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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN...On December 13, 2007, Robert Finlay of Peterborough, N.H. held a press conference at the N.H. State Library to announce that he was mounting a challenge to New Hampshire libraries to increase membership in the next year. The challenge comes from Mr. Finlay's desire to get the public to understand the importance libraries play in our society and to provide resources to libraries to fulfill their mission.

Mr. Finlay is focusing on cultural organizations in New Hampshire, libraries, museums, and historical societies, to encourage them to increase their membership over the next year. All libraries are eligible; a simple application form supplied by the Robin & Karin Finlay Foundation is available from the State Library. Copies of the application were sent to all public library directors in New Hampshire the week of December 10th.

Following the press conference, Mr. Finlay and his wife Karin hosted a lunch in Concord to provide any additional information about the program that the assembled cultural organizations needed. The State Library appreciated Mr. Finlay's initiative and are anxious to work with him and the staff of the foundation to assist libraries that are interested in applying for the award. We hope that all New Hampshire libraries will take the challenge to increase membership and develop new ways to attract patrons. If you have questions about the program, please contact me at the State Library at (603) 271-2397 or via e-mail at michael.york@dcr.nh.gov.

-Michael York, State Librarian

LANGDON PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED GRANT BY CHILDREN'S LITERACY FOUNDATION

submitted by Scott Campbell, Director
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On November 28, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. children at Newington Elementary School were treated with a formal presentation of new books, featuring the storytelling of Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Executive Director Duncan McDougall. The storytelling presentation is part of a larger donation awarded to the Langdon Public Library, including a collection of brand-new children's books valued at around \$2,000.

This grant is part of CLiF's Rural Library Sponsorship Program, which awards support to 12 rural libraries statewide in New Hampshire and Vermont each year. This program was started in 1998 in an effort to boost the children's book collections of small libraries with the hope that increased exposure to great books and inspiring storytelling will go a long way toward improving children's literacy across the Twin States.

"The local public library is the primary source of books for thousands of children who live in rural communities," explains McDougall. "Unfortunately, due to shrinking budgets and rising book costs, many of these libraries possess only limited collections of children's books, and what volumes they own are often falling apart from over-use or are out-of-date." Langdon's new books were chosen by the library director, Scott Campbell, from the CLiF booklist, a list that includes nearly 700 titles - classics, Caldecott and Newbery award winners, recent titles, and a wide selection of books by local authors and illustrators.

CLiF is a non-profit organization founded in 1998. Its mission is to nurture a love of reading and writing among children throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. Through 12 successful literacy programs CLiF will touch the lives of more than 10,000 young readers and writers across the Twin States this year.

CLiF does not receive any federal or state funds for its programs. It relies solely on the generosity of individuals, local companies and foundations. If you would like to find out more about CLiF, or make a donation, please visit our website at www.clifonline.org or contact CLiF Executive Director, Duncan McDougall. He may be reached at: 1536 Loomis Hill Road, Waterbury Center, VT, 05677; (802) 244-0944; or by e-mail childrens.literacy@verizon.net

THE FLUME: NH TEEN READERS' CHOICE AWARD

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Please help the Flume Committee select the next Flume Award Nomination list for 2009. If you are a reader of teen books, please add your comments to the Flume wiki. The wiki lists the titles suggested by teen readers. You may access the wiki by visiting the Flume website at <http://www.nashualibrary.org/YALS/Flume.htm>.

You may also find an order form for a Flume poster on the Flume website. The poster is a great way to publicize the Flume Award!

MERRIMACK LIBRARIAN RECOGNIZED BY PEERS

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Ellen Knowlton, the Head of Reference and Adult Services at the Merrimack Public Library, was presented with the READS Award of Excellence on October 26, 2007. READS is the Reference and Adult Services Section of the N.H. Library Association. The READS Award of Excellence is given once a year and recognizes outstanding service to library users.

Knowlton's main responsibilities include answering questions and assisting the public in locating and interpreting library resources. She is responsible for maintaining the library's Nonfiction, Reference and Periodical collections and for planning many of the evening programs, too. Her commitment to providing the Merrimack residents (library users) with the highest quality customer service was one of the many factors on which the award was made.

