtain*



The book discussion groups will meet on Tuesday, November 18 at 1:30 and Tuesday November 25 at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Tortilla Curtain*, T. Coraghessan Boyle's award winning novel about the price of the American dream as the lives of two very different couples are set on a collision course.

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 extension 26.

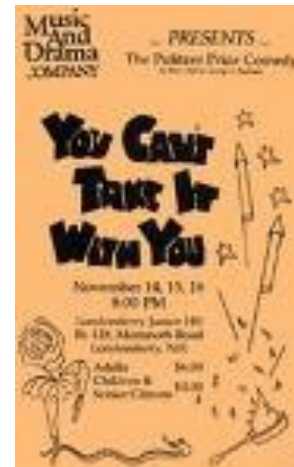
New Audios (Books Also Available)

One Fifth Avenue
Candace Bushnell



The Last Lecture
Randy Pausch
Extreme Measures
Vince Flynn
Salvation in Death
J.D. Robb
A Good Woman
Danielle Steel

Playreading Circle Date Change, 3rd Wednesday, November 19



The Playreading Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 to read George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's classic comedy *You Can't Take It With You*. 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. but is sometimes subject to change. 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 Hot Fiction Titles

The Snowball: The Life of Warren Buffett



The Gatehouse
Nelson Demille
The Given Day
Dennis Lehane
Heat Lightning
John Sandford
The Lucky One