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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN... This year's annual meeting of the New Hampshire Automated Information Systems Board (NHAIS) was held in Manchester on June 7th, 2007 at the Highlander Inn. This year's speaker was Rachel Van Noord from WebJunction (www.nh.webjunction.org). The State Library has been a Community partner with WebJunction for two years. The stated mission of WebJunction is to assist library personnel to share resources that enable them to embrace technology and apply it to daily work.

As one of the original community partners, the State Library recognized the promise of the WebJunction philosophy to train library staff to use technology to serve the needs of library users. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed greatly to the development of WebJunction and has engaged the expertise of OCLC, the largest bibliographic utility in the world to make WebJunction work well.

Rachel Van Noord presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining current features of WebJunction and the proposed future developments. The purpose of using the NHAIS annual meeting for a discussion of WebJunction was to get as much input from New Hampshire librarians about what they find lacking in WebJunction and what enhancements they would like to see. You may find the PowerPoint presentation at <http://nh.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=17245>.

Heather Shumway, Director of the Hooksett Public Library told the group how she uses WebJunction as a training tool with her staff.

-Michael York, State Librarian

CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW

by Ann Hoey, Youth Services Consultant
N.H. State Library

A Children's Book Review will be held at the N.H. State Library from Monday, September 17th through Friday, September 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Map Gallery on the second floor. Librarians are invited to come and preview new children's and teen's fiction and non-fiction titles. About 300 titles - most with reviews from major review publications - will be on display. All of these books are catalogued in NHU-PAC. Librarians may choose three to four books, which will be sent via van following the end of the Review. For more information, please contact Ann Hoey at ahoey@library.state.nh.us.

KIDS, BOOKS AND THE ARTS

Artists for the 2008 Kids, Books and the Arts Roster will be chosen by members of the N.H. Summer Reading Program in early November 2007. If you know of any artist you would like to see on the Roster, please encourage him/her to apply. Kids, Books and the Arts artist applications may be obtained by contacting Ann Hoey at ahoey@library.state.nh.us or at (603) 271-2865. The N.H. Summer Reading Program 2008 theme is **G'day for Reading**. We hope to attract an exciting Roster of artists who have material suited for a celebration of "Down Under" - Australian animals, stories, musical instruments, and other Australian highlights.

SUSAN DESCHENES APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

by Carol Luers Eyman
Outreach & Community Services Coordinator
Nashua Public Library

Susan Deschenes was recently named assistant director of the Nashua Public Library. She will serve as the library's systems administrator, as well as working with Director Joseph Dionne on overseeing general library operations.

Susan comes to the Nashua Public Library from the Manchester City Library and worked at Digital Equipment Corp. in various roles, including product manager and senior process engineer.

COME JOIN THE FUN WITH STORYTELLER SIMON BROOKS AT CHOCORUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Simon Brooks will be performing on Thursday, July 12th at 1:00 p.m. at Chocorua Public Library. This program is great for those ages 5 and up and we encourage both young and old to come and enjoy some professional story telling. Simon Brooks will lead you on a trip through the U.S.A., using folk, faerie, historical and tall tales as methods of transport! The tales are sometimes scary, sometimes humorous, always fun and exciting and are drawn from different cultures found here in America. The program is funded by the N.H. State Council on the Arts, the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the Chocorua Public Library. It's free and open to the public and the building is handicapped accessible. For more information, please call the library at (603) 323-8610.

WORLD WAR II POSTERS COLLECTION

by Janet Eklund

Administrator of Library Operations

It is always nice to receive a request like this because it means our WW II Poster collection is still being viewed and used long after the exhibit closed in 2002.

"The Heights-Hillcrest-Lyndhurst Branch, American Association of University Women, is preparing a study guide to help the students in the Cleveland Public Schools and throughout the State of Ohio pass the Social Studies portion of the Ohio Graduation Test. One of the sections of the test is Social Studies Skills and Methods and an aspect of that section is to explain propaganda and its use.

"In researching the subject to find an appropriate graphic to illustrate World War II propaganda, I found the one in your collection called "This Is The Enemy" that depicts a hand thrusting a knife through the Bible. It is listed as being by Barbara Marks and is Office of War Information poster No. 76 (<http://www.nh.gov/ww2/images/ww35.jpg>).

