Farewell 2009

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Thank you to our library patrons for another fabulous year at the Meredith Library. The staff has been working hard to develop new ideas to enhance library service and we can see by yet another busy year that you approve.

In the Children’s Room Jessie Wright continued to provide outstanding programs including a Summer Reading Program with a traveling zoo, magician, story walk, musician and storyteller. She also started a Curiosity Club where each month children are invited to learn about a new topic. Her annual Haunted Library Scavenger Hunt and Gingerbread House Story time saw their usual high number of attendees. And she continues her usual programs such as storytimes and Bedtime Stories.

Karen Henchey our Young Adult Librarian has been working hard to bring teens and ‘tweens into the library. She has developed programming for that age group and her summer reading program included weekly raffles with Library Bingo, a tie-dye party, yoga and astrology. She also had Guitar Hero parties and movie nights throughout the year as well as several read/eat-a-thons. For Halloween they carved pumpkins (some for the first time in their lives) and at Christmas they decorated cookies and made cards. Thank you to the Friends of the Meredith Library for sponsoring most of our teen programs.

Karen has also been leading a very popular weekly Tot Time which has developed a large following.

Adult programming also continued this year. Ann Butler continued her E-Bay classes, Judy and Erin had their monthly book clubs and Erin continued her monthly genealogy clubs and bi-monthly genealogy training. There were also special programs such as Gardening for NH Landscapes, Yoga Class, Author Lunches, movie matinees, and special presentation of A New England Christmas starring the Pontine Theatre Group.

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**New Highlighted Books**

**Waddle!**
by: Rufus Butler Seder

These moving board books fascinate readers of all ages. This is Butler's first color animation book. Watch how the animals prance, waddle, stomp and scamper into your hearts!

**Lion and Mouse**
by: Jerry Pinkney

An award-winning artist, Jerry Pinkney’s wordless adaptation of one of Aesop’s most beloved fables, an unlikely pair learn that no act of kindness is ever wasted. After a ferocious lion spares a cowering mouse that he’d planned to eat, the mouse later comes to his rescue, freeing him from a poacher’s trap. With vivid depictions of the landscape of the African Serengeti and expressively-drawn characters, Pinkney makes this a truly special retelling, and his stunning pictures speak volumes. *(Summary from Barnes&Noble.com)*

**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 5, Feb 2, Mar 2 etc.

**First Grade Night**

Thurs., 1/21 from 4:30-6:30

Drop in to celebrate your new library patrons!
Come to the library to get a tour, listen to stories and eat snack to celebrate your readers!

**Curiosity Club**

In Jan., explore snow! Club meets on every 2nd Weds. of every month at 3:30 for Ages: 5-9 on Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10 etc

**Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs Movie and Story**
© the Meredith Community Center Wed. January 27 at 3:30.
Mystery Book Group-Friday, January 15 from 10:30-12:00PM-Please join us as we discuss *O' Artful Death* by Stewart Taylor. Sweeney St. George looks nothing like a university Professor with her unruly red curls and preference for vintage clothing. Single and wary of relationships, she pours her energy into her college teaching and a passionate interest in cemetery art. And now Sweeney is intrigued with a macabre graveyard statue of a beautiful woman—a carving that is at once astonishing, sinister, and perhaps hiding a one-hundred-year-old murder... Dying to find out more about the strange monument, Sweeney heads for a winter holiday among friends at a mansion in Vermont’s historic Byzantium Art Colony. Her plan is to snoop in dusty archives and tramp through the tiny cemetery where the statue still stands. But what Sweeney finds in this isolated rural community is an emotional awakening, a chilling link between old and new crimes...and a clever killer reaching for her with deadly hands. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, January 28, 6:30-8:00PM-Please join us in discussing *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett. Tom Builder’s dream is to build a cathedral, but in the meantime, he must scrounge about to find a lord that will hire him. His search pulls him and his family into the politics of 12th-century England, as different lords vie to gain control of the throne in the wake of the recently deceased king. Prior Phillip, a man raised in the monastery since childhood, also finds himself drafted into the brewing storm as he must protect the interests of a declining church. Refreshments will be served.

Friends of the Library Update

The Friends of the Meredith Library wishes to extend our sympathy to the family of Barbara Clymer, Children’s Room assistant librarian, who passed away over the holidays.

The Friends hosted a festive Holiday Open House on December 5th at the Library. Corbin Clapp was the winner of the Friends holiday basket.

Thanks to all our members who baked goodies, made punch and joined us! In addition, our appreciation to Nancy Hanson, Carol Moritz, and June Noreen who spent time to decorate the Library for the holidays.

Our next meeting will be held on January 27 at 3:00 PM in the Library. This meeting will be a planning session to review our financial priorities for 2010. Please join us as we discuss how to best support the Library. If you are unable to attend, but would like to offer ideas for 2010 please contact me, Danielle Scott at 472-2616 or dmscott@metrocast.net.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Upcoming Events:

**Friends of the Meredith Library 2010 Planning Meeting- January 27 at 3:00PM**
Fire A Companion to Graceling by Kristin Cashore

It is not a peaceful time in the Dells. The young King Nash clings to his throne while rebel lords in the north and south build armies to unseat him. The mountains and forests are filled with spies and thieves and lawless men.

This is where Fire lives. With a wild, irresistible, appearance and hair the color of flame, Fire is the last remaining human monster. Equally hated and adored, she has the unique ability to control minds, but she guards her power, unwilling to steal the secrets of innocent people. Especially when she has so many of her own.

Then Prince Brigan comes to bring her to King City. The royal family needs her to help to uncover the plot against the king. Far away from home, Fire begins to realize there’s more to her power than she ever dreamed. Her power could save the kingdom.

