



# GRANITE STATE LIBRARIES

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN...More than 25 years ago the State of New Hampshire embarked on a venture to automate the libraries in the State to improve libraries service. The key component to the automation was the New Hampshire Union Catalog, which enabled libraries to share materials by providing information on titles and holdings. The State Library has hosted the N.H. Union Catalog since the early 1930s and has facilitated interlibrary loans for more than 70 years. That role for the State Library has increased: The NHU-PAC has more than 1.8 million records and 7 million holdings; helping libraries share materials more easily. What the State automation has never done is to provide an option for smaller libraries to have an ILS (Integrated Library System) to cover circulation, acquisitions, serials control, etc. The larger libraries in the State, over time, acquired these systems, at their own expense. GMILCS has covered libraries in the Merrimack Valley with a system that is usable at the local level for more than 20 years.

As the State Library looks to a new system for NHU-PAC and Moose (the State Library's in-house system) a number of innovations are now possible that were not available the three other times we have brought a new online system. Traditionally, library automation has been the domain of a few large vendors: DYNIX (now SIRSI DYNIX) Innovative Interfaces, GAYLORD (now Polaris), DRA (merged with VTLS now defunct), LS2000 (Avatar bought by OCLC then dropped). As you can see, a pattern is appearing here. The ILS market has not been a particularly stable environment and in which some cases has caused real problems for customers. The N.H. State Library being one of these unfortunate victims in these shake-up mergers and dissolutions.

Some of the machinations that have befallen the automation vendors can be attributed to the maturation of the industry, others to the business environment extant during the 1980's, 90's and 00's, i.e., mergers and acquisitions frenzy, ruthless cost cutting, rapid growth in software and hardware development. These constant changes necessitated rapid product development in order to stay competitive.

The maturation of library automation has brought about opportunities that now must be carefully considered as organizations look to improve operations and service to library customers. A great change that needs to be looked at are the opportunities and challenges of open source software for library automation systems. The concept of open source software has been used by software developers for many years. Many see it as a way to improve the functionality of software by soliciting help in developments. In essence, a community of selfless geeks want to make things better for the users. There are a number of open source ILS projects underway currently; Evergreen, was developed by the Georgia Public Library Service and KOHA, which is now in America, but was developed by the Horowhenua Library Trust in New Zealand. Both Evergreen and KOHA use the GPL (General Public Licenses) to allow organizations and individuals to use the software free of any copyright charges. Many open source software initiatives such as Evergreen and KOHA are adopting "Copyleft" approach to software development. "Copyleft is a general program requiring all modifications and extended versions of the program to be free as well." The principal here is that if someone or an organization takes an open source program and changes or improves it, they can not charge for the improvements to the program. Recently, the libraries in Indiana that have adopted Evergreen modified the software to add a credit card module; this modification is now available to all who wish to use Evergreen.

If you are interested in learning more about KOHA, Evergreen, and Open Source Software, visit the following sites: [www.gnu.org](http://www.gnu.org); <http://open-ILS.org>; and [www.koha.org](http://www.koha.org).

-Michael York, State Librarian

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## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CHESHIRE COUNTY JOINS NHAIS**

taken from the  
*Newsletter Historical Society of Cheshire County*  
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The Historical Society of Cheshire County recently joined the N.H. State Library's New Hampshire Automated Information System (NHAIS) as the first step in a project to reclassify and computerize our research library catalog. This will allow the Society to use the statewide system to more easily computerize our catalog and to share information about our holdings through the automated system. Improved access to our collection is a central element of the Society's new strategic plan. Our registration as a NHAIS member will greatly enhance the efficiency of this project to share our collections with a wider audience.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK COLUMN**

by Dara Magnon, Reference Librarian  
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Foley, Eileen. **AGAIN, THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE.** Peter E. Randall, Publisher. LLC: Portsmouth, N.H., 2005. ISBN 1931807442

Eileen Foley is a lifelong resident of Portsmouth, N.H. She also served as the city's mayor for 8 terms, and writes for *The Voice*. This book is a compilation of her stories.

Healy, John M. and Muriel F. Healy. **COLD DARK WATER: AN ESCAPIST NOVEL OF ADVENTURE AND MYSTERY.** Trafford Publishing: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, 2007.

ISBN 97814251171717

John M. Healy is a retired State Police Lieutenant and currently is a private investigator. He and his wife Muriel own and operate Litigation Intelligence Services, LLC in their hometown of Warner, N.H.

