

GEORGE H. & ELLA M. RODGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

MARCH – APRIL 2010



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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

by Betsey Martel

March Comes In Like A Lion

Do you know the origin of the weather proverb about March, "in like a lion, out like a lamb"? For most locations, the average temperature at the end of the month is higher than at the beginning, so the proverb typically has some meteorological truth to it, but where did it come from? The phrase apparently has its origins with the constellations Leo, the Lion, and Aries, the ram or lamb. It has to do with the relative positions of these constellations in the sky at the beginning and end of the month. (Source: The Weather Guys at USA Today.com)

April Is National Poetry Month!

Enter our annual poetry contest. There are prizes for all age levels. Poems are due March 31.

Check Out Some Books About Spring!

Almond Blossom's Mystery
Annie and the Wild Animals
Bear Wants More
Bell's Star
Buster's Sugartime
Clifford's Spring Clean-Up
Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck
Countdown to Spring
Crafts to Make in Spring
Exploring Spring
First Comes Spring
Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms
Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble
The Hunt for Spring
Let's Look at Spring

A New Beginning
Poppleton in Spring
Song Lee in Room 2B
Spring

Spring Surprises
When the Earth Wakes

Spring Programs
(registration is required unless otherwise noted)

Lullaby Lapsit: ages birth- 23 months: Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time: age 2: Wednesday OR Thursday 9:30 a.m.

Story Time: ages 3-5: Monday 10:00 a.m., Tuesday 10:00 a.m., OR Thursday 1:00 p.m.

Pajama Story Time: ages 3-5: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Book Bunch: grades k-2: Monday 3:30 a.m.

Miss Megan's Craft Night: ages 6-12: Wednesday 6:30 a.m.

HomeSchool Hang-Out!: ages 3-10: Wednesday 10:30 a.m. (no registration required)

Crazy Craft Days: Saturday: all day while supplies last (no registration required)

*Check out our Children's web page: <http://www.rodgerslibrary.org/index.php/children>

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS Second Hand Prose Book Sale

The Friends of the Library book sale, *Secondhand Prose*, will take place Sunday, March 14 and April 11 from 12-3 p.m. at Hills Memorial Library, 18 Library Street, in the former Children's Room (basement). Browse adult and children's books, videos, CDs and more. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents.

Friends members may arrive early, at 11 a.m. Friends membership applications are available at the book sale, at Rodgers Memorial Library, and on our library website. New members are always welcome!

DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Toni Weller

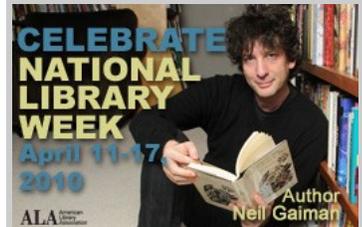
The Big Read – N.H. Reads To Kill A Mockingbird



The Rodgers Memorial Library is one of more than 100 partners working with The Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library to bring *The Big Read: N.H. Reads To Kill a Mockingbird* to the Granite State during March 2010. *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. Libraries, schools, bookstores, and community organizations throughout New Hampshire are hosting book discussions and other programs related to the novel. A calendar of all *The Big Read N.H.* events, throughout the state can be found at <http://www.bigreadnh.org>.

Programs being held at our library include a participatory play reading on March 3 at 6:30 p.m., come portray a character from the book, and Book to Film discussions on March 16 (film at 11:30 a.m., discussion at 1:30 p.m.) and March 23 (film at 5:30 p.m., discussion at 7:30 p.m.). The film *To Kill a Mockingbird* will also be shown on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. and on Thursday, March 18 at 3:30 and 7 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the library, you may keep your copy to pass on to family and friends as part of our effort share this outstanding novel with as many people as possible, or you can return it for later distribution to schools in the state.

National Library Week April 11-17, 2010



*Communities Thrive @
Your library.*

Museum Pass/Coupon Notice

The Rodgers Memorial Library is pleased to purchase several museum passes/coupons for our patrons to use each year. The passes/coupons are especially popular during school vacations and summer breaks. So reserve early! Please bring your confirmation notice and library card with you when you pick up a museum pass. If you book a museum pass online and/or in-house, you can print out a confirmation and/or have the confirmation sent to you via e-mail. If you book a museum pass via telephone, please remember to request a confirmation be sent to you. Additionally, our online reservations system can also send an early reminder to your e-mail to pick up your reservation pass/coupon. Check the appropriate box before exiting the program. Thank you for your cooperation.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

When Hudson Schools are **cancelled**, all children's programming is **cancelled**.

When school is **delayed**, programs **continue** as scheduled.

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES

by Amy Friedman

Poetry Contest and Poetry Reading For Children and Teens

April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate "Young People's Poetry Week" April 12-18, 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 Thursday April 15 at 3:30 where 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 5. Public school students can give their entries to their school librarian. Others can drop their entries off at the library or mail it to Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road. Please put your name, grade and telephone number on the back of the poem.

