The Meredith Public Library is pleased to announce that during March 2010 we will be part of The Big Read: New Hampshire Reads To Kill a Mockingbird. This is a statewide project of the Center for the Book at the NH State Library which will include hundreds of “Big Read” events throughout the state.

Please stop by the library any time in February to pick up a free copy of To Kill a Mockingbird. We are not checking these out to patrons, so when you’ve finished the book, please pass it on to someone else. On Thursday, March 25 at 6:30PM we will be discussing the book. Refreshments will be served. On Friday, March 26 at 1:00PM we will be showing the film To Kill a Mockingbird starring Gregory Peck. Those who wish to may remain afterwards to discuss the film. Popcorn and soda will be served.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) that gives communities the opportunity to come together and read, discuss and celebrate one of 30 selections from U.S. and world literature. In New Hampshire, the program is organized by the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library, which received a grant to coordinate the statewide effort. The Center for the Book chose to focus on To Kill a Mockingbird because of its relevant themes of standing up for what is right, relationships between the races, courage, justice and more.

The Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library is one of 268 nonprofits nationwide—including libraries, municipalities and arts, culture and science organizations—to receive a grant to host a Big Read project in this grant round. In 2007, its program “The Big Read: New Hampshire Reads Fahrenheit 451” was only one of two statewide Big Read programs focusing on a single book.

For more information about Meredith Public Library visit http://www.meredithlibrary.org. For more information about The Big Read: New Hampshire Reads To Kill a Mockingbird, visit www.BigReadNH.org.
New
Highlighted Books!

**Marley**
Marley steals the show
by: John Grogan

Marley's family enters him in a local pet show. But if you know Marley you know that means disaster. This is one event that will never be forgotten.

**Evolution of Calpurnia Tate**
by: Jacqueline Kelley

Life at the turn of the century is not easy for a girl who loves books and science. Callie follows her passion for knowledge, coming to realize her family "had their own lives. And now I have mine." Callie's transformation into an adult and her unexpected bravery make for an exciting and enjoyable read. Kelly's rich images and setting, believable relationships and a touch of magic take this story far. (Publisher's Weekly summary excerpt.)

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 Feb 3, March 3 etc.
- **Curiosity Club**
  This month explore potions and charms! Second Weds. of every month at 3:30 for Ages: 5-9 on Feb 10th, March 10th etc
- **Vacation BINGO for Books**
  Wednesday, Feb 24 @ 3:30. Play Bingo and win books! Open to all with snacks provided.
- **Look forward to a visit from the Cat in the hat in March!**
Mystery Book Group -
Thursday, February 11-
10:30-12:00PM-Please join
us as we discuss Capital
Crimes by Jonathan and
Faye Kellerman. Refresh-
ments will be served. MY
SISTER'S KEEPER:
BERKELEY Some of pro-
gressive state representa-
tive Davida Grayson's views
have made her unpopular.
Although her foes are nu-
merous no one suspects that
any buttons Davida might
push could evoke deadly
force. But now Davida lies
brutally murdered in her
office, and Berkeley homicide
detectives Will Barnes
and Amanda Isis must un-
ravel Davida’s complex, be-
fore the killer pulls off a re-
peat performance. MUSIC
CITY BREAKDOWN:
NASHVILLE Baker
Southerby was a child prod-
igy performer. But some-
thing leads him to become a
Nashville cop. His partner,
Lamar Van Gundy, is a
would-be studio bassist who
earned himself a detective’s
badge. As part of Nashville
PD's elite Murder Squad,
they catch a homicide that's
high-profile even for a city
where musical celebrity is
routine. Capital Crimes is
page-turning, psychologi-
cally resonant suspense—
just what we’ve come to ex-
pect from two of the world’s
most successful crime writ-
ers.

Thursday Evening Book
Group-February 25, 6:30-
8:00PM-Please join us in
discussing Family Tree
by Barbara Delinsky. When
Dana and Hugh Clarke's
baby is born into their
wealthy, white New Eng-
land seaside community,
the baby's unmistakably
African-American features
puzzle her thoroughly An-
glo-looking parents. Soon
Hugh is demanding a patern-
ity test and accusations
are hurled as the loyalties
of this family soon become
severely tested.

Friends of the Library Update

The Friends had a productive
planning meeting Wednesday,
January 27, 2010. Erin pre-
sented us with a comprehensive
review of the Library’s 2009
adult, young adult and children’s
programs. All were quite suc-
cessful and well attended. Erin
proceeded to review the Li-
brary’s list of 2010 funding
needs.