Nelson, Arthur and Elmer. **TRUE TALES AND PRIZED PICTURES: THE 1890S PHOTOGRAPHS AND JOURNALS OF TWO NEW HAMPSHIRE BROTHERS. A 2006 WEEKLY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR.**

Arthur and Elmer were the oldest of four sons born in Goshen, N.H. They were raised in the historic "Gunnison House." In their teens they both enjoyed photography as a hobby. Many years later the photograph collection was found in the barn belonging to Arthur Nelson's son. The wonderful collection has been shared as part of a calendar.

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## **NICHOLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY UNVEILS LIBRARY MARQUEE**

by Jon Kinnaman, Director  
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The Nichols Memorial Library in Center Harbor unveiled its new marquee sign in June. It will be dedicated as a memorial to Barbara Benoit, who served as a trustee to the Library from 1988 to 2006. The sign displays seasonal hours of operation and provides a handsome public face to the Library. It was designed by Paquette Signs of Meredith. A formal dedication ceremony will take place on July 29<sup>th</sup>. In other news, Kim Anderson returns as our summer library assistant.

## VELLUCCI APPOINTED DEAN OF THE UNH LIBRARY

provided by *Friends of the Library Newsletter*

Tracey Lauder

University of New Hampshire, Durham



Dr. Sherry Vellucci, one of four finalist for the position of Dean of the University Library, joined the UNH community on February 1, 2008. Vellucci brings wealth of administrative expertise, as well as extensive experience in teaching, research, and curriculum development, along with leadership skills honed in national and international professional associations. Vellucci also brings a strong interest in the application of cutting-edge technology in the academic library environment and an understanding of Library 2.0 - a movement that places greater emphasis on user-centered technology and a more service-oriented approach to all aspects of library functions.

Most recently a full-time faculty member at Rutgers University's School of Communication, Information and Library Science, Vellucci also administered the Division of Library and Information Science at St. John's University (New York) - successfully leading the school through the ALA reaccreditation process - restructured the curriculum to include a concentration in Digital Libraries, and served on the Dean's Council, University Senate and the Liberal Arts Faculty Council. She was Director of the Library at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ where she administered the Main Library, Performance Collection, Media Center, College Archives and Special Collections. "While at Westminster, I learned the importance of building community - I established the Friends of the Library Group and worked closely with faculty to provide the collections and services to support their performances and scholarship," says Vellucci.

Vellucci received a Doctorate in Library Science from Columbia University, a Master of Science in Library Science from Drexel University and a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Rutgers University.

A productive scholar, Vellucci has published two books, eight book chapters, and more than 16 articles in such journals as *Library Resources & Technical Services*, *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, *Fontes Artis Musicae*, and the *ASIST Bulletin* "With strong ties to the New England area (I worked at the Cambridge Public Library, my parents retired to Hampton and my brother lived in Madbury, N.H. and South Berwick, and Eliot, Maine) I'm looking forward to returning to the Seacoast - an area where I already feel at home," says Vellucci. "I couldn't be more pleased with this appointment," said Provost Bruce Mallory. "Sherry will be an excellent dean and a valuable member of our community."

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## G'DAY FOR READING AT THE SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

by Debora Longo, Director

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For this summer's 8-week reading program, the children will be getting paper scoops of ice cream for every reading log they complete to fill up a two-foot paper ice cream cone (plain, not sugar) at the Front Desk. You might ask what does ice cream have to do with Australia? Why not koala bears in a eucalyptus tree or joeys in a kangaroo pouch? Well, did you know that Australians consume the largest amount of ice cream per capita of any other country in the world! What you learn when you're a librarian!

## **GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY RENAISSANCE FAIRE**

by Dianne Hathaway, Director  
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The Goffstown Public Library kicked off their 2008 Summer Reading Program, "Readers of the Round Table" on Saturday, June 28, 2008. Nearly 300 people attended our Renaissance Faire that was held adjacent to the library on the town common. The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) provided members in period clothing, demonstrations, activities, and music while the library provided "Earl of Sandwich" subs and beverages.



Even State Librarian, Michael York helped out by juggling for those in attendance!

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## **NEW HEAD OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AT MERRIMACK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Merrimack Public Library has a new Head of Children's Services - Jennifer Hartshorn stated at the library on June 23, 2008. She was Head of Youth Services at the Pembroke (MA) Public Library. Before that she had worked as a children's librarian and coordinator for children's services in Washington, D.C. She received her MLS from the University of Southern Mississippi. Jenn grew up in Concord, N.H. and is happy to be back working in New Hampshire.