Before joining the staff of the Merrimack Public Library, Knowlton's career spanned 30 years across several towns in southern New Hampshire. Previously she has served as a Technical Services Librarian at the Leach Library in Londonderry, as the Assistant Director in the Peterborough Town Library, and as Director of both the Derry and Exeter Public Libraries.

For more information about this or other library programs, please contact the library at (603) 424-5021 or visit their website at www.merrimack.lib.nh.us.

UPCOMING CONSERVATION / PRESERVATION GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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1. IMLS Connecting to Collections bookshelf
Offered by Institute of Museums and Library Services
Deadline: March 1, 2008
<http://www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf/ConnectingtoCollectionsBookshelfApplicationquestions.htm>
2. Moose License Plate Conservation Grants
Offered by New Hampshire State Library
Deadline: March 31, 2008
<http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/services/librarians/moose/index.html>
3. Public Library Preservation Planning Workshops
Offered by New Hampshire State Library
Workshop Dates: February 12, 2008 and March 25, 2008
<http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/index.html>
4. Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions
Offered by National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: May 15, 2008
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK COLUMN

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Ahern, Maureen and Paul Tuller. **NEW HAMPSHIRE SUMMER COLONIES: DUBLIN AND CORNISH**. Blue Tree, Portsmouth, N.H. 2007 \$20.00 ISBN 9780979201493

The authors, art experts residing in Dublin, have produced a small art book about the two famous art colonies that thrived in New Hampshire about 100 years ago. The book includes many color reproductions of the works of members of the Dublin and Cornish art colonies.

Albert, John-Michael, editor. **THE 2008 POETS' GUIDE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE**. Poetry Society of New Hampshire, Dover, N.H. 2007 \$20.00 ISBN 9780972416726

An anthology of 200 poems about the state of New Hampshire from poets scattered across the country, writing both currently and for the past 200 years.

Baker, Emerson W. **THE DEVIL OF GREAT ISLAND: WITCHCRAFT AND CONFLICT IN EARLY NEW ENGLAND**. Palgrave Macmillan, New York, N.Y. 2007 \$24.95 ISBN 9781403972071

In 1682, before the infamous Salem (MA) witchcraft hysteria and trials, the New Hampshire town of Great Island (now New Castle) was the site of strange and frightening events attributed to witches.

Baker, Julie. **THE BREAD AND ROSES STRIKE OF 1912**. Morgan Reynolds, Greensboro, N.C. 2007 \$27.95 ISBN 9781599350448

A history of the labor strike that took place in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1912, bringing attention to the horrible working conditions of poor factory laborers, especially children. Written for a middle school age readership by the Amherst, N.H. author.

Baker, Roberta. **OLIVE'S FIRST SLEEPOVER**. Little, Brown and Company, New York, N.Y. 2007 \$16.99 ISBN 9780316734189

This is the fourth children's picture book about the adventures of Olive, a precocious young girl. This is Olive's first time away from home overnight, at her friend Lizard's house. Author Baker lives in Tilton, N.H.

Berube, Paul D. **TRAIL'S END POETRY: LESSONS IN LIFE**. PublishAmerica, Baltimore, MD. 2007 \$14.95 ISBN 1424180090

This is Berube's first book of poetry, reflecting on his life experiences as a firefighter, soldier, husband, and father. The author lives in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Brandon, Craig. **MONADNOCK: MORE THAN A MOUNTAIN**. Surry Cottage Books, Keene, N.H. 2007 \$24.95 ISBN 9780979506710

Brandon, a journalist, lives in Surry, N.H., in view of Mount Monadnock. The popular mountain has inspired this book incorporating history, art and literature about the mountain.

Carlson-Bradley, Martha. **SEASON WE CAN'T RESIST: POEMS**. WordTech Editions, Cincinnati, OH. 2007 \$17.00 ISBN 9781933456638

Hillsborough poet and editor Carlson-Bradley has written this small collection of poems. She received the Individual Artist Fellowship from the New Hampshire Council on the Art in 2005.

Cezanne, Jeannette. **OPEN YOUR HEART WITH GEOCACHING: MASTERING LIFE THROUGH LOVE OF EXPLORATION.** DreamTime Publishing, Las Vegas, NV. 2007 \$14.95 ISBN 97816019660046'

Cezanne, a New Hampshire resident, extols the positive virtues of the new hobby of geocaching, a version of treasure hunting and exploration using a GPS unit.

