# Meredith Library News

February 2011

### **Library Hours:**

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

## Ask us about Home Delivery Service



I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library. ~Jorge Luis Borges

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## **New Online Library Features**

The library is closed on February 1 and 2 so that new software can be installed that will bring new and updated features designed to give library patrons more control over their accounts.

One exciting new feature is the availability of e-mail notification. Get an email as soon as a book comes in that you've put on hold or to remind you that an item is due at the library!

Access our catalog and log into your account to view what items you have checked out, renew items, place a hold on an item and even suspend items you have on hold in case you go out of town and do not want to lose your place in queue.

Create lists that remain tied to your ac-

count for items you want to read, items you have read or maybe a favorite hobby such as sewing or genealogy. You can even export these lists into other programs to create bibliographies.

Like knowing what other people think of a book or movie before you check it out? Reviews will now be available. Write your own review or read what others have to say.

Most records in the catalog will now have the image of the book jacket with many special features such as editorial reviews, character lists, summaries and table of contents. Links in the record can take you to records of books or DVDs of a similar subject, same actors or authors.

The staff will have the ability to create lists for patrons to view. In addition to the New York Times Bestseller List, we can create lists of staff favorites, book group picks, holiday favorites...the possibilities are endless.

You can also search in our catalog for thousands of downloadable books and audio books. Check out books and download them to your favorite MP3 player or ebook reader (currently the Kindle will not work with this collection.) Now you can access the library's collection without ever leaving your living room!

One frustrating aspect of our old catalog is that it wasn't very forgiving of spelling. Now if you type in something incorrectly, *(continued on page 7)* 



# "From The Clock Tower" MPL Children's Room



## New

## Highlighted Books!

Slide and Seek!

By Rev. W Awdry.

Thomas the train entertains the youngest listeners with this fun story. Children can discover secret treasures hidden behind sliding doors of this interactive book.





### Silvericious

By: Victoria Kahn

Pinkalicious has just lost her first tooth but it is not just any tooth it is her sweet tooth. Can the tooth fairy help her get back her sweetness?

Okay So Maybe I Do Have Super Power By: Jim Benton

Jamie Kelly writes knee slapping diary entries and now she is faced with something super weird, boys. Read on as Jamie tells us all about



what it is like to be in middle school.

## Special Children's Programs

**Tot time:** Every Friday at 9:30 For ages:1-3 with stories, songs and fun!

### Preschool Story Time

Thursdays at 1:00pm For ages 3-5 with stories, songs and projects!

Saturday Drop-in Crafts: Every other Saturday for all kids to drop in from 9:30-1:30. Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 5, March 19

### Vacation BINGO for Books

Wednesday, March 2 @ 3:00. Play Bingo and win books! Open to kids and young adults with snacks provided.



Look forward to Dr. Seuss
Celebration on
March 9th at 3:30!
Open to all with
project and snack.
No sign-up needed.



Mystery Book Group-Thursday, February 17, 10:30-12:00PM-Film Discus**sion-***Heavenly Creatures* is a 1994 drama film directed by Peter Jackson, from a screenplay that Jackson co-wrote with his wife Fran Walsh, about the Parker-Hulme murder that occurred in New Zealand in 1954. The film features Melanie Lynskey, Kate Winslet and Sarah Peirse and deals with the obsessive relationship between the shy but intelligent Pauline Parker (played by Lynskey) and the outspoken English rose Juliet Hulme (played by Winslet), two teenagers who murder Parker's mother (played by Peirse) to avoid facing a potential separation when the mother fears that their relationship is bordering on homosexuality. The film is presented from the girls' meeting in early 1953 to the murder in 1954. Filmed on location in Christchurch, New Zealand, Heavenly Creatures is based entirely on fact: the film is inspired by the notorious 1954 Parker-Hulme murder committed by two teenage girls. Instead of focusing on the infamous trial and court proceedings, Jackson and his associates Jim Booth (who died during production) and Fran Walsh,

## **Book Groups**

decided to focus on the girls' friendship. The film, departing strongly from Jackson's former graphic splatter film productions, retains his elaborate fantasy sequences which are used to demonstrate the imaginary world of the main characters, using clay animation. Additionally, the film is notable for being Winslet's first film credit; she has since become an "A-list" actress.



Brown Bag Book Group-Thursday, February 24, Noon– 1:00PM-In The Woods by Tana French.

When Katy Devlin, a 12year-old girl from Knocknaree, a Dublin suburb, is found murdered at a local archeological dig, Det. Rob Ryan and his partner, Cassie Maddox, must probe deep into the victim's troubled family history. There are chilling similarities between the Devlin murder and the disappearance 20 years before of two children from the same neighborhood who were Ryan's best friends. Only Maddox knows Ryan was involved in the 1984 case. The plot climaxes with a taut interrogation by Maddox of a potential suspect. Feel free to bring your lunch. Desserts and beverages will be served.