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## **NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR AT LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

by Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Director  
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The Lane Memorial Library in Hampton has said good-bye to Catherine Redden who retired in June after 15 years of service and leadership. They welcomed Amanda Reynolds Cooper, former Director of the Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library in Epping to Lane Memorial as the new Director on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CONCORD READS -  
*ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE: A YEAR OF FOOD LIFE***

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

In this seventh year of Concord Reads, we're asking members of the Concord community to read the non-fiction book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by author Barbara Kingsolver, with Steven L. Hopp and Camille Kingsolver. In this book Kingsolver chronicles the year she and her family ate only locally produced food, much of which they grew or raised themselves. Her husband adds sidebars with factual information about topics touched upon in the book, and her college-age daughter provides family recipes for planning seasonal eating.

The Reads committee is planning several fall programs which will be free and open to the public. We will start off with an evening book discussion led by Suzanne Brown on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Concord Public Library Auditorium and a lunchtime brown bag book discussion on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. You may follow our progress in planning this year's events at the Concord Public Library website - [www.onconcord.com/library](http://www.onconcord.com/library).

We are excited to have several community partners planning complementary events. In addition, the Lincoln Financial Foundation has awarded the committee a grant to help fund the 2008 programs.

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**CHAUTAUQUA PERFORMANCES  
PETTICOAT PATRIOT: A WOMAN IN THE CONTINENTAL ARMY**

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In 1778, sixty dollars a year in gold was a tempting offer to army recruits. Deborah Samson Gannett thought so. She disguised herself as a man to join the Continental Army. What was she thinking, and how did she get away with it? Chat with this woman from the past! - Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Barrington Public Library. Those interested may stay for a discussion of the book, *Brave Enemies* by Robert Morgan. Copies will be available one month prior to the event at the library. This performance is paid for in part by a grant from the N.H. Humanities Council.

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**MEET MARY TODD LINCOLN!**

Enjoy a visit from Mary Todd Lincoln...you can learn about her life and chat with her about the times she lived! Those interested may stay for a discussion of the book *The Emancipator's Wife* by Barbara Hambly, Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Barrington Public Library. Copies will be available one month prior to the event at the library. This performance is paid for by a grant from the N.H. Humanities Council.

## **WADLEIGH MEMORIAL LIBRARY EMPLOYEES GET PROMOTIONS**

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The Wadleigh Memorial Library is pleased to announce the promotions of Katie Spofford and Lucinda Mazza to the newly formed positions of Young Adult Services & Reference Librarian and Adult Services & Reference Librarian respectively. Katie and Lucinda joined the Library a little more than a year ago as Library Desk Assistants.

From the start, Katie went over and above her job description by planning teen activities and designing a teen blog and a Library MySpace page. In large part due to her efforts, young adult \*book\* circulation increased by a whopping 35% over last year - and this at a time when studies report Americans aren't reading as much as they used to! Katie is due to graduate this fall from the University of Rhode Island with her Master's in Information & Library Studies with a specialty in young adult literature and services.

Lucinda also began her career at the Wadleigh by making a huge impression on both staff and patrons alike with her warm personality and strong work ethic. While she was hired only as a part-time staff member, it wasn't long before she proved to be indispensable and earned a full-time position. In addition to a background in public and academic library work, Cindy also brings several years of extremely valuable experience from her first career in the tech industry. She was recently awarded the "Grow Your Own" institutional scholarship from the Public Library Association to assist her as she begins her Master's degree in Information & Library Studies later this year.

We are thrilled to have Katie and Lucinda as members of our team.

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## **VISUAL CAFFEINE: THE POLITICAL, EDITORIAL AND PICTURE BOOK ART OF CHRISTOPHER BING**

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Christopher Bing is a multiple award winning conceptual, editorial and political illustrator whose work has appeared in almost every major newspaper in the U.S., including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Boston Globe*. He is also the illustrator of three picture books: *Casey at the Bat*, a 2000 Caldicott Honor Award winner, *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*, and *The Story of Little Black Sambo*. A selection of his work will be exhibited at the Conway Public Library this July. Adults will enjoy the biting political wit of his op-ed work. Children will enjoy the detailed-rich worlds he has created in his picture book illustration. Each of the images in the exhibition will be accompanied by a written commentary.