Clark, Edie. **SATURDAY BEANS AND SUNDAY SUPPERS: KITCHEN STORIES FROM MARY'S FARM.** Powersbridge Press, Peterborough N.H. 2007 418.95 ISBN 0971993459

Clark is a long time columnist for the venerable *Yankee Magazine* who lives in Dublin, N.H. This collection of warm, nostalgic essays is focused on the power of food, with recipes for comfort food included.

Clarkson, Stephen. **PATRIOT'S REWARD.** Peter E. Randall Publisher, Portsmouth, N.H. 2007 \$24.05 ISBN 9781931807562

Rye resident Clarkson has penned a historical novel set in colonial Portsmouth in 1755. Young hero Will Clarkson is a slave who becomes caught up in the colony's struggle for independence.

Cleland, Jane K. **DEADLY APPRAISAL.** St. Martin's, Minotaur, N.Y. 2007 \$23.95 ISBN 9780312343668

Second mystery novel about Josie Prescott, a New York transplant now running an antiques business in a New Hampshire seacoast community. She helps solve a murder that took place during a gala event she hosted. Cleland formerly owned an antiques store in Portsmouth.

Freedman, James O. **FINDING THE WORDS: THE EDUCATION OF JAMES O. FREEDMAN.** Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J. 2007 \$29.95 ISBN 9780691129273

A memoir of the first 27 years of life of Freedman, the 15th president of Dartmouth College. He grew up in Manchester, N.H. and died of cancer in 2006.

Hall, Donald. **EAGLE POND.** Houghton Mifflin, Boston, MA. 2007 \$14.95 ISBN 9780618839346

Hall was the former 14th Poet Laureate of the United States, and also New Hampshire's poet laureate. This book gathers all of his writings about Eagle Pond Farm, his ancestral home and long time residence. Several previously uncollected pieces are included.

Hastings, Honey. **THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVORCE HANDBOOK.** Amoskeag Press, Temple, N.H. 2007 \$24.00 ISBN 9781893421011

Attorney Hastings specializes in divorce issues and has published the second edition of her guide to the basics of New Hampshire divorce law and related topics such as child support, taxes, alimony, etc.

Hebert, Ernest and Jon Gilbert Fox. **NEW HAMPSHIRE PATTERNS.** University Press of New England, Hanover, N.H. 2007 \$35.00 ISBN 9781584655251

New Hampshire novelist Hebert has written ten essays about New Hampshire politics, fishing, yard sales, and much more about life in our state. Accompanying photos by Fox highlight the beauty and variety of everyday life in New Hampshire.

Higgins, Matthew. **JOSEPH EMERSON WORCESTER: A DISTINGUISHED AND GRACIOUS NEW ENGLAND LEXICOGRAPHER.** Duncross Brooks, Concord, N.H. 20007 \$14.00 ISBN 9780979486098

Former New Hampshire State Librarian Higgins has penned a biography of Worcester, who was born in Bedford, N.H. Worcester's *Dictionary of the English Language* (1860) was a serious rival to Noah Webster's dictionary.

Jarvis, Kimberly A. **FRANCONIA NOTCH AND THE WOMEN WHO SAVED IT**. University Press of New England, Hanover, N.H. 2007 \$25.95. ISBN 9781584656272

In the 1920s a battle erupted between the lumber companies and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests over the future of the Franconia Notch region. In 1928 the Franconia Notch Forest Reservation was created, due in large measure to the efforts of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Key Foundation, Inc. **WAH-TUT-CA SCOUT RESERVATION** (Images of America series). Arcadia Publishing, Charleston, S.C. 2007 \$19.99 ISBN 9780738549781

A photographic history compiled by former staffers of a Boy Scout summer camp first opened in Northwood in 1937.

Kumin, Maxine. **STILL TO MOW: POEMS**. W.W. Norton & Co., New York, N.Y. 2007 \$23.95 ISBN 9780393065497

This is Kumin's 16th collection of poems. Kumin, a Warner resident, is a Pulitzer Prize winner and is a former Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress.

Laine, Kristen. **AMERICAN BAND: MUSIC, DREAMS, AND COMING OF AGE IN THE HEARTLAND**. Gotham Books, New York, N.Y. 2007 \$26.00. ISBN 9781592403196

New Hampshire journalist (and former high school band member) Laine returns to her home state of Indiana to chronicle a season of the championship Concord High School marching band in Elkhart.

