As we watch for signs of spring, the library is buzzing with activity of its own. On Friday, March 5 at 4:00PM there will be a presentation on Irish-American Genealogy. Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day a wee early and learn how to trace your Irish ancestors in the United States and back to Ireland. Learn about online, microfilmed and print resources that will help you in your research. Open to all genealogy experience levels. If you have a good Irish genealogy source you would like to share, please feel free to do so. Refreshments will be served.

On Thursday, March 18 at 7:00PM Kevin Sperl, local photographer and publisher of Lakes Region Spirit Magazine will be here to present his 30 Days—30 Images Project. For 30 days, starting on January 22, Kevin set out to take a single image a day capturing a special event, person or place in the Lakes Region. Kevin wrote the following: “My motivation is simple. Express my visual interpretation of the Lakes Region to let people know they need not travel to get good images. Each photograph represents some aspect of photography and I intend to include technical, compositional and artistic aspects of each image.” You are invited to come hear Kevin speak about the photos as he provides technical details of each along with his thought process and compositional approach. Come see why taking photos in your own back yard can be just as rewarding, and significantly less expensive, than traveling to some far-flung location where you think the photography is better.

This month we celebrate New Hampshire's Big Read. Libraries across the state are all reading the same book and talking about it. Please join us on Thursday, March 25 at 6:30PM for a discussion of To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee lead by library trustee, retired English teacher and Harper Lee enthusiast Rhetta Colon. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served. On Friday March 26 at 1:00PM we will be showing the film To Kill a Mockingbird starring Gregory Peck. Popcorn and soda will be served. A discussion will follow.
New Highlighted Books!

Thanks to a donation by the Meredith Library Trustees, the children's room now owns new books that honor our friend, Barbara Clymer.

Barbara Loved animals of all types and we have updated our non-fiction pet collection including books on guinea pigs, ferrets, horses, frogs and small birds.

Barbara was also known as “Bunny” and always had a collection of stuffed rabbits on her desk. One of the special books we now own is titled, Seven Little Bunnies by Julie Steigemeyer. It's bedtime for seven little bunnies, but each bunny is busy having fun! Will they stop? One by one, each bunny gets . . . cozy, then dozy, then drowsy, then . . . drops into bed! (Marshall Cavendish summary)

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 2, April 6, etc.

Curiosity Club

Second Wednesday of every month at 3:30 for Ages: 5-9 on March 10, April 14 etc. In March we will explore baking!

Dr. Seuss Celebration

With Mrs. Morgan as the Cat in the hat on Tuesday, March 2nd @ 3:30pm! Open to all ages but please sign-up in advance. After performance make a fleece scarf and eat snack.
**Mystery Book Group**

**Thursday, March 11-10:30-12:00PM**

Please join the Mystery Book Group at The Meredith Library in a fun and lively discussion of *Rough Weather* by Robert Parker. A hurricane hinders a kidnapping and Spenser goes on a search for the man responsible—the infamous Gray Man, who has both helped and hunted Spenser in the past. Books are available at the main desk. Refreshments will be served.

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**Friends of the Library Update**

Many thanks to all our patrons for their donations made for books during our Winter Book Sale last week. All proceeds benefit much needed library materials such as: ancestry.com subscription, books on CD, adult DVD's and updating the non-fiction collection.

Thank you to our book sale committee for the set up and organization of all the books.

Also, continued appreciation to our Abebooks committee for all their work cataloging donated books for sale online. Sales have been good and these monies raised help fund additional library materials as well.

Our mission statement: To promote library involvement in the community and community involvement in the library.

Show your support of the Library 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

Interested in knowing more about the Friends? Contact Danielle Scott at dmscott@metrocast.net or 603-472-2616 for more information.

**Upcoming events:**

**Friends Meeting, Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 3:00 PM.** (rescheduled from February meeting cancellation due to snowstorm)

**Friends Meeting, Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 3:00 PM.**

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Eight-year-old Jean Louise, nicknamed Scout, tells about growing up as the daughter of a widowed lawyer, Atticus Finch, in the small town of Maycomb, Alabama during the 1930's. She and her older brother Jem happily occupy themselves with resisting "progressive education," be-deviling the neighbors, and stalking the local bogeyman--until their father's courageous defense of a black man falsely accused of rape introduces them to the problems of prejudice. (Reviewed September 1, 1960 by Booklist.)
Old Magic by Marianne Curley

The moment the new guy walks into the room, Kate senses something strange and intense about him. Something supernatural. Her instincts are proven correct a few minutes later when bullied by his classmates, Jarrod unknowingly conjures up a freak thunderstorm inside their classroom.

Jarrod doesn’t believe in the paranormal. When Kate tries to convince him that he has extraordinary powers that need to be harnessed, he only puts up with her “hocus pocus” notions because he finds her captivating. However, the dangerous, uncontrolled strengthening of his gift finally convinces Jarrod that he must take Kate’s theories seriously. Together, they embark on a remarkable journey—one which will unravel the mystery that has haunted Jarrod’s family for generations and pit the teens against immense forces in a battle to undo the past and reshape the future.

