Summer Reading Fun For ALL

Our summer reading program may be winding down but there is still plenty to do at the Meredith Public Library in August. Be sure to stop by the main desk for weekly Coffee Break Trivia for your chance to win a $10 coffee break in town. For every book, audio book or magazine you check out be sure to get a free raffle ticket and enter our drawing for $25 gift certificates to local merchants.

On Thursday August 7 from 7-9 PM be sure to stop in for a talk on the history of American Cinema. What does YouTube have in common with the earliest forms of American cinema? Find an answer to this and many other questions by attending an illustrated lecture examining the origins and development of American film from its beginnings through the “Golden Age” of the 1930s and ’40s. This program is presented by Dr. Jeffrey Klenotic, an Associate Professor of Communication Arts at the University of New Hampshire in Manchester. This event is being provided by the UNH Speakers’ Bureau. Refreshments will be served.

Please be sure to sign up for our writers’ workshop on Saturday August 9 from 10am-2pm. Do you have a funny family story just itching to be shared with others or perhaps a touching moment from your past that you’d like to pass on? Irish born fiction writer Aine Greaney, award winning author of The Big House and The Sheeprbreeder’s Dance, will be here to help budding authors sort out their family memories into fine short stories. Please bring a brown bag lunch and some ideas of what you may like to write about.

For kids and teens don’t miss our summer reading finale parties. On Wednesday August 6 at 3:30 sing along with musician Paul Warnick at our make your own ice cream sundae party. Fun for all ages!

On Wednesday August 13 take part in our Guitar Hero contest at our Young Adult end of summer party at 5:30. For school aged youths entering the 5th grade this September and older. Munch on pizza while cheering on your friends.

Books are lighthouses erected in the great sea of time.~Edwin P. Whipple
"From The Clock Tower"

MPL Kids’ Corner

New Highlighted Books!

Bats at the Library

By: Brian Lies
First there were bats at the beach and now they are at the library!
Join the bats in their nocturnal exploration of the wonders of the library and children’s literature.
Lies’ delights his readers with both an engaging story and gorgeous illustrations.

The Fire Eternal

By: Chris D’Lacey
The ice caps are melting and mother earth is not happy in this fourth book of D’Lacey’s Dragon series. David Rain has disappeared and now our only hope in fighting the forces of evil is his daughter Alexa. But can she save the world before she disappears like her father?

Close out the Children’s Summer Reading Program with a blast!

Celebrate the end of a successful summer reading program with Paul Warnick Concert & Ice Cream Party!
Wednesday, August 6th @ 3:30 pm
Next, earn your rewards by coming to the library during prize week with your reading charts to exchange your reading minutes for “Aussie bucks” to use at the Outback Supply shop.
Tuesday, August 12th through Saturday, August 16th from 9am-6pm

More fun to come in the fall!

We will be restarting our Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5 on Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:30am and Thursday, September 4th at 1:00pm.
Tot Time continues Fridays at 9:30 for ages 1-3
Stay tuned for more adventures including bedtime stories the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm and Webkinz Club on the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30pm.
Thursday Morning Group-
August 14, 10:30-12:00-Join the group as they discuss Nantucket Nights by Elin Hilderbrand. For twenty years Kayla, Antoinette, and Val have performed their own special summer ritual. Once a year the old friends put aside their daily, separate lives to drink champagne, swap stories, and swim naked under the Nantucket starts. But on one of those bonding nights, one of them swims out from shore and doesn’t return. After the surviving friends emerge from their grief they begin to uncover layers of secrets and their connections to one another that were never revealed on the beach. What has made their friendship strong now has the power to destroy their marriages, their families and even themselves.

Thursday Evening Group-
August 28, 7:00pm-The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield-Settle down to enjoy a rousing good ghost story with Diane Setterfield’s debut novel, The Thirteenth Tale. Setterfield has rejuvenated the genre with this closely plotted, clever foray into a world of secrets, confused identities, lies, and half-truths. She never cheats by pulling a rabbit out of a hat; this atmospheric story hangs together perfectly. Setterfield pays tribute in her debut to Brontë and du Maurier heroines with this modern gothic tale.

Friends of the Library Update

The Friends of the Meredith Library continues to promote membership. In addition, we are looking for active volunteers to help with our upcoming Book Sale, August 23, 2008. Please call Danielle Scott at 472-2616 or e-mail at dmscott@metrocast.net. Any help will be appreciated.

Look for our new Friends table in the Library this coming September!

Upcoming events:

- Friends of the Meredith Library meeting, Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 6:00 pm. Please join us and see what we are all about!

Membership levels:

$15.00 individual
$25.00 family
$50.00 business.

Each membership purchase includes a Friends canvas tote bag. Memberships can be purchased at the Library. Our mission is to promote library involvement in the community and community involvement in the library. Help us support our library!!

More details are available about the Friends of the Meredith Library by contacting Danielle Scott at 472-2616 or the Library at 279-4303 or please join us at our next meeting on August 27 at 6PM.