"We would like your permission to reproduce this in our study guide. What steps do we need to go through in order to get this permission?

"Please let me know if it will be OK for us to use the picture and, if so, how you would like us to cite it. If it is not OK for us to use it, please let me know that as well.

"Thank you for your prompt consideration of our request."

*submitted by Janet Bowden
Heights-Hillcrest-Lyndhurst Branch
American Association of University Women*

FRIENDS FUND BOOKS FOR BABIES

by Carol Luers Eyman

Outreach & Community Services Coordinator

Nashua Public Library

The Friends of the Nashua Public Library recently agreed to fund a pilot program to give a book to every baby born to a library card-holding family.

A brochure promoting library services for infants will be given to new parents at Nashua hospitals. In the brochure will be a coupon good for one board book. Parents will bring the coupon to the library's children room and show their library card, or sign up for one if they are eligible. Staff will take the opportunity to orient the family to the library's children services and materials.

Initial funding for the project is \$1,000. The money will be used to purchase about 300 books for a small-scale pilot program in the fall. After the results are evaluated, more funds will be requested.

Children's librarian Kathy Bolton chose *Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman and *Silly Mother Goose* by Mary Engelbreit as the titles to distribute.

SARAH JOSEPHA HALE AWARD

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The Trustees of the Richards Free Library are pleased to announce that renowned children's author and illustrator, Tomie dePaola, will receive the 2007 Sarah Josepha Hale Award for distinction in writing by a New Englander on October 27th at 4:00 p.m. at the Newport Opera House.

Tomie has written or illustrated over 200 books for children. Born in Connecticut, he has lived in New Hampshire for more than 30 years. His illustrations often depict New England, from the villages of New Hampshire to the suburban landscape of the Connecticut of his childhood. He is truly a New England treasure. Tomie dePaola and his work were recognized with the Caldecott Honor Award in 1976 for *Strega Nona* and the Newbery Honor Award in 2000 for *26 Fairmount Avenue*. In 1999 he won the Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure Award, a New Hampshire Governor's Arts Award, which "...recognizes a New Hampshire artist, in any discipline, who has made a significant contribution to his or her art form and to the arts community of New Hampshire, reflecting a lifetime of achievement."

In *Children's Books and their Creators*, editor Anita Silvey declares, "Tomie dePaola's popularity and volume of work assure him prominence in the world of children's books. The variety, wit, and child appeal of his books should make a lasting contribution to the field."

Tomie has a special place in Newport's heart as he illustrated Sarah Hale's "Mary's Lamb." In his interpretation of Sarah's poem he drew Mary and the lamb passing Newport landmarks, including the Richards Free Library, on their way to school.

For 50 years, the Sarah Josepha Hale Award, has been given by the trustees of the Richards Free Library, in recognition of a distinguished body of written work in the field of literature and letters. Named for Sarah Josepha Hale, the award honors the contribution of one of America's most powerful women in the Nineteenth Century. Hale, author of several books and hundreds of poems, shaped the opinion of American women for 40 years through her editorials and essays in Godey's Lady's Magazine.

For mor information, please contact Andrea Thorpe, Library Director, Richards Free Library, Newport at (603) 863-3430 or rfl@newport.lib.nh.us

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

by John Barrett, Supervisor
Talking Book Section

The first ever combined meeting of Northern/Southern Regional Conference of Librarians Serving Blind and Physically Handicapped individuals was held May 6-9, 2007 in Baltimore, MD. Over the three days of the conference, participants heard the latest digital updates from the Library of Congress, National Library Services. Attendees also learned from a variety of speakers of new services and programs to expand opportunities and choices for patrons. John Barrett of the N.H. State Library's Talking Book Services was elected Chair of the Northern Conference.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK COLUMN

by Donna Gilbreth, Supervisor
Reference & Information Services
N.H. State Library

Batthey, Scott. **50 HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH DIALOGUES**. Teacher's Discovery, Auburn Hills, MI. 2006 \$31.95

Amusing dialogues about music, sports, and relationships are written in a casual style using current Spanish slang. Batthey lives in Dover, N.H. and teaches Spanish and French at Dover High School.

