



Meredith Library News

April 2011

Library Hours:

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

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*"No winter lasts forever;
no spring skips its turn."*
~Hal Borland

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Meredith Public Library staff member, Holly Raus, is now the proud author of ***Ben: The Very Best Furry Friend***. Her book discusses the work Ben performs as a therapy dog with Holly in a friendly format for children.

Holly Raus and her golden retriever, Ben have been doing volunteer work as a Pet Partners therapy team for the past seven years. They are registered with the Delta Society, an organization dedicated to promoting the Human-Animal health connection.

Ben has a natural intuitiveness for his

Ben: the Very Best Furry Friend

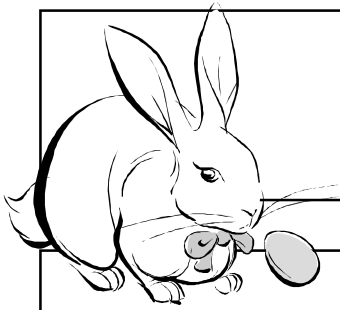
therapy work. He adjusts his demeanor to best connect with the environment and age of his friends whether it's a one year old who wants to pull his ear or poke his eye or moving closer to an elderly patient whose arthritis makes it difficult for them to reach out to pet him.

This affinity for reaching out and his loving spirit has prompted Holly to write a children's book recounting some of their experiences. It is a playful and informative story about the places Ben visits and the friends he meets. ***Ben: The Very Best Furry Friend*** is being published by Pylon Publishing with illustrations by Preston Pysh. The artwork is a unique production in which Mr. Pysh traced and painted

actual photographs of Ben using the computer software program Adobe Photoshop. ***Ben: The Very Best Furry Friend*** is currently available for purchase through Amazon.com.

Books will also be for sale, and Holly and Ben will be available for book signings at two very special events at the Meredith Public Library.

The first one is for children and will be on Tuesday, April 12 from 3:30-4:30PM. Holly will share her book with the children, discuss how to be safe around dogs, sing songs and provide a dog-related craft. Copies of her book will be available for purchase at that time. Holly will be happy to sign it
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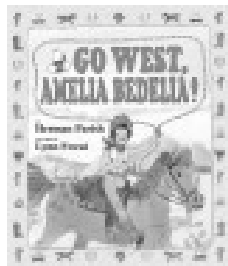
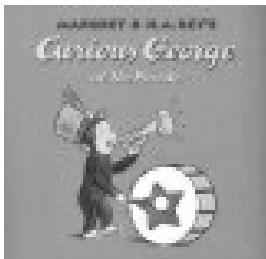
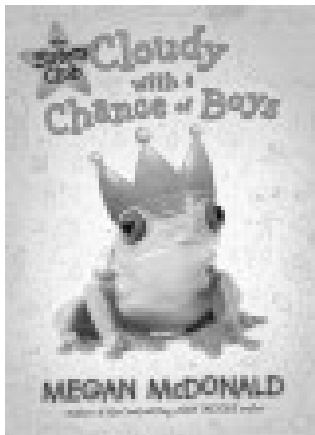


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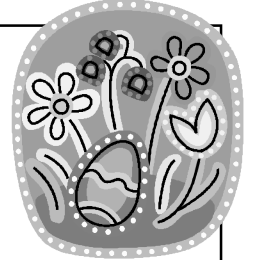
MPL Children's Room



New Highlighted Books



Special Children's Programs



Tot time

Every Friday at 9:30 for ages: 1-3.

Preschool Story Time

Weds at 10:30 & Thurs at 1:00pm for ages 3-5.

Drop in Arts and Crafts

Saturdays from 11-1 on April 2, 16 and 30th

For children of all ages with no sign-up.

Special Story Time with Ben the dog & Ms. Holly on Tues, 4/14 at 3:30 with book signing & crafts.

Lego Club

Wed., April 20, May 11th and 25th, June 8th for ages 6 and up with no sing-up.

Read-a-thon / Eat-a-thon

Tuesday, April 26th from 5-7 for readers ages 6 and up. Read, eat, read and eat! Sign up required.

Look forward to

May Day Celebration!!! On Saturday, May 7th at 11:00, sing, dance, crafts and eating!



