April Events

At last, spring is in the air! Please stroll on down to the library and check out our happenings while checking out your books! Our “Knotty Knitters” group is meeting on Wed. April 1, 15 and 29 from 10:30-12:30. I’m sure they’re getting a lot of knitting done but we sure hear a lot of laughter, too!

Do you find yourself with a lot of “treasures” left-over after spring cleaning and not sure what to do with them? Try taking our “Selling on E-bay” class on Thursday, April 2 at 10:30 and make some money off of them. Registration is required.

Also on April 2 from 6:30-8:30 we will be showing Twilight, the big-screen adaptation of Stephanie Meyer’s best-selling vampire romance. Rated PG-13.

On Saturday, April 4 from 11:00-12:00 parents with young children are invited to a workshop on Bonding with Books: introducing your children to books. Learn how to develop a sense of what type of books are appropriate for different ages. Please register in advance. Little ones are invited, too.

The Friends of the Meredith Library will be hosting a coffee in honor of National Library Week on Tuesday, April 14 from 10:00AM-12:00PM. A matinee showing of Doubt starring Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman will be shown on Friday, April 17 from 1:30-3:15. Rated PG-13.

For children we have several upcoming events as well. Webkinz Club continues on Wed. April 8 at 3:30. For ages 5-9. Sign up is helpful.

There will be a vacation Read-a-thon/Eat-a-thon. One will be for children ages 6-10 and the other will be for young adults ages 10 and over. Both will be on Tuesday, April 28 from 5:00-7:00PM. Registration is required. Pizza and snacks will be served.

On Thursday, May 1 from 3:30-4:30 be sure to join us for the May Day Celebration. Come, dance around the may pole and listen to a Kinder Choir concert! For children of all ages with no sign-up required. Snack and craft to follow.
New Highlighted Books!

Peter Rabbit's Easter
By: Beatrix Potter
Introduce your young ones to the beloved rabbit Peter and his mischievous ways as he celebrates Easter. All will enjoy this Easter lift the flap book.

Fancy Nancy: Explorer Extraordinaire!
By: Jane O'Connor
Nancy is back! This time she and Bree are exploring the outside world. They make recipes for pinecone bird-feeders and extra fancy lemonade. Find out just how fancy nature can be!

The New 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save The Earth
By: Earth Works Group
These easy to do, kid friendly projects show how we all can make a difference in protecting our planet. The book is realistic and encouraging for both kids and their families.

Special Children's Programs

Tot time: Every Friday at 9:30 For ages:1-3 with stories, songs and fun!

Preschool Story Time
Wednesdays at 10:30am & Thurs at 1pm For ages 3-5 with stories, songs & projects!

Bedtime Stories
On the first Tuesday evening of every month at 6:30pm for Ages:3-8 on April 7, May 5 etc.

Webkinz Club
Second Weds. of every month at 3:30 for Ages: 5-9 on April 8, May 13 etc. In April we will make houses/rooms for our Webkinz!

Vacation Read-a-thon/Eat-a-thon
Tuesday, 4/28 join us as we eat and read and eat and read from 5-7pm. Please sign up in advance.

May Day Concert and Dance
Celebrate spring with a concert from Kinder Choir and dance around the May pole on Friday May 1st at 3:30. No sign-up is needed. Snack and project included.
Mystery Book Group-April 9, 10:30-12:00-Please join us as we discuss *Well-schooled in Murder* by Elizabeth George. Old school loyalties entangle Thomas Lynley in a case that promises to be both tragic and troubling. A boy has gone missing from Bredgar Chambers, an independent school in the heart of West Sussex, and John Corntel, the lad's housemas-ter, has turned up at New Scotland Yard to ask for Lynley's help. Because West Sussex is not within his jurisdiction, Lynley knows he should keep well clear of the case, but the boy within the man remembers his own school days at Eton and his former close ties with John Corntel. Thus, in *Well-Schooled in Murder*, Lynley finds himself deeply involved in the search for a child and, too soon, for that child's murderer. This is a highly charged work of dark motives, powerful feelings, and treacherous infidelities that takes the reader even deeper into the interlocking lives of Lynley, St. James, and Havers. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday Evening Book Group-April 30, 7:00PM. Please join us as we discuss *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. Zafón’s novel, a bestseller in his native Spain, takes the satanic touches from *Angel Heart* and stirs them into a bookish intrigue à la Foucault’s *Pendulum*. The time is the 1950s; the place, Barcelona. Daniel Sempere, the son of a widowed bookstore owner, is 10 when he discovers a novel, *The Shadow of the Wind*, by Julián Carax. The novel is rare, the author obscure, and rumors tell of a horribly disfigured man who has been burning every copy he can find of Carax’s novels. Why are the novels being burned, why was Daniel drawn to Carax’s novel and is there more to Carax’s death than meets the eye? Please join us to discuss. Refreshments will be served.