Eyman, Carol Luers. **HOW TO PUBLISH YOUR NEWSLETTERS: A COMPLETE GUIDE TO PRINT AND ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER PUBLISHING**. Square One Publishers, Garden City, NY. 2006 \$21.95 ISBN 9780757000454

All the information needed, from creating a budget to distribution, create and publish a print or electronic newsletter. By Nashua Public Library's outreach and community services coordinator.

McGrath, Robert L. **VISIONS IN GRANITE: TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF PAINTING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S WHITE MOUNTAINS**. Blue Tree, Portsmouth, N.H. 2006 \$25.00
ISBN 0971132151

Carefully selected pairings of historical and contemporary paintings of the White Mountains. The author is a professor emeritus of art history at Dartmouth College.

McGuinness, Cheryl and Lois Rabey. **BEAUTY BEYOND THE ASHES**. Howard Publishing Co., West Monroe, LA. 2004 \$15.99 ISBN 1582293899

McGuinness' husband Tom and co-pilot of American Airlines flight 11, which crashed into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. This is her personal story of survival and her 12 guiding principals for dealing with personal loss.

McLaughlin, Pamela. **CELIA, ARMY NURSE AND MOTHER REMEMBERED: A NURSE FOR THE CENTURY**. 1st Books. 2002 \$13.95 ISBN 9780759675032

The author's mother, Celia (Hammond) McLaughlin was a Tamworth native and Army nurse during World War II. This is a memoir of Celia's life including many of her war letters.

Mansfield, Howard, editor. **WHERE THE MOUNTAIN STANDS ALONE: STORIES OF PLACE IN THE MONADNOCK REGION**. University Press of New England, Hanover, N.H. 2006 \$24.95
ISBN 1584655569

An anthology of essays, historical texts, and oral histories that explores the history and culture of the area surrounding Mt. Monadnock.

Marden, Diane M. **BELMONT** (postcard history series). Arcadia Publishing, Portsmouth, N.H. 2006 \$19.99 ISBN 0738545848

A brief, illustrated history of a former mill town in the Lakes Region. Written by the vice president of the Belmont Historical Society.

Marder, Brenda L. **THE GREEK DREAM**. AuthorHouse, Bloomington, IN. 2006 \$14.99
ISBN 9781411686809

The author, an expert on modern Greece, lives in Hanover, N.H. This novel is based on true events that took place in Greece in the 1970s, when terrorists killed a CIA station chief.

Martin, Henry. **THE SILENT BEFORE DAWN**. Lulu.com. 2006 \$11.95 ISBN 9781411686809

Self-published poems by a New Hampshire resident. The poems are arranged in four categories: Relationships, Thoughts, Confessions, and Surreal.

Militello, Jennifer. **ANCHOR CHAIR, OPEN SAIL**. Finishing Line Press, Georgetown, KY. 2006 \$12.00 ISBN 9780307263444

A collection of poetry by Militello, professor at N.H. Community Technical College, Claremont, and nominee for several Pushcart Prizes.

Min, Katherine. **SECONDHAND WORLD**. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, NY. 2006 \$23.00 ISBN 9780307263444

Acclaimed debut novel by Min, a Plymouth State University professor. This is the story of a Korean-American daughter in conflict with her more traditional parents.

Moore, David W. **HOW TO STEAL AN ELECTION: THE INSIDE STORY OF HOW GEORGE BUSH'S BROTHER AND FOX NETWORK MISCALLED THE 2000 ELECTION AND CHANGED THE COURSE OF HISTORY**. Nation Books, New York, NY. 2006 \$13.95 ISBN 9781560259299

Moore, former pollster for Gallup Poll and University of New Hampshire professor, makes the case that Fox's early, but incorrect, announcement that Bush won the election may have caused Gore to actually lose the presidential election.

Nakanish, Michiko. **HEROES & FRIENDS: BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE TREATY OF PORTSMOUTH**. Peter E. Randall Publisher, Portsmouth, N.H. 2005 \$20 ISBN 193180740X

A brief history of the historic peace treaty negotiated in New Hampshire that ended the 1904/05 Russo-Japanese War.

