On Tuesday May 7th at 6:30 PM, Meredith Public Library, local author Peter Miller will read his original retelling of Geoffrey Chaucer’s famous “Wife of Bath’s Tale” from his book *Seven Canterbury Tales Retold*. The presentation is free and all are invited. The story will be of interest to mature adolescents and adults of all ages.

In Chaucer’s tale, which is set in King Arthur’s time, a knight rapes a young maiden and is sentenced to die. Queen Guinevere intercedes on his behalf, and he is given the opportunity to save his life if he can, within a year and a day, discover “what thing it is that women most desire.” The knight’s quest seems futile until, a year later, he encounters an ugly old hag, who reveals the answer in exchange for his promise to grant her one wish.

The knight repeats what the hag told him to Guinevere and her court. “Women desire to have as much sovereignty over their husbands as they would over a lover.” That proves correct, the knight’s life is spared, and the hag presents her demand on the spot.

Regarding his variation on this story, Peter Miller says, “My tale, which is set on a college campus in the 1960’s, retains all the elements of Chaucer’s story, with one very significant and surprising change. I won’t say what that is, for that would be a spoiler. But I can assure listeners that they will hear an original, delightful love story told in Chaucer’s own style. His story is written in rhymed pairs of ten syllable lines. This infuses the narrative with the magic of poetry. This will be the first public presentation of my version.”

There will be an opportunity for discussion after the story is presented. Signed copies of *Seven Canterbury Tales Retold* will be available for purchase at this event, with $5 from each purchase donated to the Meredith Library. *Google Luminarium, Wife of Bath’s Tale* to read the original version.
Tot Time with Miss Karen
Fridays, 9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00
Stories, crafts, songs, puppets, and games geared toward children age 0-3. Thematic classes teach basic language skills, beginning listening comprehension, build vocabulary, and encourage positive social skills. Siblings always welcome! Snacks served!
*NO TOT TIME MAY 17th DUE TO BOOK SALE*

Silly Saturday!
May 18th, Anytime Between 10am & Noon
Stop by the Children's Room this morning and make a BIG, beautiful tissue paper flower. What fun! Miss Karen will show you how to fold the paper “JUST SO.” Snacks served.

Animals and Me
Wednesday Mornings 10:00 to 11:00 & Wednesday Afternoons 1:00 to 2:00
Here's something new for you! If you are between ages 3 and 5, please join us and learn about animals in New Hampshire. We will have a story or two, a fact sheet about that weeks animal, and a fun art project! We will read about deer, bears, moose, and lots of other N.H. wildlife. Snacks will be served!

Are You Six and Silly?
Tuesday, May 14th from 3:30 to 4:40
If you're around the age of six and would like to have some fun, join Miss Karen in the Children's Room and chat about your favorite stories! We will also be weaving a paper bookmark to celebrate CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK. Snacks will be served.
*You must have a grown up with you to attend this program.*

Lego Time!
Every other Thursday from 3:30-4:30
Kids of all ages are invited to join us in the Function Room for some after school Lego fun! Some weeks we’ll be building based around a theme, and sometimes we’ll just be doing whatever we want! This is an all-ages event, and space may be limited, so make sure you’re on time to stake out a good spot!
Ages 6+.

Anytime: Age 6 or First Grade First Library Card
Come by the library anytime for your first library card. All children age 6 or in the first grade are eligible for their very own card!

See you at the library!
Mystery Book Group

Thursday, May 9
10:30-12:00PM
The Collectors by David Baldacci

Please join us for this fun and laid back book group! Oliver Stone and his Camel Club are in a race to stop a man who is determined to auction off America to the highest bidder: Roger Seagraves is selling America to her enemies, one devastating secret at a time. On a local level, Annabelle Conroy, the most gifted con artist of her generation, is becoming a bit of a Robin Hood as she plots a monumental scam against one of the most ruthless businessmen on earth. As the killings on both fronts mount, the Camel Club fights the most deadly foes they've ever faced.

Brown Bag Book Group

Thursday, May 30, noon.
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Pick up your copy at the main desk. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. If you could pile all HeLa cells ever grown onto a scale, they’d weigh more than 50 million metric tons—as much as a hundred Empire State Buildings.

HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb’s effects; helped lead to important advances like in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions.

Yet Henrietta Lacks remains virtually unknown, buried in an unmarked grave.

Bob Fogg and the Golden Age of Aviation

Due to weather, we had to re-schedule this event to Tuesday, May 21, 6:30-8:00PM. Return to the time when the sound of an airplane engine overhead was cause for tremendous excitement, when an airplane ride over the blue waters of Lake Winnipesaukee was the thrill of a lifetime, and a trip to the Weirs simply to see float-planes take off and land was the high point of a summer season. Please join local author, Jane Rice, as she discusses her book Bob Fogg and the Golden Age of NH Aviation. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.
Calendar
5/1 @4 - TTBC
   "Amulet, bk 1"
5/9 @3:30 - Lego Time!
   Age: 6-16
5/14 @4 - TAB
5/15 @4 - Comics Club
5/23 @3:30 - Lego Time
5/28 @5 - Movie Night
   "Beautiful Creatures"
5/29 @5 - Comics Club

Comics Club Arrives In May!  Age: 10+

*Wednesdays May 15th, 4PM and May 29th, 5PM*
This is not your mothers book group. There will be no
“assigned reading,” and we won’t be sipping tea. Rather, the
group will be an open forum to discuss and recommend
whatever comics you’ve read or want to read. Normal meet-
ings will include discussion, debate, and recommendations,
along with a light snack. We can play music and have reading
time, watch a movie based on a comic, or even play a comic-
themed game. We’re just getting started, so you have the
opportunity to get in on the ground floor and make this the
book club you want to go to.

We’ve recently expanded both our Juvenile and Young
Adult graphic novel collections, so stop by and browse or
read one of our staff or TAB recommended titles!

And remember, comics are books too!

Movie Night
Tuesday, 5/28 @5pm

*All-ages event*
Ethan longs to escape
his small Southern
town. He meets a
mysterious new girl,
Lena. Together, they
uncover dark secrets
about their respective
families, their history
and their town in this
2013 movie based on
the book by Kami Gar-
cia and Margaret
Stohl.
(PS, the books are great
too!)

Teen Advisory Board  Age: 10-18
Get involved at the library and help us plan your programs,
buy books you want, and decorate your space at the library!
We meet on the balcony at least once a month to discuss
summer reading programs, decorating, books and movies we
like, and a ton more. Pick up a registration form today, or
just stop by the next meeting. Let your voice be heard!

Teen/Tween Book Club  Age: 10-18

*Wednesday, May 1st from 4-5pm*
This month we’ll be discussing “Amulet, Book 1: The
Stonekeeper” by Kazu Kibuishi. This is the first of five
volumes in an ongoing graphic novel series, with book 6 due
out this fall. The series is appropriate for ages 8+, but is
chock-full of enough exciting action and breathtaking art for
this librarian to recommend it for readers of all ages!

We’ve already narrowed down our choices for June, so
come to the May meeting to help us choose our next book!
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# New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

## Fiction
- Barnes *The perfect ghost*
- Battles *Ashes*
- Berg *Tapestry of fortunes*
- Block *A walk among the tombstones*
- Bradford *Secrets from the past*
- Close *The smart one*
- French *Tuesday’s gone*
- Harrison *Ever after*
- Johansen *Taking Eve*
- Kline *Orphan train*
- Leon *The golden egg*
- MacBride *Birthdays for the dead*
- Macomber *Starting now*
- Maxwell *Lake people*
- Perry *Midnight at Marble Arch*
- Roberts *Whiskey beach*
- Scottoline *Don’t go*
- Woods *Unintended consequences*

## Biographies
- Arana *Bolivar*
- Burnett *Carrie & me*
- Bunson *Pope Francis*
- Reynolds *Unsinkable*

## Nonfiction
- Berman *An apple a day*
- Boggan *Follow the money*
- Dunkel *Color blind*
- Freeman *Modern art desserts*
- Graton *Shaping our heritage*
- Jones *The Plantagenets*
- Leech *Everything Oz*
- Mansfield *Lincoln’s battle with God*
- Meyer *The Borgias*
- Moss *Salt, sugar, fat*
- Najafi *You’re so invited*
- Pinsky *The best of the best of American poetry*
- Weintraub *The victory season*
- Wills *Green equilibrium*