## **Friends Update**

Thank you so much to the Friends of the Meredith Library for supporting the library's Ancestry.com subscription in conjunction with the New Hampshire State Library. Genealogy continues to be quite popular at the library and Ancestry is one of our most used databases. The Friends will also be sponsoring the library's museum passes this year as well as the Teen and Children's Summer Reading program. In addition, the Friends have pledged to help support the continuing education of the library staff by renewing memberships to the New Hampshire State Library Association. NHLA sponsors numerous workshops, round table discussions and conferences designed to keep New Hampshire librarians informed about current library trends, new technologies and ways of promoting literacy in the community.

Please be sure to stop by the Friends of the Library Book Sale Preview on Friday February 4 from 3:00-4:30. This preview is for Friends only, but if you wish to join the Friends at that time you are welcome to do so. Membership is \$15.00 and new members will receive a free tote bag and can fill it for free at the (continued on page 7)

## Teens and 'Tweens Page

Ages 10-17



**Black Angels** by Linda Beatrice Brown

When eleven-year-old Luke runs off from the only home he's ever known, he hopes to join up with some Union soldiers. He wants to fight for freedom. But instead he finds nine-

year-old Daylily, scared and alone, lost in the woods. Luke immediately starts to feel responsible for her. And when he finds another child, seven-year-old Caswell, the white son of a plantation owner, who is also lost, Luke's dream of fighting for freedom feels farther and farther away.

Luke only knows they must head North. It's getting colder and the woods are a dangerous, harrowing place to be. There's always the sound of gunfire in the distance, and to survive, they even have to resort to taking coats and canteens off the bodies of dead soldiers. After weeks in the woods, and with Daylily deathly ill, they all just long to be someplace they can call home again. They miss their families terribly, but through their struggles, Luke, Daylily, and Caswell have each other, and their bond proves even stronger than family.

An affecting, poignant look at the Civil war through the eyes of children caught in the crossfire, BLACK ANGELS is a very special read that won't soon be forgotten.

New Fiction for Young Adults

The Book of Spells: A Private Prequel by Kate Brian

Sleeping Freshman Never Lie by David Lubar Last Sacrifice: A Vampire Academy Novel by Richelle Mead

Keeping the Moon by Sarah Dessen

Fade Out by Rachel Caine

Written in Blood by John Wilson

Accomplice by Eireann Corrigan

**Reckless** by Lesley Choyce

*The Secret Life of Sparrow Delaney* by Suzanne Harper

Dark Song by Gail Giles

Crazy by Han Nolan

**Dangerous Neighbors** by Beth Kephart

**Pegasus** by Robin McKinley

The Daughters Break the Rules by Joanna Philbin

Awakened: A House of Night Novel by P.C. Cast

Stake That by Marianne Mancusi

*Night School* by Marianne Mancusi

**The Gift** by James Patterson

See What I See by Gloria Whelan

**Rosebush** by Michele Jaffe

Nicholas Dane by Melvin Burgess

Fixing Delilah by Sarah Oakler

Black Angels by Linda Beatrice Brown

EVERYBODY BINGO-Wed. March 2 from 3:00 to 4:00. Bring a friend, have a snack, and win books! No sign up required



## February 2011

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Library Closed System Upgrade	2 Library Closed System Upgrade	3 Knitters 10:00-12:00PM Story Time 1:00-2:00PM	4 Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM Friends Book Sale Preview 3:00-4:30	5 Drop-In Craft 9:30AM-1:30PM Book Sale Today!
8 Trustees Meeting (Comm. Center) 4:30PM  Book Sale Today!	9  Book Sale Today!	10 Knitters 10:00-12:00PM Story Time 1:00-2:00PM Book Sale Today!	Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM Book Sale Today!	12 Book Sale Today!
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22	Friends Meeting 3:00-4:00PM	24 Knitters 10:00-12:00PM Book Group 12-1:00PM Story Time 1:00-2:00PM	25 Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM	26
March 1	2 Book Bingo 3:00PM Genealogy Club: Irish Famine Presentation 4:30PM	3 Knitters 10:00-12:00PM Story Time 1:00-2:00PM	4 Tot Time 9:30-10:15AM	5 Drop-In Craft 9:30AM-1:30PM

## **New Adult Items**

(ask for the full list at the desk)