Nash, Ruth S. **MORAH: 19TH CENTURY ADVENTURES BY STAGECOACH**. AuthorHouse, Bloomington, IN. 2006 ISBN 1425927041

A fictional account of life in 19th century New Hampshire along the stagecoach lines. The author is a summer resident of Alton.

New Hampshire Homeschooling Coalition. **NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME EDUCATION GUIDEBOOK**. N.H. Homeschooling Coalition, c/o Chris Hamilton, 84 Mason Road, Brookline, N.H. 03303-2204. \$9.00 (\$12.00 at website: www.nhhomeschooling.org)

A new edition of the organizations guide with information on choosing to home school, text and explanation of state laws, lists of resources for home school families.

Newell, Robert. **FROM TIME TO TIME: A SOLDIER'S STORY OF LIFE AND THE VIETNAM WAR**. Vantage Press, New York, NY. 2006 \$8.95 ISBN 0533152569

Newell enlisted in the Army and spent 27 months in Vietnam, winning a Bronze Star. The horrors of the war and his actions there still remain with him. Newell lives in New Hampshire.

Noel, Katherine. **HALFWAY HOUSE**. Atlantic Monthly Press, New York, NY. 2006 \$23.00 ISBN 0871139340

The author, a San Francisco resident, has written her first novel about a New Hampshire family that falls apart when their "perfect" daughter has a mental breakdown. Winner of the 2006 Kate Chopin award for fiction.

Okrant, Mark. **SLEEPING ALONGSIDE THE ROAD: RECOLLECTIONS BY PATRONS AND THE OWNERS OF MOTELS IN THAT ERA WHEN MOTELS WERE AMERICANS' FIRST CHOICE.** Oak Manor Publishing, Manchester, N.H. 2006 \$11.95 ISBN 0974736163

Tourism expert and Plymouth State University professor Okrant describes travel in the United States before the interstate highways changed our travel habits.

O'Shea, Tim. **DON'T THINK LESS OF ME: A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS.** BookSurge Publishing, Charleston, SC. 2006 \$13.99 ISBN 1419629786

Humorous essays by columnist, radio commentator, storyteller, and New Hampshire resident O'Shea. Topics include being short, National TV Day, and spelling bees.

Perreault, Robert B. **MANCHESTER** (postcard history series). Arcadia Publishing, Portsmouth, N.H. 2005 \$19.99 ISBN 0738537837

The history of Manchester, told through hundreds of historic postcards.

Pessotti, George E. **REASON FOR LIVING: A BURN SURVIVOR'S STORY OF HOPE AND RE-BIRTH.** Our American Journeys, Amherst, MA. 2005 \$16.95 ISBN 1557090521

A young father is badly burned in a home accident. This is the story of his survival and painful recovery and its effect on his family. Pessotti now lives in Nashua.

Samuels, Fred and Joann Snow Duncanson. **BREAKFAST IN THE BATHTUB: A BOOK OF SMILES.** Peter E. Randall Publisher, Portsmouth, N.H. 2005 \$15.00 ISBN 1931807418

Humorous poems, essays, and stories to amuse the reader. The authors are newspaper columnists living in New Hampshire.

Sherman, B. Elwin. **TOOLKIT IN PARADISE: THE SELF-HELPLESS GUIDE TO A DECADE OF AMERICAN WIT AND WISDOM.** PublishAmerica, Baltimore, MD. 2005 \$24.95 ISBN 1424105110

The author, a Bethlehem resident, has gathered 10 years of humorous essays in this book. Essay titles include *The Poet Laura Ate* and *How Greenspan was my Valley*.

Shribman, David and Jack DeGange. **DARTMOUTH COLLEGE FOOTBALL: GREEN FIELDS OF AUTUMN** (images of sports series). Arcadia Publishing, Portsmouth, N.H. 2004 \$19.99 ISBN 0738536113

An illustrated history of Dartmouth's football program which began in 1881 and has seen many successful years.

Styrna, Joan. **GOOD FOOD SIMPLY PREPARED: A COLLECTION OF RECIPES FROM 3 GENERATIONS OF THE STYRNA FAMILY.** Peter E. Randall, Publisher, Portsmouth, N.H. 2005 \$19.95 ISBN 0977198642

Stryna is a chef and teacher living in Brentwood. Her grandparents were immigrants to New Hampshire from Poland and Belarussia. She shares these recipes and stories with the reader.