Mystery Book Group-
Thursday, April 14, 10:30-
12:00PM-*Spanish Dagger* by
 Susan Witting Albert-Between
 the herb shop, the catering
 business, and a weekend paper-
 making class, China Bayles and
 her friends have as much work
 as they can handle. Of course,
 that doesn't stop the rest of
 their lives from going on. Ruby,
 for example, is troubled by her
 mother's strange recent behav-
 ior, and upset that her ex-
 boyfriend has stood her up yet
 again. Meanwhile, China's half
 brother, Miles Danforth, is
 opening up old wounds, trying
 to investigate their father's
 death—an accident, China in-
 sists, and a very cold case. Al-
 though she can't stop her hus-
 band from accepting Miles' re-
 quest to handle the investiga-
 tion—after all, McQuaid is a PI
 who hasn't had a bite in
 months—she could at least put
 the unsavory business out of
 mind by gathering supplies for
 making paper. But in a patch of
 yucca plants, which make great
 paper, she finds a very dead
 body—cause of death, un-
 known. Pecan Springs Chief of
 Police Sheila Dawson is on the
 case, but circumstances require
 China to lend a helping hand,
 behind the scenes, of course.
 Meddling? Maybe. But if China

Book Groups

can find the clues that lead
 to the killer, who's keeping
 score? Books are available
 at the main circulation desk
 of the library. Please join
 our casual, fun group.



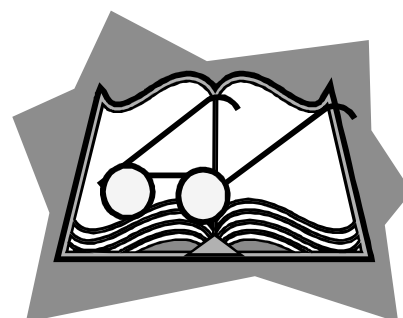
Brown Bag
Book Group-
 Thursday, April
 21, Noon–
 2:30PM-***Rebecca***
 by Daphne Du

Maurier. After the discus-
 sion we will be showing Al-
 fred Hitchcock's version of
 the film. (From Kirkus Re-
 views, September 1, 1938.)
 A brilliant piece of writing,
 with the atmosphere and
 suspense and pace that
 made Jamaica Inn an ab-
 sorbing and thrilling story -
 - and it has besides a depth
 of characterization and
 soundness of psychological
 conflict that makes it a
 finer and more penetrating
 book. The story is told
 through the eyes of the un-
 sophisticated and some-
 what terrified young second
 wife of Maxim de Winter.
 Bit by bit, the character of
 Rebecca is built up in the
 mind of her successor, and
 the sinister figure of the
 housekeeper who had
 adored her, strengthens the
 conviction that her ghost
 haunts the place. A haunt-
 ing sense of impending
 tragedy keeps one breath-
 less to the end. It is fasci-
 nating reading.

Friends Update

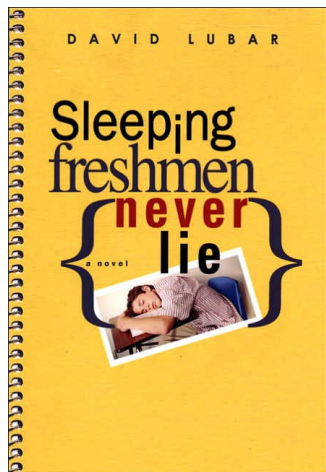
The Friends of the Library's
 annual Membership Drive
 has begun! The last year
 has been terrific for the
 Friends! We've had a lot of
 activity and have enjoyed
 the company of a lot of new
 members. The Friends are
 particularly proud of the
 results of their three an-
 nual Book Sales, and two
 other sales, Abebooks and
 the DVD's Close Shave and
Meredith the First 200
Years (generously donated
 by the Montana Family)
 which enable us to provide
 for various activities and
 supplement the library's
 operating budget.

It is now time to renew
 your membership or to be-
 come a new friend for the
 coming year. Current mem-
 bers will be receiving a re-
 newal letter in the mail
 shortly. If you are a new
 friend please take a few
 minutes the next time you
 are in the library to join the
 Friends. Thank you for
 joining or re-joining us!
 Friends meetings are held
 on the last Wednesday of
 the month; check out the
 bulletin board for the latest
 news!



Teens and 'Tweens Page

Ages 10-17



Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

Starting high school is never easy. Seniors take your lunch money. Girls you've known forever are suddenly beautiful and unattainable. And you can never get enough sleep. Could there be a worse time for Scott's

mother to announce she's pregnant? Scott decides high school would be a lot less overwhelming if it came with a survival manual, so he begins to write down tips for his new sibling. Meanwhile, he's trying his best to capture the attention of Julia, the freshman goddess. In the process, Scott manages to become involved in nearly everything, from auditioning for the school play to running for student council to writing sports columns for the school paper. While he tries to find his place in the confusing world of high school, win Julia's heart, and keep his sanity, Scott will be recording all the details for his sibling's---and your---enjoyment.