One of the more interesting aspects of this show will be several of the works in progress. Chris has included illustrations for two as yet unpublished picture books; one, the classic *Little Red Riding Hood*.

His published picture book work illustrates images that he rejected and reworked for the finished publications. Examples of this from all three published books prove that even professionals mess up and have to do it over again. You might also find revelations of a few (not so secret) secrets in his books.

## **WHITEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY DONATES SIGNIFICANT REVOLUTIONARY WAR ARTIFACTS**

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Thanks to the Whitefield Public Library, the N.H. Historical Society's collection of important Revolutionary War era artifacts has gained three new pieces with ties to New Hampshire residents who served in that war. The library donated a powder horn, a powder measure, and a cap used by Josiah Moody (1746-1832) of Unity, N.H. during the American Revolution.

"We are very grateful to the board and staff of the Whitefield Public Library for recognizing the important of these rare objects and for donating them to the Society where they will be preserved and shared with the public for generations to come," said Bill Veillette, Executive Director of the N.H. Historical Society.

Josiah Moody apparently received the powder horn during the American Revolution from another soldier, Ward Thurston, who was part of a force of "Minute Men" raised in 1775 in Newbury, Vermont, then considered part of "Coos County." Ward Thurston's name and the date "1772" are carved in block letters along its side. Like Thurston, Josiah Moody was part of the forces gathered during 1775-76 to defend against advancing British forces, including the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Included in the gift from the Whitefield Public Library is a powder measure and cap of linen, leather, and cotton. The maker of the three objects is unknown. The objects apparently were passed down to Josiah Moody's son, Laurin Moody (1785-1849), to Winifield S. Moody (1815-1894), and from him to his son, Ralph Moody of New York City. Ralph Moody donated the items to the Whitefield Public Library in 1935.

The rare powder horn is hand-carved with a pine plug that is secured by iron tacks. It has a scalloped edge near the tip and carvings of whimsical animals, birds, vines, flowers, human figures, and a house around the body.

Founded in 1823, the N.H. Historical Society is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving, preserving, and sharing New Hampshire history. The Society serves thousands of children and adults each year through its museum, research library, educational programs, publications, and outreach programs. The Society's Museum of New Hampshire History is located at 6 Eagle Square, Concord, N.H. For directions, visit [www.nhhistory.org/directions.html](http://www.nhhistory.org/directions.html) or call (603) 228-6688. The Society is not a state-funded agency. All of its programs and services are made possible by membership dues and contributions.

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## G'DAY FOR CARTOONIST

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As a full-time cartoonist, I never really expected to take on anything else, but when I walked into the Goodwin Library in Farmington to check out some magazines for research, I walked away with a part-time job and entered a whole new world. Since that day I've done everything from work the circulation desk, to running programs for adults, teen, and kids, and done lots of artwork.

When a co-worker suggested I enter the competition for choosing art for the 2008 SRP (Summer Reading Program), I debated about it until the last minute as I'm not technically a children's book illustrator, and that seemed to be what the committee chose in the past. Needless to say, I was delighted to hear my samples had been chosen and I was going to have the honor of designing all the art including posters, bookmarks, T-shirts and certificates. So, I buckled down and did a lot of research on Australia and all the creatures that inhabit it. I love drawing animals, anyway, and I had a lot of fun playing around with creatures like Koalas, Tasmanian devils and platypuses.

Our Children's Room staff invited me to do a program especially for them based around the art and the G'day for Reading theme. I came up with a few ideas. For example, I made up pages that feature multiple squares, some that have strips, and some others that are one big square. My plan is to use an easel and draw several characters, then have the kids choose a character and create a cartoon strip or panel based on their character. One fun method I employ is having kids learn to draw a character's feelings and expressions. This is what brings a cartoon to life.

By creating a sample page and then encouraging them to go crazy with their drawings it gets the kids involved and they really enjoy themselves. Sometimes I partner them up and have one child make the expression I request at his/her partner, then switch. This is a great way to break the ice and get everyone laughing. After creating their characters, the next step is to put them in a cartoon. This involves coming up with a brief storyline for a strip, or a caption for a panel.

By showing examples and encouraging each child to find their own unique voice, they finish the program with some art they can take home and be proud of. And, who knows, maybe continue on the path to becoming a professional cartoonist, graphic novelist or comic book creator.