Laufman, Dudley. **WALKING STICKS**. Beech River Books, Center Ossipee, N.H. 2007 \$18.00 ISBN 9780979377822

Canterbury resident Laufman may be better known as a musician and country dance caller, but he is also an accomplished poet, as evidenced by this collection of poetry.

McLeish, Todd. **GOLDEN WINGS AND HAIRY TOES: ENCOUNTERS WITH NEW ENGLAND'S MOST IMPERILED WILDLIFE**. University Press of New England, Hanover, N.H. 2007 \$26.00 ISBN 9781584656265

The author shadowed experts around New England in preparation for these profiles of fourteen of New England's rarest plants and animals. Included are the golden-winged warbler, the Indiana bat (hairy toes) and Concord's Karner Blue Butterfly.

Michelson, Richard. **TUTTLE'S RED BARN: THE STORY OF AMERICA'S OLDEST FAMILY FARM**. G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, N.Y. 2007 \$16.99 ISBN 9780399243547

A charming picture book about still existing farm started by John Tuttle of Dover in 1632. Illustrated by Vermont artist and Caldecott Medal winner Mary Azarian.

Peters, Robin Ann. **NASHUA: THEN AND NOW**. Arcadia Publishing, Portsmouth, N.H. 2006 \$19.99 ISBN 0738539015

A series of historic and contemporary photographs contrasting the bustling Nashua of today with its historic counterpart.

Porter, Jane Molloy. **FRIENDLY EDIFICES: PISCATAQUA LIGHTHOUSES AND OTHER AIDES TO NAVIGATION 1771-1939**. Peter E. Randall Publisher for Portsmouth Marine Society, Portsmouth, N.H. 2006 \$35.00 ISBN 0915819368

An extensive history, well illustrated, of the five lighthouses in this area of New Hampshire and Maine. Construction details are included. Porter is a Portsmouth resident and former Keeper of the Portsmouth Athenaeum.

Robinson, Jeremy. **ANTARKTOS RISING**. Breakneck Books Publishing Company, Barrington, N.H. 2007 \$14.99. ISBN 9780979692901

New Hampshire novelist and screenwriter has written a science fiction novel about a global catastrophe that results in Antarctica becoming a new Eden and the last hope for the survival of mankind.

Rogers, Barbara Radcliffe and Stillman Rogers. **OFF THE BEATEN PATH: NEW HAMPSHIRE: A GUIDE TO UNIQUE PLACES**. Insiders' Guide, Guilford, CT. 2007 \$14.95 ISBN 978/0762740543

Seventh edition of an alternative travel guide to destinations throughout the state that the typical tourist might not visit.

Rule, Rebecca. **COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE: TRUE STORIES, EMBELLISHMENTS, AND OUTRIGHT LIES**. Plaidswede Publishing, Concord, N.H. 2006 \$15.95 ISBN 9780975521670

Author and humorist Rule has compiled this collection of her mostly true, and always funny, stories of New Hampshire rural life and characters.

Scaramelli, Richard A. **SURRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE: A TWENTIETH-CENTURY HISTORY, 1920-2000**. Peter E. Randall Publisher, Portsmouth, N.H. 2006 \$30.00 ISBN 1931807434

A history of the town of Surry from the end of World War I, when there were 200 residents, to the present day. The town population is still under 1,000, but it is one of the wealthiest towns in the state. The author is a former professor and administrator at Keene State College and lives in Swanzey.

Silva, Don. **BLACK KESTREL: A STORY OF MADEIRA**. Booklocker.com, Bangor, ME. 2006 \$15.95 ISBN 9781601450227

This is a fictional account of the author's ancestral homeland, the island of Madeira. The protagonist is a young man fighting tyranny in 18th century Madeira. Silva taught writing at the University of New Hampshire.

Simic, Charles. **MEMORY PIANO**. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 2006 \$55.00 ISBN 9780472099405

Collected essays on the topic of poetry by acclaimed New Hampshire poet Simic. Simic is a UNH professor of English, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and current U.S. Poet Laureate.