Tardiff, Paul. **ONCE UPON A BERLIN TIME...TWO.** AuthorHouse, Bloomington, IN. 2005 \$29.95 ISBN 1420867032

Second volume of stories about Berlin history, most were previously published in the *Berlin Daily Sun* newspaper.

***THIS DESIRED PLACE WINS GOLD AWARD
FOR BEST NORTHEAST REGIONAL FICTION***

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Julia Older's novel *The Desired Place; the Isles of Shoals* is gold medal finalist for Best Regional Fiction in the six New England states and New York.

Older presented the medal for her saga of New World settlers, pirates and Puritans at the June 1st ceremony in New York. "Independent authors and publishers are the conscience of our culture," said Director Jim Barnes.

The 2007 Independent Publisher Book Award spotlights regional books judged on "quality and regional significance." Overall, 688 fiction and nonfiction regional books were submitted from across the U.S. and Canada.

A total of 1,510 independent and university publishers in the U.S., Canada and 18 countries overseas submitted 3,378 book entries in a range of categories in the Michigan-based Independent Publisher group.

This Desired Place is available at bookstores, through Baker & Taylor Book Distributor and directly from www.appledorebooks.com.

LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The New Hampshire Library Trustees Association presented the Librarian of the Year Award to Margaret Marschner, Director of the Conway Public Library. Family, friends, co-workers and supporters gathered at the library for a special reception and ceremony on June 7th, 2007 to celebrate Marschner's receiving the award. The event included speakers who had worked with Marschner over the course of her nearly 37 year career at the library. A plaque and words of congratulations from the NHLTA were presented by Association officers Lillian Edelman, President, Elisabeth Ives, Director, and Tom Wallace, Treasurer. A commendation from Governor Lynch was read by Michael York, State Librarian, who also spoke of how Marschner is respected for her work on the state level as well as in her community.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CONNECTION PARTICIPATES IN
"OPERATION: MILITARY KIDS" PROJECT**

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The Family Resource Connection (FRC) of the N.H. State Library is a collaborative effort of the New Hampshire Departments of Health & Human Services, Education, and the New Hampshire State Library. For the past 11 years, FRC has served the needs of New Hampshire's children and their families, by means of providing information, referrals, and other resources for support. The Family Resource Connection is a friendly, specialized service for all New Hampshire families, caregivers, educators, and other professionals who need assistance relating to the care, education and welfare of children - particularly those with special needs.

FRC is currently participating in an outreach project coordinated through the UNH Cooperative Extension 4H Youth Development. The project, *Operation: Military Kids* (OMK) is designed to support "suddenly military" youth and families of the National Guard and Reserves.

The goal of this project is to offer supports for families that have members deployed away from home on military assignments. The children of these families have unique needs for special supports and services even though they still participate in their local community. FRC is partnering with other agencies, such as: UNH 4H, Youth Development Partners, Army Reserves, American Legion, the spiritual community, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Plus Time NH, etc.

Each of the partners has been encouraged to create programs which serve the unique needs of military kids and their families before, during, and after family members are deployed. FRC is choosing to expand its collection of materials to include a focus on families dealing with specific issues relating to deployment. FRC has a free lending library of over 5,000 books, videos, kits, etc. relating to all types of family issues - parenting, mental health, behavior issues, school concerns, chronic illness, grief and loss to name just a few. Materials are available for loan to New Hampshire residents, which are mailed, free of charge (upon request) with a postage-paid return mailer. FRC also has a variety of handouts for parents and relatives who are caring for military children.

If you know anyone from New Hampshire with a family member who is deployed, give us a call or share on New Hampshire toll-free number 1-800-298-4321 (NH only). Feel free to contact us anytime if you have questions about our program, or if you would like to borrow materials to help family members cope with family issues during deployment.

CONTACT US - WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

FREE - to any New Hampshire library - *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, Volumes 20-65 (1961-2006), unbound, nearly complete run. Will consider requests for specific issues. Contact Bill Copeley, N.H. Historical Society, bcopeley@nhhistory.org, or call (603) 856-0641.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE WINNERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND PROJECT

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For most public libraries in New Hampshire, being a beneficiary to a trust fund is like winning a lottery - it seems to happen to those who are "lucky" or already "have a lot of money." In case you haven't heard, 2007 is a lucky year for ALL New Hampshire public libraries - thanks to the generosity of New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund (NHCTF).