## ARTICLE EXPRESS

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**KEN BURNS TO BE 2008  
SARAH JOSEPHA HALE AWARD MEDALIST**

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The Trustees of the Richards Free Library are pleased to announce that renowned filmmaker, Ken Burns, will receive the 2008 Sarah Josepha Hale Award on November 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newport Opera House.

A cinematographer and a writer, Mr. Burns is best known for his work as a director of documentary films, including *Brooklyn Bridge*, 1981; *The Shakers: Hands to Work, Hearts to God*, 1984; *The Statue of Liberty*, 1985; *Huey Long*, 1985; *Thomas Hart Benton*, 1988; *The Congress*, 1988; *The Civil War*, 1990; *Lindbergh*, 1990; *Empire of the Air: The Men Who Made Radio*, 1991; *The Song of the Civil War*, 1992; *Baseball* (miniseries), 1994; *Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery*, 1997; *Frank Lloyd Wright*, 1998; *Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony*, 1999; *Jazz* (miniseries), 2001; *Mark Twain*, 2002, *Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip*, 2003; *Unforgivable Blackness*, 2005; and *The War*, 2007.

For fifty 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. The award honors Sarah Josepha Hale, author, poet, and essayist, who as editor of *Godey's Lady's Magazine* shaped the opinion of nineteenth century American women. A list of Hale Award winners may be found on the library's website at [www.newport.lib.nh.us/HaleAw.html](http://www.newport.lib.nh.us/HaleAw.html).

For more information about the Hale award, please contact Andrea Thorpe, Library Director at (603) 863-3430 or [rfl@newport.lib.nh.us](mailto:rfl@newport.lib.nh.us).

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**GMILCS, INC. TO MIGRATE TO POLARIS ILS**

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GMILCS, Inc., a consortium of 12 public and academic libraries in Southern New Hampshire, will migrate to Polaris ILS (Integrated Library System) at the end of August of this year. GMILCS has been running SirsiDynix Horizon since December 2002. The unanimous decision followed a year-long process of evaluating the needs and priorities of member libraries against the systems currently available. Criteria included functionality, purchase price and ongoing costs, ease and completeness of migration process, references from other libraries, system architecture, vendor stability and reputation, and quality of support. GMILCS, Inc. staff and member libraries are looking forward to working with Polaris Library Systems. The System has advanced functionality, a flexible and open architecture, and the company has a tremendous commitment to customer services.

The GMILCS, Inc. consortium serves the libraries of Amherst, Bedford, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Manchester, Merrimack, Milford, Salem and Southern New Hampshire University, New England College and the New Hampshire Institute of Art. Check out our web site at [www.gmilcs.org](http://www.gmilcs.org).

## FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

by Rachel Stolworthy, Children's Librarian  
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The Franklin Public Library invites your child to sign up for the 2008 New Hampshire Summer Reading Program. This program is a yearly event sponsored by CHILIS, the Children's Librarians of New Hampshire, a branch of the New Hampshire Library Association. Our theme this summer is "G'day for Reading!" The artwork for the program was created by cartoonist Stephanie Piro, a resident of Farmington, N.H.

With this fun program you and your kids could take an imaginary trip "down under" to Australia or spend time "out back" of your own home. Your family could take a "walkabout" your neighborhood, your town, state, or even road the U.S.A. this summer. There is so much to see and do, and if you want to learn more about the things you've experienced on your summer adventures - Read A Book! Hop like a 'roo, down to the Franklin Public Library at 310 Central Street, downtown Franklin. Check out books and magazines to read, movies to watch, music to dance to, use the computer, play chess or checkers, make puzzles or play with toys. The Library has so much to offer you and your children.

An important part of our Summer Reading Program is programs and performances. This year has been a difficult one for many, with oil, gas, and travel costing so much. The Franklin Public Library is here for you, providing fun and free events for the whole summer, close to home!

Of course, the most important part of any Summer Reading Program is the reading: in other words - BOOKS! Starting on Monday, June 23rd, children signed up for the "G'day for Reading!" program. Signups continue for most of the summer, so it is never too late to start reading. Each child receives a bookmark and a bookchart to record the books they read over the summer. Our program's goal is to encourage children to read for enjoyment, because reading is fun! To that end, we keep the rules to a minimum. The children are given a bookchart and recording the books they read is up to them. The reward is seeing how many books they can read over the summer. Another reward is getting to know the library better; we believe that young library users grow up to become adult library users. It is known that kids who read over the summer vacation retain more of their reading skills and are better prepared for school in the fall. And that is a habit that we all want to encourage!