Friends of the Library Update

The Friends will be conducting our annual membership renewal drive this month. Membership runs from May 2009 to April 2010. Watch for your renewal package in the mail. We really appreciate your support as it helps to fund much needed library programs.

The Friends of the Meredith Library has just received its non-profit status. Your membership is tax deductible as provided by federal law. Our many thanks to Barbara Clark, our treasurer for her hard work to complete the application resulting in the non-profit designation.

We are in need of Library Garden Volunteers. The garden located in front of the library is part of the All American Display Garden of Meredith. The library needs volunteers to work with staff member, Jan Norlin to do bed preparation on May 18, 2009 from 9AM-12PM. The sign up sheet is located on the Friends table in the Library.

Upcoming events:

**Friends of the Meredith Library Meeting,**
**Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 3:00 PM**
Teens and ‘Tweens Page

New Books

Belle : a retelling of "Beauty
Bonechiller
Bones of Faerie
Breaking dawn
Burn : a novel
Cricket man

Daughter of war : a novel
Eon : Dragoneye reborn
Evermore
Forever princess
Ghost medicine
Here lies Arthur
Heroes of the valley
If I stay : a novel
Jenny Green’s killer junior year
John F. Kennedy : voice of hope
Living dead girl
Mason

Belle, Cameron.
McNamee, Graham.
Simner, Janni Lee.
Meyer, Stephenie.
Phillips, Suzanne.
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds.
Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk,
Goodman, Alison.
Noel, Alyson.
Cabot, Meg.
Smith, Andrew
Reeve, Philip.
Stroud, Jonathan.
Forman, Gayle.
Belasen, Amy
Hodge, Marie.
Scott, Elizabeth,
Pendleton, Thomas,

Michelle Obama : meet the First
Brophy, David Bergen.

Midnight pearls : a retelling of
My father’s son
Our living Earth :
Posing as Ashley
Prey
Revealers
Sword : a novel

The crimson thread : a retelling
of "Rumpelstiltskin"
The Juvie three /
The lightning key
The storyteller’s daughter : a retelling of "The Arabian Nights"
The well between the worlds
Triple Shot Bettys in love
Word nerd
You know where to find me

Viguie, Debbie.
Fields, Terri,
Arthus-Bertrand, Yann.
Peters, Kimberly Joy.
Petrucha, Stefan.
Marrone, Amanda.
Chen, Da,

Weyn, Suzanne.
Korman, Gordon.
Berkeley, Jon.

Upcoming Events

Movie Night- Twilight-
Thursday, April 2, 6:30-8:30-
The big-screen adaptation of Twilight, Stephenie Meyer's bestselling vampire romance. This movie is rated PG-13. “For an instant, I felt a thrill of genuine fear, raising the hair on my arms. The look only lasted a second, but it chilled me more than the freezing wind.”-Bella Swan, Twilight

Vacation Read-a-Thon/Eat-a-thon-
Tuesday, April 28, 5:00-7:00-Enjoy pizza and snacks while reading with your friends! Registration is required.

Guitar Hero Party-Wednesday, April 29, 6:00-7:30-Compete against your friends in a guitar hero party. Snacks will be served.
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**CD Audio Books**
- Paths of Glory-Archer
- Terminal Freeze-Child
- Chopin Manuscript
- Grand Finale-Evanovich
- Chapterhouse Dune-Herbert
- The Hour I First Believed-Lamb
- A Most Wanted Man-Carr
- Resolution-Parker

**Playaway Audio Books**
- Frommer’s Best of: London, Paris, Rome or New York City-Frommer
- Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy-Adams
- Secret Scripture-Barry

**DVDs**
- Australia
- Changeling
- The Departed
- Dresden
- Fireproof
- Flash of Genius
- Milk
Gus Landor, an ailing, retired New York City cop is called upon to solve a gruesome murder at West Point during the 1830’s. He picks an odd sidekick in Edgar Allen Poe whom he befriends and mentors.