This year, NHCTF is celebrating 20 years of "keeping [NH's] children safe and families strong" by providing resources for communities to prevent child abuse and neglect. NHCTF believes the key to keeping children safe is by supporting parents. With this goal in mind, NHCTF has launched a statewide *"Strengthening Families in Community Libraries Project."*

The objective of the *Community Libraries Project (CLP)* is to provide essential information about parenting, managing day-to-day stress, nutrition, fitness, child behavior, and child development to each of the public libraries in New Hampshire. Bearing in mind that most communities have a public library, NHCTF hopes to strengthen the 160,000 New Hampshire families with children by providing parenting resources in a publicly accessible location - the public library.

Each New Hampshire public library will receive a portable rack with selected parenting resources, including information from community and statewide family support organizations, as well as other recommended parenting materials. In addition, each public library will be given a 12-volume set of the nationally acclaimed *I Am Your Child* parenting DVD series produced by Rob Reiner, intended for use according to the needs of each local community.

Tiles in the *I Am Your Child* Parenting DVD series include:

- A Child with Special Needs
- The First Years Last Forever
- Preparing for Parenthood
- Quality Child Card
- Ready to Learn
- Your Healthy Baby
- Discipline: Teaching Limits with Love
- Food and Fitness Matter: Raising Health, Active Kids!
- Stop Smoking Now
- To Be A Father
- Why Early Childhood Manners

NHCTF's goal is to connect a sponsor and a local agency (or individual) to collaborate with each public library. As of June 2007, 73 libraries have received sponsorships for the *Community Libraries Project*. NHCTF hopes to raise enough money to sponsor all of New Hampshire's public libraries by December 2008. The following New Hampshire businesses and foundations are contributing sponsors:

- *Verizon Foundation*
- *Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation*
- *Bank of America*
- *Fidelity Investments*
- *Saul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation*
- *Merrimack County Savings Bank*
- *First Colebrook Bank*

New Hampshire families and public libraries are not the only beneficiaries of NHCTF's 20-year anniversary celebration - future generations will also profit from NCTF's *Community Libraries Project*. A collective note of admiration and gratitude should echo through New Hampshire's public libraries for the dedication and commitment of NHCTF and their mission of "keeping children safe and families strong." Parents and relatives will benefit from the gifts of parenting resources and supports, which will in turn directly influence their children. The enhanced exposure of families to community resources - in particular public libraries - will open the proverbial "door to literacy," and be cause for celebration throughout New Hampshire's communities.

For questions or additional information about the *Community Libraries Project*, contact: Diane Hastings, Special Projects Director or Karen Carpenter, Executive Director, New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund, 95 North State Street, Suite 3, Concord, N.H. 03301, or call (603) 224-1279, info@nhctf.org; www.nctf.org.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

NEWS FROM

CONCORD - Concord Reads is the "one community, one book" program supported by the Concord Public Library Foundation, the *Concord Monitor* and the Concord Public Library.

For this sixth year of the program, we're asking Concord to read the non-fiction book *Nickel and Dime* by journalist Barbara Ehrenreich. New Hampshire is gearing up for the presidential primaries, and one of the main issues for 2008 will be how regular folks make ends meet. Ms. Ehrenreich went undercover and lived for a year as a low-income worker, and wrote about her experiences in the bestselling *Nickel and Dime*.

The Reads committee is planning several programs for this fall culminating in a gala event with Barbara Ehrenreich herself, who will come to Concord on November 8th to talk about her book and take questions from the community. You may follow our progress in planning these events at the Concord Public Library website: www.onconcord.com/library.

*submitted by Virginia Babczak
Concord Public Library*

LINCOLN - The Lincoln Public Library is located on Church Street in Lincoln, N.H. Check out our books, magazines, and movie selection. Learn about the great tools we offer, especially computers, wireless Internet, and brand-new downloadable books from the Internet and MP3 players. Take part in one of our many program events, including Book Discussion Groups, Game Nights, Summer Reading Programs for adults, as well as children, and Cultural Arts Events, as well as many other events. We also have a yearly Plant Sale on Memorial Day at Soldier's Park in North Woodstock, as well as a Book and Bake Sale at the library on Saturday, July 14th and all proceeds go to financing most of the library's programs. The library brings cultural enrichment programs to all adults and families in the community.