So be sure to stop in to the Franklin Public Library this summer, where it is always a "G'day for Reading!"

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Storytime - June, July and August: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Craft Programs - During the summer - Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. - July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20.
- Performances - Monday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m. - Wildlife Encounters' live animals show visits us to kickoff "G'day for Reading!"
- Friday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m. - Roger Tincknell comes to sing songs of the world and many cultures.
- Monday, July 21 at 12:00 noon - BJ Hickman will amaze and astound you with his magic show!
- Friday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m. - Say "G'day!" to musician Steve Blunt and his friend Joseph Carringer.
- Friday, August 15 at 11:00 a.m. - Celebrate Summer Reading with music by Jay Mankita and his visit from his veggie van! An environmentally friendly vehicle he drives all over. Party with cake after the show at 12:00 noon.

## BIG CHANGES AT THE KELLEY LIBRARY

excepts from articles by Rebecca Correa  
*Lawrence Eagle Tribune*  
March 3, 2008 and June 27, 2008  
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"It's the end of an era at Kelley Library - The woman with the smiling face who was first seen in town behind the reference desk in 1965 and can now be found in the library director's office will step down after 31 years of service.

"Library Director Eleanor Strang, 61 will retire this summer - and she won't be alone when she walks out the door. Assistant Director Jean Williams, 60, who has worked at the library for 29 years, will retire on the same day.

"The team has worked together for decades, with a goal of bringing friendly service and the best technology to Kelley Library, but in June they will go their separate ways.

"Much has changed since Strang and Williams joined the library staff. The book collection grew from 50,000 volumes to 118,352. A safety campaign removed asbestos from the building, which was built in 1965. The current reference department and study room were built in 1978, located in what Strang still refers to as the "new addition." And the library introduced CDs, DVDs, and audio books to its collection.

"But Strang said the biggest change came in 1995 when the card catalog was ditched for a computerized system and the paper card system of checking out books was replaced with a computerized method.

" 'The biggest change definitely is the degree to which computerization has changed the way we do everything,' Strang said. "It's made everything much more efficient and effective."

"On Tuesday, July 1, Alison Baker, 54, takes over for retiring director, Eleanor Strang, who has worked at the library for 31 years.

"Baker grew up in New Jersey and earned her bachelor's degree in anthropology and the classics, then her master's degree in library science from Rutgers University.

"She spent the largest part of her life raising her children, now grown, and working in libraries in Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania, she got her first job as a library director in a town of just 9,000 residents. A few years later, she had worked her way up to become the director of a bookmobile that served an entire county. Baker and her husband have settled in Salem. She said she was eager to live closer to her sister in Stoneham, MA. In her spare time, she plans to read mystery books and continue to explore New England.



Pictured are retiring URBAN Librarians: Sue McCann, Portsmouth Public Library, Jean Williams and Eleanor Strang, Kelley Library, Salem. On Friday, June 27, 2008 URBAN Librarians celebrated this event with lunch in Portsmouth. Among the special guests were retirees Don Mullen (Dover) and Sherm Pridham (Portsmouth) and Lou Ungarelli formerly in Concord, now Lebanon. Present also were Alison Baker new Director in Salem and Steve Butzel new Assistant Director in Portsmouth.

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## HENNIKER KIDS READ FOR A CAUSE!

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Early this year staff members of the Tucker Free Library sat to discuss the summer reading program. Snowflakes mounted on the window sills, the furnace churned, and the director of the Tucker Free Library issued a challenge; to create a greener program that would bring about more global/environmental/societal awareness for our kids. We didn't want to buy plastic toys that would end up in the landfill, we didn't want to waste reams of paper on publicity/reading logs/certificates, and we wanted to do something the kids could be proud of and get a sense of accomplishment.

In lieu of the usual program enticements, library staff found the kids were motivated to read just to put a sticker on a chart that marked progress toward a goal. We created a "reading goalometer" a colorful graph that provided a space for individuals to mark progress toward a community goal.



Once we had our program goals firmly in place we shared our ideas with the Board of Trustees and our Friends group. Both groups quickly embraced the ideas and offered suggestions to make the program a success. We presented our Friends group with 3 options, they chose to support the project that would have the greatest impact: helping the town library of Henniker's sister city in Nicaragua. To create the global/environmental/societal awareness, the Friends of the Tucker Free Library pledged 20 cents for each book read to the town library in San Ramon, Nicaragua.

