Meredith Library News

February 2009

Of Interest...

Library Hours:

Tues-Thurs 9-8
Fridays 9-5
Saturdays 9-2
Sundays and Mondays Closed

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Included in this month’s issue of Meredith Library News is the library’s 2008 year in review. We have included monthly circulation totals, a graph depicting which types of items are circulating the most and descriptions of our various programs in the children’s, young adult and adult departments. Shortly we will be releasing a survey. Please take time to answer it as it helps to drive the future of library service in the community.

In 2008 we said goodbye to two staff members. Victoria Lang, our AV and Public Relations Librarian, resigned to take a job as Director of the Holderness Library. Pat Plattner, long-time Children’s Library Assistant retired with her husband to North Carolina.

We also welcomed several new staff members. Erin Apostolos, with a bachelor’s degree in education and a master’s degree in library science, joined us as Library Director in January after serving as Assistant Director of a library consortium in Andover, Massachusetts for six years.

Karen Henchey, Assistant Young Adult Librarian, also came on board in January and is a lifelong resident of Meredith with many years of experience working with children. In addition to planning all of the young adult programming she started a tot time and assists Jessie Wright in the Children’s Room. She is also in charge of our art displays and makes visits to assisted living centers.

Christopher Leland, with a bachelor’s degree in library science, joined us in June as Technical Services Librarian. He came to us as a cataloger from Sterling Library at Yale University and as a Library Assistant at Oxford Public Library in Connecticut. Christopher is in charge of cataloging and helps maintain the library server and PCs. He is also in charge of ordering CDs and DVDs and helps develop the non-fiction collection.

Also this year we added a new computer table to help maintain patron privacy, as well as two new PCS for patron use. We joined the New Hampshire State Library’s downloadable audio book consortium and added a new type of audio book on MP3, called Play-Aways. The staff has enjoyed serving the patrons of the Meredith Library and look forward to continuing to do so in 2009.
New
Highlighted Books!

Love, Splat
By: Rob Scotton

Splat is back! Splat whom we first meet in Splat, the cat on his first day of school is back at school with a crush on a sweet kitty named, Kitty. He likes her more than fish sticks and ice cream but so does another boy in class. Will Splat win Kitty’s affection? Find out when you read, Love, Splat

39 Clues: One False Note
By: Gordon Korman

The second installment of this stellar series about Dan and Amy Cahill who are off to find 39 clues hidden around the world. The only problem is that their greedy extended family is on the hunt too. Can the siblings reach the next clue without being sabotaged? Find out in False Note.

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 & Thursdays at 1:00pm
For ages 3-5 with stories, songs and projects!

Bedtime Stories

On the first Tuesday evening of every month at 6:30pm for Ages:3-8 Jan 6, Feb 3 etc.

Webkinz Club

Second Weds. of every month at 3:30 for Ages: 5-9 on Jan 14, Feb 11th etc

Vacation BINGO for Books

Wednesday, Feb 25 @ 3:30. Play Bingo and win books! Open to all with snacks provided.

Look forward to a visit from the Cat in the Hat on Wednesday, March 25th @ 3:30pm!
**Mystery Book Group**

February 12, 10:30-12:00-
join the group as they discuss *Belle Ruin* by Martha Grimes. In a fitting follow-up to "Hotel Paradise" and "Cold Flat Junction," Martha Grimes's Emma Graham, returns to charm readers with her sharp, funny, perceptive voice. A waitress at her mother's decaying resort hotel, twelve-year-old Emma now has a second job as the youngest cub reporter in the history of La Porte's "Conservative" newspaper. But when she discovers the crumbling shell of a fabulous hotel- the once-sumptuous Belle Rouen-in the woods near her small town of Spirit Lake, Emma never imagines that the mysteries it holds will bring her one step closer to solving a forty-year-old crime-and force a new transgression to light.