*submitted by Joanne Nichols
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PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY WINS NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD!

by Nancy Ladd, Library Director
Pillsbury Free Library, Warner

The Trustees and staff of the Pillsbury Free Library, Warner are excited and proud that the N.H. Library Trustees' Association (NHLTA) has chosen the Pillsbury Free Library to receive this year's Library of the Year Award.

The Award judging is based on: expansion and improvement in services; enhanced services to a previously underserved part of the community; partnering with other community organizations and libraries; proven value to the community measured by the relationship and support of town officials and the majority of the community; and membership in NHLTA and the N.H. Library Association.

Fred Creed, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees, said "Winning this award is thanks in large part to the many people and organizations in Warner that have shown their support with donations and votes over the years." He gave as examples the many contributions over the years by the Warner Woman's Club, Warner Men's Club, Fall Foliage Festival, Inc., individuals, and Warner businesses, as well as the support of voters and officials at Town meeting when the library needed an addition, and later, an air conditioning system.

Library Director Nancy Ladd agreed, and added that the support of the Library Board of Trustees and volunteers for the many new projects and activities was an essential part of the library's success in providing quality service. "We also have a dedicated group to staff members who are always willing to learn new skills, and who come up with many ideas for improving service," she added.

Other elements that may have helped make the Warner library the winning entry include the ever-growing adult tutoring program, numerous story times provided for local preschool organizations, the range of technology available for the public such as computers and wireless Internet access, improved programming for teens and adults, and a collection which keeps pace with changing mediums (such as DVDs) and styles (such as graphic novels). The most recent example of this is the new subscription to free downloadable audio books for Warner residents.

"You have much to be proud of with all of the accomplishments made by your library," said NHLTA President Lillian Edelmann in her letter notifying the Board of the Award decision. "The Committee was indeed very impressed with your nomination materials, and could feel the pride." The Trustees heartily thank former Trustee Carol McCausland for writing the nomination narrative, and for suggesting the submission of the Pillsbury Free Library for consideration for this annual Award.

A formal public acceptance of the Award will take place in September at a special event with readings by Warner Authors.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Muriel J. Brown, 82, of Agassiz Street, passed away on Saturday, June 16th, at Littleton Regional Hospital. She was the third child of William and Mildred Jobin and was born at Littleton Hospital on June 5, 1925.

Having been brought up in Bethlehem and residing there for most of her 82 years, she could always be counted on to come up with a name or recall a memory. Her community was important to her, and to that community she gave much time and talent. Her services included being a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader, a member of Star Rebekah Lodge #84, a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service at Durrell Methodist Church, the Bethlehem Ski Club, PTA, Bethlehem Heritage Society, Bethlehem Redevelopment Association, Bethlehem Women's Civic Club and the Bethlehem Alumni Association. After retirement, she became a Littleton Regional Hospital volunteer in the Medical Library.

Outside of her immediate family her two greatest passions were the church and the library. She spent countless hours making sure the church fulfilled its mission of being a house pure in heart with open arms and a helping hand for all. She was the town librarian for 33 years, retiring at the age of 79. She always made sure the library had the newest books on the shelves and every nook and cranny had something of interest on it. She often delivered books to those who could not come to the library and looked forward to the return of the summer visitors.

She was predeceased by brothers, William R. Jobin and Willard Jobin; and a sister, Dorothea Adams.

Her family was her pride and joy. She celebrated their accomplishments with joy and was proud of their individual personalities and talents. Her family includes her loving husband of 63 years, Floyd Brown; their children, a sister of Reno, Nev.; a brother, of Yerrington, Nev.; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, one may contribute to Durrell Memorial United Methodist Church, Bethlehem Public Library, North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency or Pastoral Care at Littleton Hospital.

A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, June 21st, at 11 a.m., at the Durrell United Methodist Church in Bethlehem, with Rev. Richard Hanson officiating.

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