Motivated by the philanthropic and "green" nature of the 2008 summer reading program, staff members showed great creativity and support. A program design was created in-house and iron-on decals were placed on 100% organic t-shirts. To save paper, limited posters/handouts were printed

and all staff members were directed to tell patrons to check-out the library's website for up-to-date details about the program and all activities. The activities arranged were prepared and facilitated by staff members, allowing everyone to flex their creative muscle!

A giant piggybank for stickers was created so kids could actually see a graphical representation of how much money they were collectively raising for their special project. The Friends set the goal at 2,500 books and the program would run from June 13<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>. Henniker kids are reading at a record pace! On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the kids of Henniker have read 1,098 books, almost half-way to the goal in only 12 days!



The program started with our annual kick-off with a DJ on the front lawn after school. Various other activities were scheduled, two of which allowed for the kids to reach out to readers in San Ramon. These included an activity to make FREINDSHIP bracelets and artistic BOOKMARKS that will be sent to the library to share with our new friends! The activities portion of the program will conclude on July 18<sup>th</sup> with a performance by Illusionist Jason Purdy at 10:30 a.m. Kids will read until the Oinkometer is full or August 30<sup>th</sup>, whichever comes first!

# LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

## NEWS FROM

**Barrington** - Make a Bag From Recycled T-Shirts! Join us for a fun opportunity and make an eco-friendly grocery tote bag! The Grocery Tote is easy to make and can be used for unlimited toting. Stop in and sew anytime between 5 and 7:30 on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. It's FREE and It's FUN!! You don't have to buy bags - let's recycle! Sewing Machines and Instructions Provided...Bring Some Old T-Shirts or Fabric. Why do this? Here are some facts: Petroleum is used to make plastic bags - and you know how much that cost has gone up. 90 billion to 1 billion plastic bags are thrown away each year - how many did you throw out this week? Disposable plastic bags can linger in the environment for more than 1,000 years. Reusable bags may be used hundreds and thousands of times! Disposable bags and plastics don't biodegrade they photodegrade - breaking down into smaller and smaller toxic bits which animals ingest. Hundreds of thousands sea turtles, whales and other mammals in the ocean die each year from eating plastic. It takes an estimated 12 million barrels of oil to make 380 billion shopping bags AND only 1% gets recycled.

*-submitted by Amy Inglis, Director  
Barrington Public Library*

**Hudson** - The groundbreaking ceremony for the new George H. and Lila M. Rodgers Memorial Library (Hudson, N.H.) took place on June 8, 2008. State Librarian Michael York was in attendance. The new library is expected to open in June 2009.

*-submitted by Toni Weller, Director  
Hills Memorial Library, Hudson*



Clerk of the Works, Bernie Manor, Donors: Al Rodgers, Phil Rodgers, Project Administrator Elaine Brody. Groundbreaking for the new George H. and Lila M. Rodgers Memorial Library.



State Librarian, Michael York.

**Gilsum & Sullivan** - The Gilsum & Sullivan Public Libraries are holding their 10<sup>th</sup> annual reading contest. This townwide contest is open to readers of all ages, and we compete to see which town reads the most pounds of library materials over a period of six weeks. Some years we share our weekly totals, and other years we've decided not to tell. Some years we've won by 1.25 pounds, about the weight of a paperback; other years we've been thrashed, one year by 169 pounds.

At the end we celebrate with an ice cream social, and we each take turns hosting the event. This helps keep things friendly, which is helpful since I live in the competing town. In 2005, we added a tacky award, "The Coveted Ice Cream Cup," which is just a class ice cream sundae dish stuffed with silver & gold curled ribbons, yet it holds a place of honor in the winning library. The winning town's librarian gets to dust the thing for a year, but we brag when we have it and shame our patrons when we've lost it.

It's been fun to watch readers of all ages engage in the contest and to watch people's strategies. Some select lots of children's hardcover books, while others choose thick tomes. I tell my children they aren't allowed to visit the Gilsum Public Library until the contest is over, that their books will have to be overdue so they can't be weighed, but they don't listen to me. They're rather torn, and read something for both towns. This year, I think I'm going to promote the art books. That Edward Hopper book is really quite heavy!