NEW FICTION FOR TEENS

Solitary by Alexander Gordon Smith

The Rendering: A Cyberskunks Post by Joel Naftali

In the Path of Falling Objects by Andrew Smith

Gentlemen by Michael Northrop

Crashed by Robin Wasserman

As Easy As Falling Off the Face of the Earth by Lynne Rae Perkins

Bullet Point by Peter Abrahams

The Clearing by Heather Davis

Angry young Man by Chris Lynch

Aurelia by Anne Osterlund

A Company of Swans by Eva Ibbotson

Shimmer by Alyson Noel

Dark Mirror by M. J. Putney

Shadowspell by Jenna Black

Kiss It by Erin Downing

The Comeback by Marlene Perez

Dead is Just a Rumor by Marlene perez

Now You See Me by Marilyn Kaye

The Counseling by Marley Gibson

A Tale of Two Pretties by Lisi Harrison

NEW NON-FICTION FOR TEENS

A Career As a Teacher by Annalise Silivanch

Seventeen Presents Traumarama: Real Girl's Share Their Most Embarrassing Moments Ever by Megan Hess

The Teen Vogue Handbook: An Insider's Guide to Careers in Fashion by Teen Vogue

All young adults ages 10 and up, join us on Tuesday, April 26 between 5 and 7 for a Read-a-Thon! Bring a book and a friend, must sign-up if you want pizza.

Any questions contact:

karen@meredithlibrary.org or call 279-4303.



April 2011

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM	2 Drop-In Craft 11:00-1:00
5 Genealogy Club 4:00-5:00PM	6 Story Time 10:30-11:30AM	7 Knitters 10:00-12:00PM Story Time 1:00-2:00PM	8 Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM	9
12 Ben Story Time 3:30-4:30PM Trustees Meeting 6:00PM	13 Story Time 10:30-11:30AM Therapy Dogs with Ben and Holly 6:30PM	14 Knitters 10:00-12:00PM Book Group 10:30-12:00PM Story Time 1:00-2:00PM	15 Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM	16 Healthcare Decision Day 9:00-1:00PM Drop-In Craft 11:00-1:00
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26 Read/Eat-a-thon 5:00-7:00PM	27 Story Time 10:30-11:30AM Library Friends 4:00PM Deb Reynolds 6:30PM	28 Knitters 10:00-12:00PM Story Time 1:00-2:00PM	29 Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM	30 Drop-In Craft 11:00-1:00

New Adult Items

(ask for the full list at the desk)

Cozy Fiction

Binchy-*Minding Frankie*

Childs-*Scones and Bones*

McCall Smith-*Saturday
Big Tent Wedding Party*

Wiggs-*The Goodbye Quilt*

Fiction

Allan-*Antiques Knock-Off*

Auel-*Land of the Painted
Caves*

Bass-*Bone Yard*

Bayard-*School of Night*

Box-*Cold Wind*

Briggs-*River Marked*

Brockmann-*Breaking the
Rules*

Cain-*Night Season*

Coben-*Live Wire*

Cussler-*The Jungle*

Dick-*Selected Stories*

Doctorow-*All the Time in
the World*

Fairstein-*Silent Mercy*

Gardener-*Love You More*

Harrison-*Pale Demon*

Herbert-*Hellhole*

Hillerman-*Shape Shifter*

Hoffman-*Red Garden*

Jackson-*Dead Path*

Kellerman-*Mystery*

Kingsbury-*Leaving*

Mariani-*Mozart Conspir-
acy*

McEuen-*Spiral*

Mosley-*When the Thrill is
Gone*

Obreht-*Tiger's Wife*

Patterson-*Toys*

Piccolt-*Sing You Home*

Rice-*Silver Boat*

Rothfuss-*Wise Man's Fear*

Russell-*Swamplandia!*

Steinhauer-*Nearest Exit*

Stevens-*Informationist*

Tatlock-*Promises to Keep*

Thomson-*Twice a Spy*

Winspear-*Lesson in Se-
crets*

DVDs Documentaries

Enron

Iraq for Sale

So Goes the Nation

Waiting for Superman

Feature Films

Angels and Demons

*Beyond a Reasonable
Doubt*

The Fighter

Let Me In

*You Will Meet a Tall
Dark Stranger*

Series (season)

Cranford (1-3)

McLeod's Daughters (7 +
8)

Midsomer Murders (7)

Smallville (7 + 9)

Touch of Frost (7-10)

Books on CD

Bradbury-*Dandelion Wine*

Cussler-*The Jungle*

Patterson-*Tick Tock*

Preston-*Gideon's Sword*

Robertson-*Baker Street Let-
ters*

Rothfuss-*Name of the Wind*

Rothfuss-*Wise Man's Fear*

Stevens-*The Informationist*

Wilhelm-*Heaven is High*

Wolfe-*I Am Charlotte Sim-
mons*

Spanish in Three Months

Cussler-*Crescent Dawn*
(Playaway audio)

Furry Friend Continued

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and Ben has agreed to provide his paw-print.