Only when we give joyfully, without hesitation or thought of gain, can we truly know what love means. ~Leo Buscaglia
## New Items

### Adult Non-Fiction
- Browne-End of Days
- Clarke-The Last Campaign
- Clason-The Richest Man in Babylon
- Ferriss-The 4-hour Work Week
- Galford-The Genealogy Handbook
- Helm-Genealogy Online for Dummies
- Kershaw-Escape from the Deep
- Morris-Fleeced
- O'Connor-Haunted Hikes in New Hampshire
- Pollan-In Defense of Food
- St. Clair-Images of America: Laconia Motorcycle Week
- Tolley-Ghost Quest New Hampshire
- Walker-Buying In
- Wallace-The Billionaire's Vinegar

### Adult Fiction
- Adamson-The Outlander
- Alexander-The Romanov Bride
- Barry-The Lace Reader
- Bayard-The Pale Blue Eye
- Brown-The Sand Castle
- Burke-Swan Peak
- Burke-Black Flies
- Connolly-The Reapers
- Essex-Stealing Athena
- Gardner-Say Goodbye
- Monroe-Time is a River
- Patterson-Dangers Days of Daniel X
- Petterson-Out Stealing Horses
- Steel-The Rogue
- Thor-The Last Patriot
- Weisberger-Chasing Harry Winston

### Adult DVD’s

#### Feature Films
- 10,000 BC
- Jet Li’s Fearless
- Knocked Up
- Persepolis
- Stomp the Yard
- Superhero Movie

#### Series (season #)
- Agatha Christie’s Marple (3)
- Agatha Christie’s Pe-rot
- John Adams (1)
- Monarch of the Glen (7)
- Wire in the Blood (3)

#### Coming Soon
- Clatterford (1)
- The Closer (3)
- War Games

### Mysteries
- Dunlap-Hungry Ghosts
- Evanovich-Fearless Fourteen
- Fossum-Black Seconds
- Goldberg-Mr. Monk Goes to Germany
- Greenlaw-Fisherman's Bend
- Haines-Wishbones

### CD Audio Books
- Howell-Handbags and Homicide
- McCrery-Still Waters
- Brokaw-Boom!
- Child-Nothing to Lose
- Cussler-Plague Ship
- Deaver-The Broken Window
- DuPrau-The People of Sparks
- Pearl-A Mighty Heart

### CD Audio Books Coming Soon
- Brunonia-The Lace Reader
- Fowler-The Jane Austen Book Club
- Kenyon-Acheron
- Morris-Fleeced
- Poitier-Life Beyond Measure
- Preston-Revenant
- Saul-Faces of Fear
- Smith-The Miracle at Speedy Motors
Staff Picks

Erin and Joan’s Pick: *The Lottery* by Patricia Wood: “I am not retarded. I am a 76. I would need to have an IQ under 75 to be retarded,” 32-year-old Perry L. Crandell tells the reader in Wood’s heart-warming story of a mentally-challenged lottery winner. Perry has always considered himself lucky. He insists that’s what the “L” stands for in his name. He lives a content life with his Gram and loves his job working at the local Marina. His best friend Keith looks out for him and Gram. His parents and the rest of his family have abandoned them. But Perry doesn’t seem to mind. He has all he needs. When Gram dies his family only seem concerned about Gram’s house and property. They manage to trick Perry out of the home Gram left him and leave him on his own. But Perry’s friends see him through and he does well taking care of himself.

When Perry discovers one morning that he has won 12 million dollars in the Washington State lottery he seems to suddenly have more friends and family than he realizes. But with his winnings comes a respect from other people he never had before and Perry blossoms. As his brothers fight over his power of attorney and his mother insists he call her “Mom” for the first time in his life, Perry is uncomfortable with his family’s new found interest in him. Will they manage to connive his lottery winnings from him?

Completely told from Perry’s point of view, this tale is best in audio format but also makes a great read.

New Collection: Adult Graphic Novels

*Webster’s* describes a graphic novel as a fictional story that is presented in comic-strip format and published as a book. These are enormously popular with teens, young adults and adults young at heart. The library has collected graphic novels for children and teens for a number of years. This summer we have started a collection for adults. We are open to suggestions for additions to the collection from avid fans. Please be sure to leave your requests at the front desk. You can find our collection currently housed with the science fiction and fantasy collection.

- Brubaker- *X-Men: Messiah Complex*
- Koike- *Path of the Assassin* series
- Koontz- *In Odd We Trust*
- Mignola- *Hellboy* collection
- Miller- *300*
- Miller- *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns*
- Miller- *Sin City Collection*
- Moore- *Batman: the Killing Joke*
- Moore- *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* series
- Moore- *Watchmen*
- Pratchett- *Discworld Graphic Novels*
- Satrapi- *The Complete Persepolis*
- Vaughan- *Y: the Last Man* series
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.

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

Thank you!

Thank you to all the folks that donated their time this summer to make our summer reading program a success. From Simply Bead'n Around, thank you to Jennifer Curran for donating her time and materials in teaching 13 young adults the art of beading.

From the New England Historic Genealogical Society thank you to Pauline Cusson for her time in teaching a class of 25 about genealogy sources and stories. People are still talking about it!

Thank you to Charlie St. Clair and Jennifer Anderson for doing a book signing at the library for their new book Laconia Motorcycle Week. Also we appreciate them donating a signed copy to the library.

Steven Aiken from BankNorth gave a very interesting and informative workshop on Women and Money. I had one attendee come back the next day and compliment him highly. Thanks so much Steven for your time!

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for donating money towards teen summer reading prizes. And thank you to our many volunteers that keep our library going.

Donations

If you’re spring cleaning and are wondering what to do with your extra books, DVDs, videocassettes, or audio books please consider donating them to the library. The Friends will be hosting another book sale on August 23 (with an early sneak preview for library friends on August 22.) All donations except for textbooks, magazines and encyclopedia sets will be accepted. What the library doesn’t add to the collection will be sold at the sale.