NEW BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULT’S

Ash by Malinda Lo
Life Sucks by Jessica Abel
The Devil’s Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
Cat Burglar Black by Richard Sala
Evil? By Timothy Carter
Cold Hands, Warm Heart by Jill Wolfson
Dream Life by Lauren Mechling
The Order of Odd-Fish by James Kennedy
Learn to Play Guitar by Louisa Somerville
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone
Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter by Adeline Yen Mah
Splendor by Anna Godbersen
Fallen by Lauren Kate
The Wizard Heir by Cinda Williams Chima
The Warrior Heir by Cinda Williams Chima
My Soul to Take by Rachel Vincent
Charles and Emma: The Darwins’ Leap of Faith by Deborah Heiligman
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# New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

## Fiction
- Berg-*The Spirit Lens*
- Berenson-*Midnight House*
- Blake-*The Postmistress*
- Bohjalian-*Secrets of Eden*
- Clark-*Savage Lands*
- Collins-*Poor Little Bitch Girl*
- Donati-*Endless Forest*
- Erdrich-*Shadow Tag*
- Greene-*Bloodroot*
- Hall-*Silencer*
- Hannah-*Winter Garden*
- Harris-*Conspirata*
- Higgins-*Wolf at the Door*
- Hill-*Horns*
- Hobb-*Dragon Keeper*
- Hooper-*Blood Ties*
- Lowell-*Dark Fire*
- Lustbader-*Last Snow*
- Mercer-*Slow Fire*
- Mills-*Information Officer*
- Palmer-*Last Surgeon*
- Patterson-*Worst Case*
- Reed-*Hester*
- Straub-*A Dark Matter*
- Willett-*Prodigal Wife*
- Woods-*Kisser*

## Non-Fiction
- Bragg-*The Most They Ever Had*
- Buckley-*Healing Our Autistic Children*
- Dosa-*Making Rounds with Oscar*
- Evans-*How to Play Guitar*
- Greenberg-*Manufacturing Depression*
- Johnson-*This Book is Overdue!*
- Maxymuk-*Quaterback Abstract*
- Pollan-*Food Rules*
- Shields-*I am Scout*
- Walker-*Comeback America*
- Young-*The Politician*

## DVDs
- Amelia
- Black Dynamite
- Bright Star
- Gamer
- Place of Execution
- Rudy
- Time Traveler’s Wife
- Zombieland

Series (Season)
- Dexter (1-3)
- Gilmore Girls (5-7)
- Hetty Waithropp (1-4)
- Mind Your Language (1)
- Red Green Show (1997)
- True Blood (1)
- Veronica Mars (3)

## Books on CD
- Berenson-*The Midnight House*
- Blake-*Postmistress*
- Bohjalian-*Secrets of Eden*
- Heilemann-*Game Change*
- Hill-*Horns*
- King-*Ur*
- Lustbader-*Last Snow*
- Miller-*Star Wars Stealth*
- Parker-Aplit Image
- Patterson-*Worst Case*
- Perry-*Blood Money*
Erin’s Pick-*The Black Tower*
by Louis Bayard

In 1795, King Louis XVII, after years of torment, abuse and neglect at the hands of his captors, died in Temple Prison, also known as the Black Tower, at the age of ten...or did he? For years men claimed to be the dauphin with elaborate and dramatic stories of escape from the prison only to be proven frauds. But could it be that the dauphin really did escape? And could he still be living in the French countryside in 1818?

Enter police detective Eug’ne Vidocq, a name that inspires fear in the hearts of the criminals of Paris. Imagine the deductive reasoning and disguise abilities of Sherlock Holmes, the seemingly confused and humble mannerisms of Detective Columbo and all of the wicked debauchery of Bacchus and you still won’t touch the complexities of the character of Vidocq, a true historical figure fictionalized in this novel.

When Vidocq finds the tortured body of a murdered man, he discovers the name of Dr. Hector Carpentier hidden on it. Thinking he may have found the name of the killer, he seeks out Hector is surprised to find a lazy, uninspired medical student living with his mother. But soon Vidocq and Hector find themselves at the heart of a conspiracy that threatens their lives.

Hector, still reeling from a love-affair gone bad, is at first reluctant to help Vidocq solve the murder. But as he becomes more involved in the case, he begins to recover his self-esteem and finds that he is an invaluable asset in trying to solve the crime.

As this story is being told, it is interspersed with journal entries written by a physician attending a sick and tortured boy in prison. The physician finds himself becoming attached to the patient who soon begins to form a bond with him. Somehow this journal and Vidocq and Hector’s case converge in ways that will leave the reader guessing to the very end.

Highly recommended in print and audio.

Also by this author:

*The Pale Blue Eye*-Edgar Allen Poe, a young cadet at West Point, begins working with retired NYPD detective Gus Landor on a case involving apparent ritualized killings of West Point cadets. Full of twists and turns with a shocking ending.

*Mr. Timothy*-Tim Cratchit, Bob’s ill son of Christmas Carol fame, has grown into a man and seeks to sever his dependence on “uncle” Ebenezer. But his troubled life finds him at the heart of a crime involving murders of young women as he seeks to save the life of the next victim.

If you liked this book then try:

*Farewell, my Queen* by Chantal Thomas

*A Flaw in the Blood* by Stephanie Barron

*The Fleet Street Murders* by Charles Finch

*Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo

*Sins of the Wolf* by Anne Perry
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.

Boy Scouts Celebrate 100th Anniversary

The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Be sure to check out the display in our case in non-fiction by local troop 55.

The Boy Scouts of America were founded on February 8, 1910 by William Boyce after being helped by a scout in London who refused his tip, stating that he was only doing his duty as a scout. The new BSA quickly established a national office, developed a temporary handbook, and began to work to get a Congressional Charter from the US Congress which they finally got in 1916.

Quilt Display

Be sure to check out the quilts on display at the library. In the media room there is an antique yo-yo baby quilt (be sure to notice the cross in it), a Bear Paw quilt by Sally Bates and a Log Cabin Quilt by the library's own Karen Henchey. We will also be periodically displaying quilts in the main hall above the stairs from the Country Village Quilters Guild of Moultonborough. This month we have Shades of Baltimore-Winter by Stephanie Drake on display. For more information on this guild be sure to contact president Wendy Dillingham at wendydillingham@hotmail.com.