A Bird's Eye View of E-Bay, Monday, March 22

You have a house full of stuff. You paid good cash for it. It seemed like a good idea at the time. Now it's filling up your rooms and your closets. Get your closets back. Get your house back. Get your cash from the past back! E-Bay education specialist Glen Della-Monica will present an overview of E-Bay buying and selling. Monday, March 22, 1 and 7 p.m.

Easter Bunny Floral Centerpiece Workshop

Tuesday, March 30

Create a beautiful Easter Bunny centerpiece using mums and carnations. Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. Bring floral clippers and scissors if you have them. There is a materials fee for this workshop. The final price has not yet been set but it will be approximately \$17.50. Space is limited for this workshop. Call 886-6030 to register.

Managing Money in Tough Times, Tuesday, April 20

Join Sharon Cowan from the

UNH Department of Family and Consumer Resources as she discusses strategies to stretch dollars and manage money in these tough economic times. April 20 at 7 p.m. This program is sponsored by the UNH Speaker's Bureau.

Paper Techniques Workshops On First Thursdays

Learn how to make all kinds of things out of paper at the monthly Paper Techniques workshop at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Projects will include scrapbooking, stamping, card making, quilling, and decoupage. The workshops will be held the first Thursday of each month with two sessions, 2:30 to 4 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m.. The March 4 workshop will be *Distressed Paper, How To Make New Paper Look Old*. The April 1 workshop will be *Papermaking*. These workshops are open to teens and adults. Please pre-register for each workshop at 886-6030.

Drop-in Stitchers Every Friday

Drop by the Community Room Fridays from 10-noon with your knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching or any needlework project. Work on your project with company to pass the time, share ideas and techniques for future projects. Snacks will be served.

Free Tax Help at Rodgers Memorial Library

Volunteers from AARP will be at the library to help senior citizens and low to moderate income tax payers with their tax returns Wednesdays through April 14 from 1-5. Tax assistance volunteers cannot help prepare Schedule C, Schedule E or complicated or lengthy Schedule D forms. Taxpayers with complex tax issues are advised to seek paid tax help. Call the library at 603-886-6030 to make an appointment.

Tax Forms Available at Library

The Library stocks many common tax forms and instructions including Massachusetts Non-resident tax forms. We also have a master copy notebook of some of the less common forms. Forms can also be downloaded from the IRS website: www.irs.gov

Book Discussions – Third Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

The library holds book discussions on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On March

16 we will be discussing both the book and film of *To Kill a Mockingbird* as part of *The Big Read* statewide program. On April 20 we will be discussing *Eat, Pray, Love*, Elizabeth Gilbert's account of her journey of self-discovery that takes her to Italy, India and Bali. Books are available at the Circulation Desk.

Sam's Club Partner Membership Offer

Receive a \$10 Gift Card when you renew or join Sam's Club. The offer is valid through May 10. Bring a certificate available at the library. Receive the card when you pay your annual membership fee.

Update Your Patron Information

If you have moved, changed phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses, please let staff at the circulation desk know. We would like to update your patron information so we can contact you for date due reminders, reserve book and ILL pickups, program changes, etc. Thanks for your cooperation.

The Economist

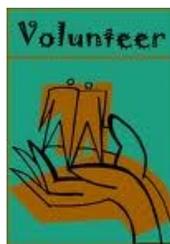
Some have called it the *best magazine in the world*. Rodgers Memorial Library has subscribed to *The Economist* for your reading and informational enjoyment. *The Economist* is a global weekly magazine written for those who share an "uncommon interest in being well and broadly informed." Each issue explores domestic and international issues, business, finance, current affairs, science, technology and the arts. Please let the staff know your opinion about this "authoritative international publication."

National Volunteer Week

April 18-14

Thank You,

Volunteers of



Rodgers Memorial Library!

Free Computer Workshops

Pre-register in person or call 886-6030, extension 4518 or 4522. *Basic mouse and keyboarding skills needed for all workshops except Computer Basics.*

Wednesday, March 3, 3 p.m.
Getting Started on Facebook

Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m.
Internet: Beyond Google

Monday, March 8, 1:30 p.m.
Job Searching Online

Wednesday, March 10, 3 p.m.
Using Your Facebook Account

Thursday, March 11, 1:30 p.m.
Computer Basics

Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Word

Monday, March 15, 7 p.m.
Genealogy Databases

Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m.
Intermediate Microsoft Word

Tuesday, March 23, 1:30 p.m.
Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday, March 24, 3 p.m.
Internet E-mail

Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m.
Advance Microsoft Word

Tuesday, March 30, 1:30 p.m.
The Hidden Web

Wednesday, March 31, 3 p.m.
Beginning Powerpoint

Monday, April 5, 3 p.m.
Internet Search Skills

Thursday April 8, 1:30 p.m.
Genealogy Databases

Tuesday, April 13, 1:30 p.m.
Computer Basics

Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m.
Basic Microsoft Excel

Monday, April 19, 3 p.m.
Beyond Google

Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel

Thursday, April 22, 1:30 p.m.
Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday, April 28, 7 p.m.
Advanced Microsoft Excel

Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m.
The Hidden Web