*-submitted by Denise McFarland, Director  
Sullivan Public Library*

**Meredith** - For the first time the Meredith Public Library is offering a summer reading program for teens and adults. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, every time a book or audio book is checked out of the library the patron will receive a raffle ticket. Tickets will be drawn weekly for gift certificates to local businesses.

The teen program will include special events, such as a beading class, Family Game Night, a Read-a-thon, and a finale party where you may challenge your friends to Guitar Hero or Dance, Dance Revolution, while munching on pizza.

For adults, there will be several workshops including Genealogy for Beginners, Women and Money, a visit from local authors, History of Cinema and a special writing class. Be sure to take your chances at weekly "Coffee Break Trivia" for your chance to win a coffee break at a local bakery or diner.

For a complete schedule of events and more information about the programs, please contact the library at (603) 279-4304 or [www.meredithlibrary.org](http://www.meredithlibrary.org). Click on "Events" for a listing of upcoming programs.

*-submitted by Erin Apostolos, Director  
Meredith Public Library*

**Westmoreland** - This summer, we are initiating a program for reading series fiction for children and adults. We are using the CHILIS program G'day for Reading!, and will enjoy sing alongs, a VINS program on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., visit a local sheep "station" and search for fluorite at the William Wise Mine here in Westmoreland, like Australia's "Broken Hill." In addition, our story hour will continue throughout the summer.

*-submitted by Maisie Crowther, Director  
Westmoreland Public Library*

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**John Joseph Hallahan**, 80, of Manchester, N.H. died Saturday, June 14, 2008 at Villa Crest Nursing and Retirement Home. He was born August 12, 1927 in Dorchester, MA, the son of Jeremiah and Helen (Fitzgerald) Hallahan. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Hallahan graduated from Boston College and completed a Masters Degree in Library Science at Simmons College. In 1951 he moved to Norwalk, CT and from 1955 to 1966 was the director of the Norwalk Public Library and in 1963 was voted Man of the Year for his community involvement.

He moved to Manchester and was the director of the Manchester City Library for 25 years and was instrumental in setting up the computer system for the library, developing the West Side Branch and the formation of the Manchester Inter-Library Cooperative. Mr. Hallahan was on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, the VNA and the New Hampshire Chess Association where he had competed nationally. Following his retirement he traveled the world.

Mr. Hallahan is survived by his wife Julia E. (Sarjeant) Hallahan of Manchester, children, Frances "Frank" B. Hallahan and his wife Sharon of Falls Church, VA, Bill I. Hallahan and his wife Pam Triest-Hallahan of Nashua, N.H., Gerry J. Hallahan and wife Ann of Hooksett, N.H., Marie G. Patrick and her husband Steven of Concord, N.H. and Tom G. Hallahan of Manchester, sister Eileen Hallahan of Brookfield, MA, nine grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son Raymond in 1957, a brother Frank Hallahan and two sisters, Sister Marie Margaret Hallahan and Margie Hurley. The family wishes to acknowledge and thank the Staff of Villa Crest for their loving care.

Burial was with military honors at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, N.H. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to the American Red Cross, 1800 Elm Street, Manchester, N.H. 03104.

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**Patricia A. Lindner**, 44, of North Main Street, Boscawen, died the evening of Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at Concord Hospital.

She was born July 6, 1963 in Canadaigua, N.Y., the daughter of the late Raymond J. and Jacqueline M. (Osbourne) Lindner. She grew up in Bowie, Md. , and was a graduate of Bowie Senior High School, Class of 1981. She has been a resident of Boscawen for 14 years, coming there from Dallas.

At the time of her death, she was employe at the N.H. State Library under the title of Library Assistant II.

Survivors include her brother Gregory J. Lindner of Orlando, Fla.; sisters Deborah S. Grassi of Carrollton, Texas, Donna M. Holian of Boscawen, Kelly A. Hamilton of Weatherford, Texas, and Jennifer M. Mariano, of Del Ray Beach Fla.; and nephews and nieces Robert J. Holian of Antwerp, N.Y., Nicholas Grassi and Anthony Grassi, both of Carrollton, Lydia Grassi of Lubbock, Texas, Sophia Mariano and Isabella Mariano both of Del Ray Beach and Ruby J. Hamilton of Weatherford. She is also survived by her beloved puppy, Pavlova.

There were no calling hours. Friends were invited to a memorial service on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at the N.H. State Library.

Because of Patricia's love of animals, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the N.H. Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, N.H. 03247.

The Dewhirst Funeral Home, 1061 Union Avenue, Laconia assisted the family.

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