## DVDs-movies
- Alex Cross
- Gone with the wind
- Hemingway & Gellhorn
- Men in Black - Pts. I II & III
- Miracle at St. Anna
- Playing for keeps
- A river runs through it
- The way we were
- Zero dark thirty

## DVDs-Series (Season)
- The Bible
- The Borgias
- New tricks (5-8)

## CD Audio Books
- Downey *A story of God & all of us*
- Grissom *The kitchen house*
- Jance *Deadly stakes*
- Turbow *Baseball forever!*
This and That

Computer Classes

Please register in advance for the following:

Intermediate PCs: Wednesday, May 22, 3:00-4:00PM or Thursday, May 30, 9-10AM. You've got your PC now learn to manage files and folders and the in's and out's of the Control Panel and your computers settings. Registration Required.

One-On-One Technology Training

Need private, one-on-one computer or device help with Chris? You can call us to register for a half hour or one hour session. Space fills quickly so be sure to give us a call.

Computer Club

Chris also hosts a monthly Computer Club which meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM. A computer related topic is discussed and then there is time for your own questions or issues. This month the Club meets on Tuesday, May 14. Come in with any computer question or problem. This is open to all experience levels and there is no need to register in advance. If you want to bring your laptop or tablet, you can, but it is not required.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library wish to thank their retiring officers: Anne Whiting who has been secretary for nearly five years! Thank you for your hard work and for keeping our minutes clear, timely and in excellent order. Barbara Clark, who has been the Friends’ Treasurer for nearly five years. Barbara did all of the hard work of getting the Friends 501c3 status, filed our annual paperwork and reported monthly on the state of our finances to the group. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank You!! Our new Secretary is Lynn Thomas and the new Treasurer is Peggy Flynn. Welcome aboard!!

Thank you to library staff members Karen Henchey and Lorraine Martin who prepared an amazing Tea for us and to the staff members who cooked and baked for it. Everything was lovely and delicious. You made us feel very special!

1918 Flu Pandemic

Tuesday, May 7, 4:00PM

Marion Girard-Dorsey, Assistant Professor of History at UNH will be giving a presentation on the 1918 flu pandemic (Spanish Flu) that spread across the world. While World War I did not cause the flu, the close troop quarters and massive troop movements hastened the pandemic and probably both increased transmission and augmented mutation; it may also have increased the lethality of the virus. It is estimated that 10% to 20% of those who were infected died - 3% to 6% of the entire global population. This pandemic has been described as "the greatest medical holocaust in history" and may have killed more people than the Black Death.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.
Library Mission Statement

The Meredith Public Library’s mission is to be the educational, inspirational and cultural heart of Meredith now and in the future. Through exceptional staff, a broad range of materials and a supportive community, the library provides innovative service to meet the needs of the 21st century patron.

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 Lorraine Martin. If you would like to present a program at the library please contact Erin Apostolos.

Art Display

Our art exhibit this month is by Tina Smith-Krause and is titled: "All of a Piece: Present Day Assemblages...Paintings From Years Past." An interest in antiques is the inspiration for her assemblages. Incorporating old ceramic figurines and wood, she gives new life to devalued and broken pieces.

Tina has studied with artist Brenda Lowen Siegel, and is inspired by sculptor Louise Nevelson who is known for her monochromatic wood sculptures. She has studied at the Massachusetts College of Art, the De Cordova Art Museum and with watercolorist Carleton Plummer.

We hope you will stop by the library and enjoy a truly unique exhibit!

Quilt Display

“Emerald Spring

This quilt was made by Dee Dahany of Moultonboro. She is a member of the Country Village Quilt Guild. The quilt was machine pieced and Dee hand appliquéd the vines and leaves in the borders. The machine quilting was done by Saima Davis of the Attic at Quilting Studio in Effingham, NH. The pattern was designed by Nancy Rink of California for the March 2007 issue of “Quilter’s Newsletter” magazine.

CVQG meets on the 1st & 3rd Weds. Meetings are from 1:30-4:00 at the safety building, RT 25, Moultonboro, NH.

Visitors are welcome.

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