Smith, Steven D. **MOUNT CHOCORUA: A GUIDE AND HISTORY**. Bondcliff Books, Littleton, N.H. 2006 \$14.95 ISBN 1931271208

A comprehensive book covering geography, natural history, history, and hiking one of New Hampshire's most scenic mountains.

Sullivan, Michael. **ESCAPADE JOHNSON AND MAYHEM AT MOUNT MOOSILAUKE**. Big Guy Books, Inc., Carlsbad, CA. 2006 \$3.95 ISBN 1929945701

Sullivan, a former New Hampshire librarian, has written an adventure story to appeal to young boys. Our hero, Escapade, takes a field trip with his 5th grade class to Mt. Moosilauke where he encounters a bear.

Sweet, Ken. **CLEAN**. E.K. Sweet 2 lulu.com. 2006 \$14.99 ISBN 9781411696013

A semi-autobiographical first novel by a New Hampshire native who resides in Laconia. The story revolves around Benjamin Whyte who is on a spiritual quest.

Vancelette, Carl. **THE ELUSIVE MASTERPOINT**. Vivisphere Publishing, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 2006 \$18.00 ISBN 9781587761591

Author Vancelette, of Barrington, is a Bronze Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League. This memoir traces his life playing bridge and pursuing his goal of excellence.

Velie, Dianalee. **THE MANY ROADS TO PARADISE.** Rock Village Publishing, Middleborough, MA. 2006 \$16.00 ISBN 0976635666

This is the third collection of poetry by this Newbury poet and playwright. She has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize.

Volk, Joyce Geary, editor. **THE WARNER HOUSE: A RICH AND COLORFUL HISTORY.** The Warner House Association, Portsmouth, N.H. 2006 \$25.00 ISBN 0974089516

This beautiful history of a historic home built in Portsmouth in 1716 covers three centuries of drama, from its construction by a wealthy merchant, to threatened demolition in 1932, and eventual rescue by the Warner House Association.

Wagner, Joyce. **RANDOM OVERTHOUGHTS.** Plaidswede Publishing, Concord, N.H. 2006 \$18.95 ISBN 97809755216637

A collection of humorous columns by journalist Wagner, who lives in Orange, N.H. and Martha's Vineyard.

Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society. **WAKEFIELD AND BROOKFIELD** (Images of America). Arcadia Publishing, Portsmouth, N.H. 2006 \$19.99 ISBN 9738544795

A collection of historic illustrations representing the history of two small towns in the Lakes Region.

Wallner, Peter A. **FRANKLIN PIERCE: MARTYR FOR THE UNION.** Plaidswede Publishing, Concord, N.H. 2007 \$31.95. ISBN 9780979078422

Volume two of a comprehensive new biography of New Hampshire's only U.S. President. This volume covers Pierce's troubled presidency, his post-presidential years and his opposition to the Civil War. Wallner lives in New Hampshire and is Library Director for the N.H. Historical Society.

Wanzer, Paula. **SURF'S UP FOR FLYNN: HOW A YOUNG GIRL WITH AUTISM SWIMS THROUGH HER FEAR PLUS TEACHING STRATEGIES THAT PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES.** One Step Further, Meredith, N.H. 2006 \$11.95 ISBN 0977845907

A photobook illustrating an autistic child's progress in learning to swim. The book includes techniques for professionals to use. The author is a certified therapeutic recreation specialist in New Hampshire.

WELL...WHAT'S ALL THAT DRILLING ABOUT? American Ground Water Trust, Concord, N.H. 2007 \$7.95 ISBN 9781597660198

An instructional picture book about drilling for well water, with charming illustrations by a talented New Hampshire high school student (Rachel Pender).

Williams, Ann Joslin. **THE WOMAN IN THE WOODS: LINKED STORIES.** Eastern Washington University Press, Spokane, WA. 2007 \$14.95 ISBN 9781597660198

Inter-related stories set in New Hampshire where the author, daughter of author Thomas Williams, grew up. Williams is the winner of the 2005 Spokane Prize for Short Fiction.

Williams, Lois. **RELIGION AT THE ISLES OF SHOALS: ANGLICANS, PURITANS, MISSIONARIES, UUS (UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS), AND UCCS (UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST).** Peter E. Randall Publisher, Portsmouth, N.H. 2006 ISBN 0974241407

The author, a regular visitor to Star Island, traces the 400 year religious history of the islands from the first British fisherman who sold fish back to England to the present.

