

Meredith Library News

March 2009

March Events

Library Hours:

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



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We have a very busy month ahead of us at the library and there is something for all ages. Our new knitting group had a great time sharing ideas and working on their projects together and now will be meeting twice a month. Please feel free to join them on **Wednesday March 4 and March 18 from 10:30-12:30.**

On Thursday March 5 there will be a session on "Getting Started with eBay." Join Library Friend and Library Trustee write-in candidate Ann Butler as she shows you how to set up an account, make bids with trustworthy sellers and create a Paypal account. Feel free to bring a laptop to access the library's wireless connection. Please register for this in advance.

We will be showing two

movies this month. On **Friday March 6 at 1:30** the matinee will be *Changeling* starring Angelina Jolie, a true story of child abduction and police corruption in the 1920's. On **Thursday March 12 at 6:30** we will be showing *Australia* starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman. Set between 1939 and 1942, the lives of the two characters are told against a backdrop of WWII events. Popcorn and beverages will be served at both movies.

Join career advisor Louise Ewing of UNH's Career Center as she hosts a workshop on writing resumes on **Thursday, March 19 at 6:30PM.** In these tough economical times competition for jobs is fierce and employers will judge your resume in about 15 seconds. Learn how to

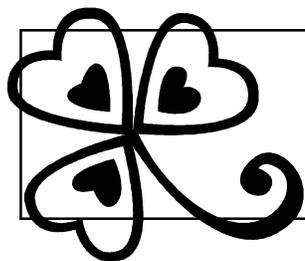
make yours stand out. Bring your resume with you as there will be a 30 minute critique period. Please register for this in advance.

For children, the Webkinz club continues. It meets **Wednesday March 11 at 3:30.** Do Webkinz based projects.

Don't miss the Dr. Seuss Celebration at **3:30 on Wednesday, March 25.** Join Mrs. Morgan in character as the "Cat in the Hat" and make your Seuss inspired hat. Please register at the library for this event.

Finally for children in grades 4-8 we will have a junior knitting group on **Wednesday, March 18 from 4:00-5:00PM.** Knitting needles and yarn will be provided and the group will be creating their own scarves. Please sign up for this in advance.





"From The Clock Tower"

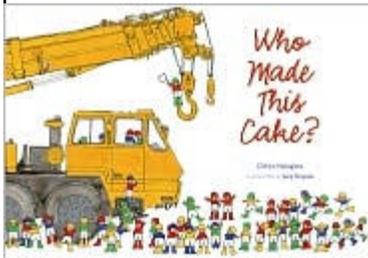
MPL Children's Room



New Highlighted Books!

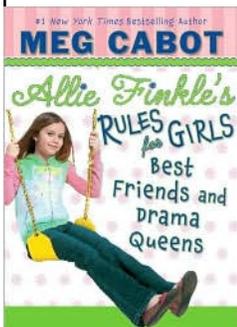


Cat by: Matthew Van Fleet
Fun, new interactive book for toddlers. Explore the flaps, taps and characters in CAT.



Who made this cake? by: Nakagawa Chiro
Fun birthday and vehicle book. The

birthday boy goes out for the day and who's staying home to make the cake? Not mom but a crew of little men and their very official trucks and gear. Great pick for young truck fanatics!



Best Friends & Drama Queens by: Meg Cabot

The third in the Rules for Girls series finds Allie and her friends facing a bossy, new girl in class who would rather kiss boys than play on the swings. The book targets the struggles of preteen girls and will be right up their alley.



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 on March 3, April 7etc.

Webkinz Club

Second Weds. of every month at 3:30 for Ages: 5-9 on March 11, April 8 etc. In March we will do webkinz trivia!

Dr. Seuss Celebration

With Mrs. Morgan as the Cat in the hat on Wednesday, March 25th @ 3:30pm! Open to all ages but please sign-up in advance. After performance make a fleece hat and eat a snack.