The second program is for adults and families and will be on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30PM. Holly will present her book and discuss the important role therapy dogs play at nursing homes, schools and libraries. Holly will answer any questions after the presentation and copies of her book will be available for purchase and once again she and Ben will be available to sign the book.

The purpose of their pet therapy visits is to bring a smile and comfort to those they meet. Studies have long shown that petting an animal can provide health benefits such as lowering blood pressure and creating a feeling of well being. Together, they have visited nursing homes, adult day care centers, a children's bereavement camp, schools and libraries. They have given presentations to Boy Scout troops and a local historical society and made appearances at an autism seminar and a local wellness fair.

The focus of their work has evolved into promoting children's literacy by their "Tales for Tails" program. This program has targeted improving reading skills by having children read aloud to Ben. This is a fun way for children to practice their reading and it proves more relaxing for them to read to an unconditionally accepting dog. Therapy dog reading programs are becoming more visible throughout the U.S. and have shown results of higher levels of reading fluency and increased number of correct words read per minute.

Please stop by and meet Holly and Ben for one of these fun and informative programs!

Available Museum Passes

Currier Museum of Art-Admits two adults, under age 18 are free.

<http://www.currier.org/>

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center-Valid for up to \$36.00 toward admission.

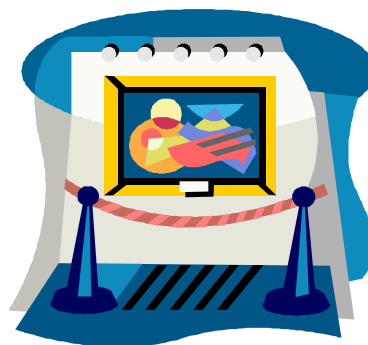
<http://www.starhop.com/>

Museum of New Hampshire History-four free admissions.

<http://www.nhhistory.org/museum.html>

Wright Museum-Sundays 12-4 ONLY-Winter lecture series.

<http://www.wrightmuseum.org/>



Audio Book Review

The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss- This 24 CD audio book is well worth your time. New author Rothfuss won the Quill award for his fantasy novel which took him fourteen years to complete! In it we meet Kvothe, owner of the unassuming Waystone Inn, who has been keeping many secrets. Pull up a barstool and mug and listen as he weaves his tale from orphan boy to world's most notorious wizard. Fans of George R. R. Martin's Song of Ice and Fire series will love this book, which is the first of a trilogy. The second novel, ***The Wise Man's Fear***, was recently released and shot up quickly to number one on the New York Times Bestseller list. Both books are available in audio from the library.

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Sunday and Monday-*Closed*
Tuesday-Thursday-9:00am-8:00pm
Friday-9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday-9:00am-2:00pm

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, April 5 at 4:00PM-
Please join us as we discuss our genealogy successes, failures and brickwalls. Found a great Website, repository or print resource? Please share it with the group. This is your chance to share and help others with their issues. Refreshments will be served.

This summer look for a four part series on genealogy being taught at the Meredith Public Library! More information to follow in the next newsletter!

Quilt Display

Teal and Cranberry Quilt

I saw the teal and cranberry floral fabric and loved it, and went back to the store and looked at it three more times before I finally bought it with no idea of how I would use it in a quilt!

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.

The pieced blocks were made with a technique called paper piecing. The paper was removed after the blocks were pieced together.

The custom quilting was done by Dick Castrucci of Hearts & Feathers Quilting in Laconia.

The quilt was started in the fall of 2007 and completed in 2008.

-Wendy Dillingham

Country Village Quilt
Guild/CVQC

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month from 1:30-4:00 P.M.

They are held at the Public Safety Building (Police/Fire Dept.) Route 25 East of the blinker Moultonboro, N.H. 03254. Guests are always welcome!

Art Display: New Hampshire's Maritime

Located in our front media room, this display includes photographs from Rye Harbor and Star Island, in the Isles Of Shoals. New Hampshire's maritime coastline is small in area, but rich and varied in its photographic opportunities. For those who are willing to take the time to look, there are many sights to see.

Kristin Hand is a local Lakes Region photographer. Recently relocated back to her Bridgewater NH roots, she enjoys photographing the region's seasons and scenic areas.