Wilson, Fred. **SO MUCH TROUBLE IN THE WORLD-BELIEVE IT OR NOT!** Hood Museum of Art, distributed by University Press of New England, Hanover, N.H. 2006 \$24.95 ISBN 0944722318

Wilson is an American contemporary artist known for rearranging museum collections in unusual ways. This is the exhibit catalog for his work at the Hood Museum.

Wood, Paula Casey. **THE BAREFOOT FARMER OF PAWTUCKAWAY: THE STORY OF GEORGE GOODRICH.** Publishing Works, Exeter, N.H. 2007 \$9.95 ISBN 9781933002347

Around 1910, Goodrich was one of the last farmers in the Raymond, N.H. area. This book, appropriate for children, is history, illustrated with period photos. The author is a former teacher and New Hampshire resident.

Wooster, Chuck, editor. **THE OUTSIDE STORY: LOCAL WRITERS EXPLORE THE NATURE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Northern Woodlands, Corinth, VT. 2006 \$19.95 ISBN 0978659902

Collected essays on the natural history of the neighboring states, including coyotes, sugar maples, porcupines and other topics. The essays are by a variety of authors, including Ted Levin, Michael Caduto and others.

Zwicker, Roxie J. **HAUNTED PORTSMOUTH: SPIRITS AND SHADOWS OF THE PAST.** Haunted America, Charleston, S.C. 2007 \$17.99. ISBN 9781596292338

A brief tour guide to some of Portsmouth's "haunted" sites.

CHILIS

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CHILIS Librarian of the Year Award ~ Do you know an outstanding children's librarian? If you do, then nominate her/him for the CHILIS Librarian of the Year Award, a new award developed by the CHILIS Board. Find more information as well as the nomination form on the CHILIS website at www.chilish.org.

Stephanie Piro, illustrator and staff member at the Goodwin Library, Farmington, has created a colorful, lively artwork for the N.H. Summer Reading Program 2008 *G'Day for Reading*. Librarians can find order forms for printed materials on the CHILIS website at www.chilish.org. All New Hampshire public libraries will receive a free manual and poster. Bookmarks, reading logs, certificates, and additional manuals and posters may be purchased by sending an order to Amy Lappin at the Lebanon Public Library. The deadline for printed materials orders is **Friday, February 15, 2008**. T-shirt orders will be announced at a later date.

CHILIS Spring Conference ~ The CHILIS Spring Conference is scheduled for **Thursday, March 27, 2008** at Southern N.H. University, Manchester. The conference features the Kids, Books and the Arts 2008 showcase. Librarians will have the opportunity to see the ten artists chosen by the N.H. Summer Reading Committee for their thematic, lively programs for kids. The KBA Roster includes musicians, magicians, storytellers and live animal presenters who have all developed programs related to the *G'Day for Reading* summer reading theme. Watch the CHILIS website for more details about the conference.

Kids, Books and the Arts 2008 grant application ~The Kids, Books and the Arts 2008 grant application for public libraries will be available in early March and will be due on **Friday, April 11, 2008**. These grants are given to libraries that need financial assistance in bringing a Kids, Books and the Arts presenter to their communities during the N.H. Summer Reading program. For more information, contact Ann Hoey at ann.hoey@dcr.nh.gov.

CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY ACQUIRES NEW VIEW

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Library patrons can now enjoy a giant reproduction of a familiar local scene as they visit the library's recent addition. A photomural just installed in the stairway landing depicts a view painted in 1851 by J.F. Kensett, one of the prominent members of the "White Mountain School" of artists. It shows a gentle hillside in the foreground, with North Conway village and the intervale beyond, and Mount Washington at the head of the valley, with Cathedral Ledge at the left. The original oil painting is a bit more than 5 feet wide and 3 feet tall; it is now owned by Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

The Mount Washington Valley first became known across the U.S. when a steel-engraved copy of the painting was issued through the American Art-Union in 1851 and distributed to its 13,000 subscribing members. The engraving is in black-and-white, and measures 10 x 7 inches. Other copies of this view were later issued by Currier and Ives and other publishers, further spreading awareness of the Valley.