March Book Groups

Mystery Book Group-March 12, 10:30-12:00-Set entirely in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, an isolated, thinly populated part of the state, ***Borderlines*** by Archer Mayor tells of Joe Gunther's temporary assignment to the local State's Attorney's office, which he has taken on in part to get away from Brattleboro, and from his girlfriend, Gail Zigman,

with whom he's had a fight. Set in the fictional town of Gannett, the story soon shifts to the discovery of a man's body, and the possible involvement of a back-to-nature cult that owns half the real estate in town. Juggling his own personal problems, jurisdictional disputes with the state police, an escalating animosity between cult members and townies, and a growing number of homicides, Joe moves as fast as he can before events reach a critical mass and overwhelm him.

Thursday Evening Book Group-March 26, 7:00PM. Join us as we discuss ***A Conspiracy of Paper*** by David Liss. In Liss's ambitious first novel, the year is 1719 and the place London, where human greed, apparently, operated then in much the same manner as it does today. Liss focuses his intricate tale of murder, money, and conspiracy on Benjamin Weaver, ex-boxer, self-described "protector, guardian, bailiff, constable-for-hire, and thief-taker," and son of a Portuguese Jewish "stock-jobber." Weaver's father, from whom he has been estranged, has recently died, the victim of a horse-drawn carriage hit and run. Though his uncle has suggested that the accident wasn't quite so accidental, Benjamin doesn't give the idea much credence. With his native cunning and his brawling skills, he soon finds himself deeply embroiled with the villainous Jonathan Wild, thief-taker par excellence, who has institutionalized criminal mayhem. He also becomes the pawn of some powerful financial giants lurking in the shadows (much like the corporate villains in contemporary thrillers.)

Friends of the Library Update

Please join us at our next meeting March 4, 2009 at 3:00 pm as we finalize our funding plans for 2009. Next meeting will be March 25 at 3:00.

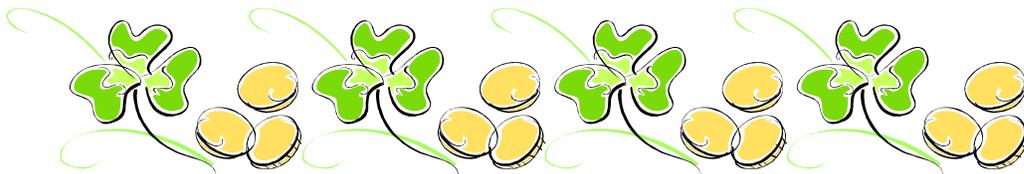
Love your Library? Show your support and become an active member of the Friends.

Please consider donating some of you time and talent to volunteer in the following

areas: book sales, membership, or children's activities. There is a sign up sheet on the Friends table in the Library or feel free to e-mail or call Danielle Scott for details at dmscott@metrocast.net or call 472-2616.

Upcoming events:

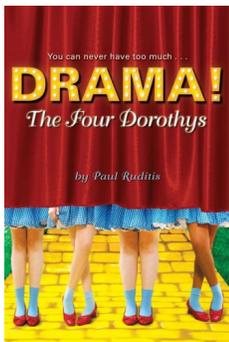
Friends of the Meredith Library Meeting, Wednesday, March 4 and 25 at 3:00 PM.



Teens and 'Tweens Page

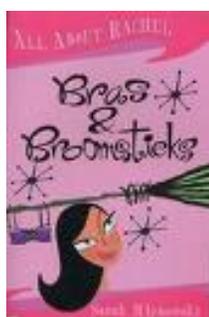
Ages 10-17

New Items



The Four Dorothys by Paul Ruditis-Malibu, California's exclusive Orion Academy is a high school with "a ton of Future Media Moguls of America." Given the highly ambitious students (and powerful parents), school-play auditions are so political that administrators are pressured to cast four separate actresses as Dorothy in the school's upcoming *The Wizard of Oz*. Brian, a student "on the periphery of popularity," chronicles show week, during which suspicious events threaten each Dorothy's participation in the play.