**Friends of the Library Update**

The Friends had a productive planning meeting Thursday, January 29th. Erin presented us with a comprehensive review of the Library's 2008 adult, young adult and children's programs. All were quite successful and well attended. Subsequently, Erin presented some ideas for 2009 programs and future Library publicity. The Friends were pleased to provide some of the funding for 2008 and look forward to continuing support for the upcoming year.

Please join us at our next meeting March 4, 2009 at 3:00 pm as we finalize our funding plans for 2009.

**Thursday Evening Book Group**

Join us as we watch the movie *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory, this month's book pick. Discussion of both film and book will follow the movie. Free popcorn and drinks will be served. The daughters of a ruthlessly ambitious family, Mary and Anne Boleyn are sent to the court of Henry VIII to attract the attention of the king, who first takes Mary as his mistress, in which role she bears him an illegitimate son, and then Anne as his wife.

**Museum Passes**

The library continues to maintain passes in the winter to the following museums: Kaleidoscope Children's Museum, Currier Museum of Art, Museum of NH History and *The Christa McAuliffe Planetarium*. The new Alan Shepard Discovery Center will open on March 6, 2009. The library's pass is good for four free entries but planetarium shows will cost $3.00 extra.

**Library Book Sale**

On Thursday Feb. 19-Saturday Feb. 21 the library will be hosting a book sale during normal library hours. Please pay for books at the front desk and all payments will be in the form of monetary donation.
Teens and ‘Tweens Page

New Items

- **Wilderness** – Doyle, Roddy
- **Sorcerer of the North** – Flanagan, John; (# 5 of Ranger’s Apprentice)
- **Rapunzel’s Revenge** – Hale, Shannon
- **Smiles to go** – Spinelli, John
- **The Hand You’re Dealt** – Volponi, Paul
- **Confessions of a Triple Shot Betty** – Gehrman, Jody
- **Little Audrey** – White, Ruth
- **Impossible** – Werlin, Nancy
- **Boost** – Mackel, Kathy
- **Hunger Games** – Collins, Suzanne
- **Nation** – Pratchett, Terry
- **Ways to Live Forever** – Nichols, Sally
- **The Leanin’ Dog** – Nuzum, K. A.
- **Bliss** – Myracle, Lauren
- **Tender Morsels** – Lanagan, Margo
- **Dragonfly Pool** – Ibbotson, Eva
- **Inkdeath** – Funke, Cornelia
- **Wizard Heir** – Chima, Cinda
- **Graceling** – Cashore, Kristin
- **3 Willows : The Sisterhood grows** – Brashares, Ann

PLAYAWAY Audio Books

- **The Compound** – Bodeen, S. A.
- **Paper Towns** – Green, John
- **Daniel’s Story** – Matas, Carol
- **Bloody Jack Book 1, Curse of the Blue Tatoo**, Book 2 both by Meyer, L. A.

Upcoming Events

**Make a Winter Buddy**-Thursday, February 26, 5:00-6:00PM-Bring a friend, have a snack and learn a simple sewing stitch and create amazing things out of old materials. Registration is required.

**Junior Knitters**-Wednesday, March 18 4:00-5:00-Learn how to knit a scarf with Christine Oldeman. Knitting needles and yarn will be provided. Registration is required. This program is for those in fourth-eighth grade.

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

Art on Display in the Library

Be sure to check out the display in our non-fiction room of Bodacious Beads by Maureen Salvoni. Maureen uses Victorian buttons, antique fasteners, Swarovski crystals, chandelier pieces and antique and retro jewelry to create her beautiful pieces.

In the media room please view the scenic photos of Howard Armitage. Howard focuses on ocean scenery.

Mittens

This month teens and ‘tweens will be doing a surprise craft program during winter vacation. We are asking for donations of mittens. If you have odd mittens or ones you are no longer using please donate them to the library.

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!

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. All donations except for textbooks, magazines and encyclopedia sets and books older than ten years will be accepted. What the library doesn’t add to the collection will be sold at the sale. Also if you have any lightly used costumes looking for a home please consider donating them to our costume room.