Former library trustee Bruce Kennett first came up with the idea to reproduce this image at the library. He describes the library as the cultural center of the town, and felt it would be the perfect place to display this picture. The proposed mural was produced through the generosity of several local people and the support of the trustees. First Kennett approached local art collectors Ludwig and Dorothy Schiessl and asked if they would loan him their copy of the engraving for one day. He then hand-carried the print to Lunenburg, Vermont, where it was photographed on a special Leica art-reproduction machine and turned into a digital file. Next, Kennett designed the photomural to fill the wall space of the stairway, and had the mural produced on a gigantic inkjet printer. John Gotjen and Kennett carried out the installation. Kennett and Gotjen donated their services as a gift to the library and the town.

Although he is known primarily as a book designer, Kennett is also a photographer and exhibit designer. He creates large murals as a speciality, sometimes up to 50 feet long, for clients such as L.L. Bean, Boston College Law School, and the National Governors Association. A few years ago he created a panoramic view from the summit of Mount Washington, for installation in the Observatory's Museum on the summit. It is a backlit color transparency, 48 feet long and 4 feet high, covering 180 degrees of view from due west to due east, showing all of the northern Presidentials. Kennett also designed the Weather Discovery Room on the summit, with interactive exhibits to help visitors learn about moisture, temperature, wind speed, and other aspects of weather atop Mount Washington.



Director Margaret Marschner, of the Conway Public Library and the newest addition - a view painted in 1851 by J.F. Kensett, one of the prominent members of the "White Mountain School" of artists. It shows a gentle hillside in the foreground, with North Conway village and the intervale beyond, and Mount Washington at the head of the valley, with Cathedral Ledge at the left.

PRESERVATION PLANNING WORKSHOPS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Preservation Planning Workshops for Public Libraries: Assessing Your Institution's Preservation Needs are full-day workshops that will be held on February 12, 2008 in Andover, MA and March 25, 2008 in Lancaster, NH. They will be conducted by Donia Conn, field representative at the Northeast Document Conservation Center, www.nedcc.org in Andover, MA and are designed to help public library staff come to a better understanding of preservation problems they are likely to encounter in their institutions. The critical role of the environment (temperature, relative humidity, natural and artificial light, and pollutants) will be explored, along with storage and handling procedures that can extend the life expectancy of collections. The workshops are free, but you must register and are on a first come basis. To register go to **Preservation Planning Registration**. Funding for these workshops has been supplemented by LSTA funds.

CONNECTING TO COLLECTIONS BOOKSHELF

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Library Hotline, January 7, 2008

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the American Association for State and Local History will award a total of 2,000 free sets of the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf by the end of 2008. This permanent resource consists of 22 books, charts, online resources, bibliographic materials, and other materials essential for the care of collections; a User's Guide that describes each item and answers common questions about collections care; and a Guide to Online Resources (www.ims.gov/collections/resources) containing more than 250 links. Libraries and archives can apply to receive the next distribution of the IMLS Bookshelf at www.ims.gov/collections/bookshelf. The next application period fund from March 1, 2008 to April 15, 2008, with recipients announced in July 2008. Priority will be given to small institutions. Federally operated institutions, for-profit institutions, and libraries that do not hold special collections are not eligible.

Four New Hampshire institutions participated in the 2007 Connecting to Collections summit and have recently received free copies of the bookshelf, they include:

1. Portsmouth Public Library - Mary Ann List, Director
2. Laconia Public Library - Randy Brough, Director
3. N.H. State Library - Michael York, State Librarian
4. N.H. Department of Historical Resources - Russell Bastedo, State Curator

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

NEWS FROM

CONCORD - The Concord Reads Committee and the Concord Public Library completed another successful "One Book, One Community" series of events this fall focusing on *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Our programs this year included a book discussion led by educators Jennifer Leff and Bob Cowan, a program with Janny Scott and David Cay Johnston talking about their work on the *New York Times* 2005 series of articles "Class Matters," a panel discussion on local issues with Gary Hirshberg of Stoneyfield Farm, Rosemary Heard of CATCH and Maureen Beauregard of Families in Transition, and a visit by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Over 440 people attended the four programs, including over 250 who came to hear Barbara Ehrenreich speak at the Capitol Center for the Arts. Library copies of the book were checked out over 550 times this year. The committee received lots of very positive comments, with many saying *Nickel and Dimed* should be required reading for all high school students. Copies of the book will be donated to the State Library for the Book Bag Program.

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