Freeze Frame by Heidi Ayarbe-No matter how many times Kyle rewrites the scene, he can't get it right. He tries it in the style of Hitchcock, Tarantino, Eastwood, all of his favorite directors—but regardless of the style, he can't remember what happened that day in the shed. The day Jason died. And until he can, there is one question that keeps haunting Kyle: Did he kill his best friend on purpose?



Bras & Broomsticks by Sarah Mlynowski-Rachel Weinstein, 14, wants many things - she'd love to remain best buds with her newly popular friend Jewel, get a date to the Spring Fling, and stop her dad from marrying her "Soon To Be Step-Monster." When her younger sister, Miri, discovers that she is a



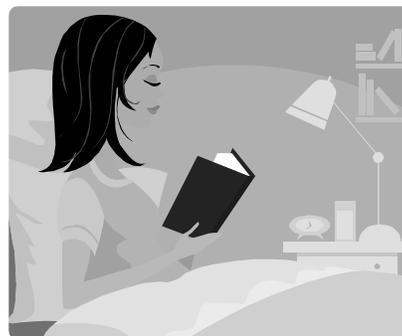
witch, Rachel just knows that her dreams are within her grasp. Though the girls' mother warns them that magic can lead to unexpectedly harsh consequences, the sisters secretly come up with plan after plan to stop their father's wedding and help Rachel find popularity.

Upcoming Events

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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Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>Bedtime Stories- 6:30-7:30PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Preschool Story Time-10:30AM Library Knitters -10:30AM Friends of the Library-3:00PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Getting Started with E-Bay 10:30</p> <p>Preschool Story Time-1:00PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tot Time- 9:30AM</p> <p>Movie Matinee- 1:30PM <i>Change-</i> <i>ling</i></p>	<p>7</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Preschool Story Time-10:30AM Webkinz Club- 3:30PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mystery Book Group-10:30AM</p> <p>Preschool Story Time-1:00PM Movie Night- 6:30PM-<i>Australia</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Tot Time- 9:30AM</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Trustee's Meet- ing-4:30PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Library Knitters -10:30AM Preschool Story Time-10:30AM Junior Knitters- 4:00PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Preschool Story Time-1:00</p> <p>Resume Writing Workshop- 6:30PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tot Time- 9:30AM</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Preschool Story Time-10:30 Friends of the Library-3:00PM Dr. Seuss Cele- bration-3:30PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Preschool Story Time-1:00</p> <p>Thursday Eve- ning Book Group 7:00PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Tot Time- 9:30AM</p>	<p>28</p>

New Adult Items

(ask for the full list at the desk)

Fiction

- **Paths of Glory**-Archer
- **Bones of Betrayal**-Bass
- **Heart and Soul**-Binchy
- **Terminal Freeze**-Child
- **1942**-Conroy
- **Lethal Legacy**-Fairstein
- **Map of Moments**-Golden
- **Piano Teacher**-Lee
- **Fool**-Moore
- **Precious**-Novack
- **Renegades**-Parker

- **Handle With Care**-Picoult
- **Newport Summer**-Poppen
- **Disappearance**-Siegal
- **Simmons**-Drood
- **One Day at a Time**-Steele
- **Very Valentine**-Trigiani
- **Mad Desire to Dance**-Wiesel

Non-Fiction

- **Why We Make Mistakes**-Hallinan
- **Great Eight**-Hamilton
- **So Damn Much Money**-Kaiser

- **Return of Depression Economics**-Krugman
- **Health at Every Size**-Bacon
- **Wired for War**-Singer
- **Rose By Any Name**-Brenner
- **How Starbucks Saved My Life**-Gill
- **Citizen-in-Chief**-Bernardo
- **Madness Under the Royal Palms**-Leamer
- **Album of the Damned**-Garson
- **Kingmakers**-Meyer
- **Little Pink House**-Benedict

CD Audio Books

- **Dewey**-Myron
- **Roots**-Haley
- **White Tiger**-Adiga
- **Silent Man**-Berenson
- **Agincourt**-Cornwell
- **Still Alice**-Genova
- **Associate**-Grisham
- **Heretics of Dune**-Herbert
- **Chronicles of Narnia**-Lewis
- **Fool**-Moore