The Friends made a decision to
provide funds to cover some of
the costs for the ancestry.com
subscription, books on CD, adult
dVD and non-fiction collec-
tions. We look forward to con-
tinuing our support for other Li-
brary needs during the year.

Mark your calendar for the up-
coming Friends Winter Book
Sale being held February 18 -
20, 2010 in the Library commu-
nity room during Library hours.
All donations will help support
Library programs.

Our mission statement: To pro-
mote library involvement in the
community and community in-
volveinent in the library.
Show your support of the Li-
brary by becoming a member of
the Friends!! Membership levels
are:
- Individual - $15.00
- Family - $25.00
- Business - $50.00.

Checks made payable to Friends
of the Meredith Library, PO
Box 808, Meredith, NH 03253
or through PayPal email:
Friends@meredithlibrary.org

Upcoming events:
- Friends Winter Book Sale,
  February 18-20, 2010 dur-
ing Library hours.
- Friends Meeting, Wednes-
day, February 24, 2010 at
  3:00 PM.
Teens and ‘Tweens Page

Ages 10-17

_The Vampire is just not that into You_ by Vlad Mezrich

Are you in love with a vampire? Are you worried that you might not be his (blood) type? Do you wonder whether that cold stare means he isn’t interested...or if it’s simply because he’s been dead for centuries (nothing personal)? Have you tried to coax him out of his crypt with a flash of your neck or a near death situation that requires him to save you at the very last possible moment? Have you ever considered what it would be like to introduce him to your mother?

*Even though your vampire’s skin is transfixedingly translucent, he still can be very hard to read. Sometimes he’s simply holding back his true feelings, resisting the urge to bite you in the chance that one day you will truly love him. And other times...well, he’s just not that into you.*

*How can you tell? Undead dating specialist Vlad Mezrich has all the answers, utilizing quizzes, Top Ten lists, language analysis, real-life (and real-death) testimonials, and fancy charts to show you how to get your vampire and keep him forever. Once you go vamp, you never decamp—so let this eternally rewarding book show you the way to snagging the vampire of your dreams.*

NEW BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULT’S

_Past World_ by Ian Beck

_Fade to Blue_ by Sean Beaudoin

_Crusader_ by Edward Bloor

_Once a Witch_ by Carolyn MacCullough

_The Soldiers of Halla_ by D.J. MacHale

_Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can’t Have_ by Allen Zadoff

_Villain.net Council of Evil_ by Andy Briggs

_Skin Deep_ by E.M. Crane

_Rash_ by Pete Hautman

_The Straits_ by Jeremy Craig

_Candor_ by Pam Bachorz

_Viola in Reel Life_ by Adriana Trigiani

_Paper Towns_ by John Green

_Perfect Chemistry_ by Simone Elkeles

New Non-Fiction

_Football Now_ by Mike Leonetti and John Iaboni

_The Secret to Teen Power_ by Paul Harrington

*Please note that young adult non-fiction has been moved to the adult non-fiction section.*

Upcoming Events for February Vacation Ages 10 and up

- Wed. February 24 Teen Bingo for Books from 5 to 6 Bring a friend, play bingo and win books! Snacks served!
- Thurs. February 25 Guitar Hero Party from 3 to 4:30 Play guitar hero on our big screen, we have two guitars so bring a friend. Snacks served!
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Guitar Hero 3:00-4:30PM  
Book Group 6:30-8:00PM | Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM  
Selling on E-Bay 10:00-12:00PM |           |
New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

Fiction
Balogh- A Matter of Class
Beaton- Death of a Valentine
Benjamin- Alice I Have Been
Chevalier- Remarkable Creatures
Cornwell- The Burning Land
Crais- The First Rule
Deaver- Watchlist
Dekker- Burn
Delinsky- Not My Daughter
Deveraux- Days of Gold
DuLong- Spinning Forward
Dunne- Too Much Money
Griffin- Honor of Spies
Hoag- Deeper than Dead
Hunter- I, Sniper
Kostova- Swan Thieves
Morgan- Tainted
Preston- Impact
Reilly- 5 Greatest Warriors
Turtledove- Liberating Atlantis
Tyler- Noah’s Compass
Weitz- College Girl

Non-Fiction
Harvey- Act Like a Lady, think like a man
Heilemann- Game Change
Lynn- Cornered
Kumin- Helping Children with Down Syndrome
Yaron- Super Baby Food
Mortimer- Time Traveler’s Guide to medieval England
Koster- Custer Survivor
Lattin- Harvard Psychedelic Club
Lidz- Ghosty Men
Freed- Possum Living
Eggers- If We can Put a Man on the Moon