### Fiction

Bentley-Mortar and Murder

Brackston-*The Witch's Daughter* 

Clark-To Have and To Kill

Clement-Cat Sitter
Among the Pigeons

Cole-Deep Kiss of Winter

Edwards-Lake of Dreams

Egan-A Visit from the Goon Squad

Fforde-Love Letters

Harris-Sweet and Deadly

Lippman-The Girl in the Green Raincoat

Macomber-Family Affair

McCarty-The Ranger

Meltzer-The Inner Circle

Moore-The Sherlockian

Parker-The Border Lords

Peters-The Officer's Club

Tapply-*The Nomination* 

Taylor-An Irish Country
Girl

Vreeland-*Clara and Mr. Tiffany* 

Woods-Strategic Moves

Zeltserman-Outsourced

### **Non-Fiction**

Barker-Codes for Homeowners

Beck-The 7

Fisher-How to Smell a Rat

Fisher-Much Ado About (Practically) Nothing

Impey-Talking About Life

King-All Labor Has Dignity

Ling-Somewhere Inside

Panek-The 4 Percent Universe

Shideler-2011 Standard Catalog of Firearms

Talty-Escape from the Land of the Snows

Welch-Overdiagnosed

White-Seeing Patients

<u>Movies</u>

**Grey Gardens** 

Dinner for Schmuks

**DVDs** 

Downtown Abbey

Gone with the Wind

House of Sand and Fog

Pirate Radio

The Social Network

Series (Season)

Law and Order: UK (1)

Smallville (4)

Yes Minister

### **Books on CD**

Burnett-*This Time Togethe*r

Eastland-Eye of the Red Tsar

Egan-A Visit from the Goon Squad

Fairstein-Hell Gate



## Online Library Continued I

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While logged into your account you will also be able to simultaneously search our magazine and newspaper databases and seamlessly access online copies of these resources without having to log into a separate database.

On the staff side of things we will now be able to better catalog items to make it easier for everyone to find them. Search on actors, narrators of audio books, songs on a CD, a poem in a collection of poems and even short summaries.

In the interest of patron privacy, we will no longer have the ability to look up what items you have previously check out unless you request that that feature be turned on. Patron records can be subpoenaed and used in a court of law, so it is our recommendation that you do not utilize this feature, however we will happily turn it on at your request. Items that you checked out in our old system are still stored and we can print out a list for you if needed.

In the near future we hope to implement features with this new software such as a mapping system that will show where items are located in the library once you find them in the catalog and time management software that will allow you to request library computer time in advance without staff intervention.

Please feel free to ask any staff member to show you these new features. Handouts will be available soon that will walk you through the new catalog.

## **Friends Update Continued**

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sale. The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be from Saturday, February 5—Saturday February 12. All purchases will be by donation and can be paid at the main desk. Please remember that all donations allow the Friends to continue their crucial support of the library.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Friends, please contact Friends' Interim President, Beverly Heyduk at bheyduk@metrocast.net. The Friends manage a highly successful online book sale and are always looking for volunteers to help price items and put them online. The Garden Committee is already planning for the library's garden this spring and the regular book sale committee is always looking for help. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please let Beverly know.

The library gladly accepts used books, DVDs, CDs, video cassettes, puzzles, and computer software. Anything not added to the collection will be included in the book sale.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on Wednesday, February 23 at 3:00PM.



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### **Library Hours**

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

## Genealogy Club

Wednesday, March 2 at 4:30PM we will be welcoming guest speaker James Farrell of the UNH Speakers' Bureau as he discusses: Reading The Famine: Boston Newspaper Accounts of Ireland's Great Hunger, 1846-47. The devastating famine in Ireland in the late 1840s was worldwide news. and many newspapers in America reported on the suffering in Ireland. Yet those newspaper accounts often framed the events in Ireland, and the arrival of famine immigrants in America, from distinct political perspectives that tended to blame the Irish themselves for their own misery. This presentation will take a close look at the newspaper coverage of the Irish Famine, paying special attention to the way the various Boston newspapers reported on

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 tragic events. The talk will identify and discuss the major narrative themes according to which Americans came to understand the implications of the Famine for the Irish and themselves, James M. Farrell is Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of New Hampshire, where, since 1988, he has taught courses in argumentation, classical rhetoric. and American public address. He holds the Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He has authored numerous critical and historical studies of eighteenth and nineteenth-century American public discourse, including essays on John Adams, Fisher Ames, James Otis, and Daniel Webster. Professor Farrell has done additional critical and historical work on American

discourse about the Irish Famine, and has recently published an awardwinning paper on St. Augustine's Confessions. This event is open to everyone.

### Quilt Display

Red Toile Flying Geese and Pinwheels-This queen sized quilt was made by Ginger Stevenson of Moultonboro. It is machine pieced and machine quilted. Ginger is currently vice president of the Country Village Quilt Guild. The guild meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held in the public safety building Route 25, east of the blinker in Moultonboro, NH from 1:30-4:00PM. Guests are welcome.