- **Carrion Death**-Stanley
- **A Mad Desire to Dance**-Wiesel

Playaway Audio Books

- **Dewey**-Myron
- **Marley & Me**-Grogan
- **Waiter Rant**-Dublancia
- **Little Giant of Aberdeen County**-Baker
- **Life Before her Eyes**-Kasischke
- **Sweeney Todd**-Rasovsky

DVDs

- **Secret Life of Bees**
- **W.**
- **Darjeeling Limited**
- **Appaloosa**
- **Under the Piano**
- DVD Series (season #)
- **Bones** (3)
- **Penn & Teller** (2)
- **Entourage** (1)
- **Torchwood** (2)
- **24** (6)

Book Review



Erin's Pick-*His Majesty's Dragon* by Naomi Novik

This novel made me fall in love with dragons all over again. Naval captain William Lawrence takes a prize of a French warship during the Napoleonic wars only to discover a dragon egg hidden in the vessel. In this novel of alternate history, dragons are used as an air corps with captains and crews to man them. Captain Lawrence is thrilled to capture such a prize for England as his country has far fewer dragons than France. But when the egg starts to hatch prematurely, the crew scrambles to choose among themselves as to who will become the dragon's captain since a hatchling must be harnessed from the time it comes out of its shell and bonded immediately with its captain. But when the dragon hatches, he walks past the crewmate chosen for him and approaches Captain Lawrence, choosing him as his handler and Lawrence must grudgingly agree or risk losing the dragon to the wild.

Lawrence must leave his prestigious position as a naval captain to become an air

corps captain. The air corps is a branch of the military much looked down upon by most of England. Being an honorable man he does what is best for his country and not himself. But he finds he feels a fast affection for the hatchling and he learns that dragons are not dumb beasts but very intelligent, sentient beings. He and his quickly-growing hatchling (which he names Temeraire for a great naval ship) soon become indispensable to the corps and Lawrence feels a sense of pride in his new position.

What I found most compelling about this novel was the strong bond felt between dragons and their captains who are in a way almost wed together for life, sacrificing any other type of relationships for each other and doing so gladly. A dragon that loses his captain or a captain that loses his dragon may never recover from the grief. Novik manages to capture this bond beautifully, often moving the reader to tears. In addition her historical research is impeccable and her writing flawless. One almost begins to believe dragons fought in the Napoleonic

Wars and longs for a world with these amazing creatures in it.

A first rate read. Currently I am on the fifth novel of the series and it only gets better. If you are a fan of historical fiction, fantasy or just well written novels with strongly developed characters, don't miss this one.

Other Books in the series (in order):

- *Throne of Jade*
- *Black Powder War*
- *Empire of Ivory*
- *Victory of Eagles*

**Peter Jackson, director of the Lord of the Rings trilogy, has optioned this series for film.*

If you liked this book then try:

Into the Darkness by Harry Turtledove and the rest of the Darkness series (on order at the time of newsletter publication; please ask to be put on reserve for it.)

Seventh Son by Orson Scott Card and the entire series Tales of Alvin Maker.

King's Commission by Dewey Lambdin and the entire Alan Lewrie series.

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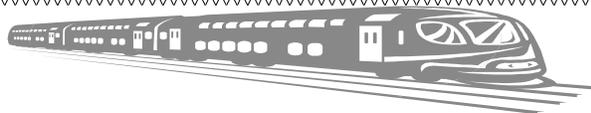
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Library Mission Statement

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.

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 embroidery work of local artist Andre Garcia in our glass case in the non-fiction section.

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

March is national craft month. In the front reading room there is a display with books on country crafts, create your own greeting cards, basket making, beaded jewelry, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and quilting. Since it is also Women's History Month there are books about women history-makers. On our fireplace mantle by the desk be sure to check out our new travel books and plan your summer vacation!

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 or vintage clothing looking for a home please consider donating them to our costume room.