DVDs
Africa Screams
Alias Nick & Nora
The Hurt Locker
Inglorious Bastards
Lions for Lambs
Lord of the Rings
Miracle on 34th Street
No Country for Old Men
Sleeping Dogs Lie
The Thin Man series
Series (Season)
Ballykissangel (4-6)
Mad Men (2)
Road to Avonlea (1)
The Tudors (3)

Books on CD
Dean- Conservatives without Conscience
Friedman- America’s Secret War
Coonts- The Disciple
Crichton- Pirate Latitudes
Grafton- U is for Undertow
Grossman- The Magicians
Irving- Prayer for Owen Meany
Kinsella- Twenties Girl

Macomber- Call of the Wild
Moning- Dark Highlander
Moore- Practical Demonkeeping
Niffenegger- Her Fearful Symmetry
Phillips- Bad Money
Sparks- The Notebook
Taylor- An Irish Country Doctor
Doctorow has always been one of my favorite authors. His ability to pull the reader into the time and place of his novels is only one of the joys of reading him. His character development, plotting and use of the English language are always first rate. Homer & Langley is one of the best examples of his work, if not the best.

Homer & Langley Collyer were brothers who received much unwanted fame and attention for their hoarding and miserly ways. Born to well-to-do parents on New York’s 5th Avenue, they lived their lives out in their family home allowing it and all of their clutter to fall in around them...literally. Doctorow’s story is a fictionalized account of their lives using much literary license.

It is told from the point of view of younger brother Homer who went blind in his late teens just before World War I. The story takes the reader from the brothers’ youth and the grand days in their stately home to their final days in the same house gone to ruin. Homer lets the reader see a sensitive, intellectual and oddly principled side of the brothers not seen in the media circus their final years had become.

Homer’s brother Langley is his constant companion. While their parents are busy traveling the world or attending social functions, the two brothers are company for each other. As Homer’s eyesight worsens, Langley spends much time reading to him. When Langley heads off to fight in World War I, Homer is grief-stricken to learn his brother is missing in action but heartened to later learn he had been recovering in a hospital after being poisoned by mustard gas. Langley, however, does not return the same man.

While Langley is gone, his parents die leaving him to care for his disabled brother. A charge he takes on without complaint or ever showing displeasure. Yet, his constant worry over money leads him to daily excursions bringing home junk he finds dumped in the street. Plus his obsession with saving the daily news from every newspaper in the newsstands soon finds their large home filled to capacity with clutter, trash and all of the filth, bugs and rodents that go along with it, much to their neighbors’ anger and annoyance.

Homer never complains to Langley about his hoarding. He accepts his brother’s odd ways and spends his days playing the piano, his one escape from the house that is closing in around him. But a fire started in the backyard brings the city into their home and soon they find themselves in trouble with neighbors, various city authorities and eventually newspapers that start chronicling their reclusive and seemingly anti-social lifestyle bringing them much unwanted attention. All of this causing a chain reaction that brings about their disastrous end.

Along the way they meet up with many interesting characters including a gangster, Japanese housekeepers, a soon-to-be-nun, a jazz musician, and a group of hippies that flop at their house for a month or two.

Doctorow’s story was a treat in audio. My commutes have been very lonely without Homer’s life story to keep me company. It is highly recommended in audio or print.
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.

Big Read Continued

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The Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library was established in 2003 to celebrate and promote reading, books, literacy and the literary heritage of New Hampshire, and to highlight the role that reading and libraries play in enriching the lives of the people of the Granite State. It is an affiliate of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress.

The NEA, which designed The Big Read as a way to restore reading to the center of American culture, presents the program in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Support for the Big Read is provided by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Transportation for The Big Read is provided by Ford.

The Meredith Public Library is pleased to announce that they have four Kill-a-Watt kits for patrons to check-out of the library and try at home.

The device is easy to use. Plug it into your electrical socket at home and then plug an electrical device into it. The meter provides a real-time readout of the wattage consumed by an attached appliance and can also track power consumption over time. For example, you can plug your refrigerator into the kill-a-watt for 24 hours to see its daily power usage. Next, you can multiply the power usage by your electricity rate (say around $.15 per kWh) to get the daily cost of running your fridge.

Each kit has a feedback form. Please fill it out and drop it in the mail or leave it at the front desk and we'll mail it for you (no postage necessary.) We hope it will help you cut down on your electric bill.