Poe, serving as a cadet at West Point is an unlikely officer’s candidate. Writing poetry, cavorting after lights-out and drunken nights at a seedy off-limits establishment has found Poe himself wondering what he is doing at the military school. But Landor sees something special in Poe and enlists his help in solving what turns out to be a string of murders at the academy. He uses Poe as an insider who understands the daily rituals at West Point.

When cadets are killed in a brutal ritualized style, Landor begins to focus on the eccentric family of the West Point doctor, suspecting at first his son Artemus Marquis, a charismatic upper-classman involved with a band of bullies. Landor assigns Poe to infiltrate the Marquis household, but soon Poe finds himself falling in love with Artemus' strange sister Lea. Poe begins to notice a stronger connection between brother and sister than would seem natural.

The bond between Landor and Poe becomes strong, as they share lonely nights drinking, sharing stories and pondering the meaning of life. But soon Landor sees a weakness in Poe as Poe begins to string together impossible tales of his past. But Poe also taps into Landor’s grief as he mourns the loss of his beloved daughter.

Bayard imagines a past for Poe that seems to be the basis of all of Poe’s future works stories and poems. A life of abandonment, misunderstandings and searching for a place to belong.

As the mystery begins to unravel, the plot twists and turns taking the reader to very unexpected places. Poe’s love for Lea begins to affect his judgment as he and Landor try to figure out which of the Marquis family (the bi-polar mother, seemingly respected doctor, the odd brother and sister team or perhaps a combination of the four) may be responsible for the grisly deaths. This mystery will keep you guessing to the very end.

Try these other titles by the same author:

Mr. Timothy—Seeking to gain independence from his benefactor, Ebenezer Scrooge, Timothy Cratchit loses himself in the underworld of 1860s London, where the discovery of two murdered girls prompts him to protect a third would-be victim.

The Black Tower—Having used his mastery of disguise and surveillance to nab France's most notorious criminals, early nineteenth-century detective Vidocq tracks down the most challenging adversary of his career, a case with ties to the missing son of Marie Antoinette.

If you liked this book then try:

The Poe Shadow by Matthew Pearl—In 1849 Baltimore, following the death of Edgar Allan Poe, Quentin Clark, a young city dweller fiercely loyal to his favorite author, discovers that Poe’s final days had been marked by a series of bizarre, unanswered questions and, inspired by Poe’s fictional detective C. Auguste Dupin, launches his own investigation to resolve the mystery of Poe’s death.
Library Mission Statement

Meredith Public Library is the informational, educational, and cultural heart of the Meredith community. The library is a dependable source of reliable information and of challenging ideas that enlighten and enrich, and of materials in many formats that enhance leisure time and expand knowledge of current events. The library encourages the love of reading and the joy of learning, and offers the assistance people need to find, evaluate, and use electronic and print information resources that help them live successful and rewarding lives.

Library Hours

Sunday and Monday-Closed
Tuesday-Thursday-9:00am-8:00pm
Friday-9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday-9:00am-2:00pm

Are You Talented?

Do you have a special skill such as knitting, scrapbooking or model train building you’d be willing to share with others at the library? Are you an artist looking for a place to display your work? If so please contact the library. If displaying artwork please ask for Karen Henchey. If you would like to do a program at the library please contact Erin Apostolos.

Tidbits

Art on Display in the Library

Be sure to check out the beautiful crochet doilies by Peg Lang in our display case in non-fiction.

In the media room are the works of local artist Christine Hodecker. Christine specializes in landscape oil paintings.

Helium Tank

Did you know that the library has a helium tank you may use for free? Bring in your party balloons and fill them up!

Books on Display in the Library

April is Lawn and Garden Month. Be sure to check out a book before tackling your garden this year. It is also Autism Awareness month. Both of these displays can be found in our front room. On the fireplace mantel be sure to see our “April Showers” books. All of these books will have a common theme of rain such as Rainbow in the Mist by Phyllis Whitney and Beneath Dark Water by Nancy Connor.

Donations

If you’re cleaning and are wondering what to do with your extra books, DVDs, videocassettes, or audio books please consider donating them to the library. We accept all donations except for textbooks, magazines and encyclopedia sets. What the library doesn’t add to the collection will be sold at the book sale. Also if you have any lightly used costumes or vintage clothing looking for a home please consider donating them to our costume room.

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