If only she weren’t afraid of becoming the monster her father was.

This romantic companion to the highly praised Graceling has an entirely new cast of characters, save one. You don’t need to have read Graceling to love Fire. But if you haven’t you’ll be dying to read it next.

Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl
Godless by Pete Hautman
The Cupcake Queen by Heather Hepler
Vamped by Lucienne Diver
Deadly Little Lies by Laurie Faria Stolarz
Tricks by Ellen Hopkins
That Summer by Sarah Dessen
This Lullaby by Sarah Dessen
Boys That Bite by Mari Mancusi
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
It Happened to Nancy by an anonymous teenager A TRUE STORY FROM HER DIARY Edited by Beatrice Sparks, Ph.D. Editor of GO ASK ALICE

Exciting New Books

Blood Ninja by Nick Lake
Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher
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New Adult Items
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**Fiction**
Auster- *Invisible*
Beaton- *There Goes the Bride*
Berry- *Paris Vendetta*
Brown- *Rainwater*
Butcher- *First Lord’s Fury*
Coonts- *Disciple*
Chrichton- *Pirate Latitudes*
Grafton- *U is for Undertow*
Hamilton- *Divine Misdemeanors*
Hatcher- *Fit to Be Tied*
Jance- *Trial by Fire*
Koontz- *Breathless*
Lippman- *Big Trouble*
McCullough- *Too Many Murders*
McCall Smith- *La’s Orchestra Saves the World*
McLaughlin- *Nanny Returns*
Michaels- *Deadly Deals*
Patterson- *Witch & Wizard*
Rollins- *Altar of Eden*
Rosnay- *Sarah’s Key*
Wambaugh- *Hollywood Moon*

**Non-Fiction**
Adelstein- *Tokyo Vice*
Bird- *When the Game was Ours*
Carlin- *Last Words*
Day- *How to Rule the World from Your Couch*
Deems- *Make Job Loss Work for You*
Foreman- *The Independent Inventor’s Handbook*
Freeman- *Tyranny of E-mail*
Jacques- *When China Rules the World*
Roizen- *You, Having a Baby*
Sellers- *Hellraisers*
Snow- *Listening to Stone*

**Books on CD**
Berry- *The Paris Vendetta*
Morenson- *Stones into Schools*
Palin- *Going Rogue*
Picoult- *Harvesting the Heart*

**Music CD**
Boyle- *I Dreamed a Dream*

**DVDs**
Angles and Demons
Apocalypto
The Devil Wears Prada
Eight Below
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
The Holiday
Insomnia
The Jane Austen Book Club
Julie & Julia
The Other Man
Primal Fear
Terminator Salvation
Transformers
Up

**Playaway Audio**
Cartledge- *Thermopylae*
Jacobson- *American Gangster*
Bradbury- *Illustrated Man*
Fine- *Farewell, My Subaru*
Jacobs- *Knit the Season*
Murakami- *A Wild Sheep Chase*
Olsson- *Astrid & Veronika*
What does an Irish woman from Southie know about Italian cooking? Quite a bit! In this exciting new cookbook, *Stir*, Chef Barbara Lynch shares her story of growing up in South Boston and how a friend’s Italian mother hooked her on Italian foods. As the daughter of a divorced Irish woman, I could relate to a lot of Barbara’s story. Barbara’s mother was a widow before Barbara was born and worked many jobs to keep the family going. The chef had never eaten anything that hadn’t come from a box, can or package in her life. She describes the wonder of seeing fresh herbs on her friend’s doorstep, home baked desserts, and inspiration she received from the teacher of her home-economics class where she learned the joy of cooking something from scratch for the first time.

Barbara and her husband opened a restaurant on Beacon Hill in Boston. There she prepares Italian meals, infused with French cooking and using local seasonal meats, fruits, vegetables and seafood such as clams, mussels and other fruits of the ocean. Each dish is more enticing than the next and you will not be able to walk away from this book without trying at least one recipe. Judy thinks she may attempt the Poulet au Pain (chicken baked in bread.) I’m thinking the Lobster with Toasted Scallion—Mushroom Vinaigrette would make a great Saturday night stay-home-and-eat date night.

I loved this book so much I bought my own copy. Enjoy!

-Reviewed by Erin Apostolos, Library Director
**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.

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The library also saw a lot of building improvements. Starting with a new furnace last year, we went on to refurbish our original windows in the old part of the library, removed our book drop in the front door, removed a leaky sky-light and patched up our slate roof. These improvements have reduced our energy costs this year and improved the look of the library.

The Friends of the Meredith Library have been working very hard to support the library. This year they have been feverishly uploading titles to abebooks.com for sale to benefit the library. Membership drives, regular book sales and the sale of copies of two DVDs donated by the Montana Family including *Meredith the First 200 Years* and *Close Shave* have also boost their revenue. We also appreciate all of the volunteer work they have done including maintaining the library garden, decorating the library for Christmas, maintaining the Costume Room, watering our plants, relabeling our fiction books and promoting the library in the community. Thank you so much to everyone for all you do for us! You are very much appreciated.

This year we welcomed a new staff member, Cherie Gable. Cherie helps out downstairs and in the Children’s Room and is always busy with a project.

We said goodbye to long time Young Adult and Technical Services Librarian, Joan O’Neil, who has retired and is enjoying traveling with her husband and visiting with her grandchildren. She still finds time to help us out at the library, as well.

On Christmas Eve Assistant Children’s Librarian Barbara Clymer passed away at home with her family surrounding her. Barbara was a fixture in the Children’s Room for fifteen years and will be very much missed by her young patrons, their parents and library staff. Our prayers are with her and her family.