

# Meredith Library News

March 2011

## Upcoming March Events

### Library Hours:

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

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Service**



"There is no language like the  
Irish for soothing and quieting."  
- John Millington Synge

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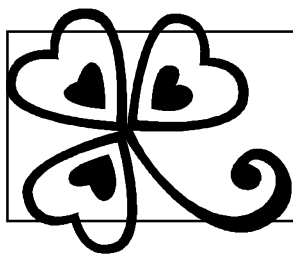
March brings us Women's History Month, Saint Patrick's Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday, not to mention the first day of spring!!! So we have much to celebrate.

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versity 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 award-winning paper on St. Augustine's Confessions. For those of us whose Irish ancestors who came over during the Great Famine or anyone interested in learning more about this topic.

On Thursday, March 31 at 6:30PM, we welcome Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to the library! Listen as she  
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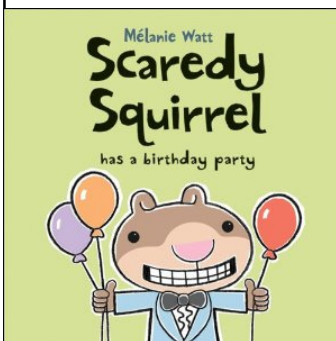
## "From The Clock Tower"

MPL Children's Room



### New Highlighted Books!

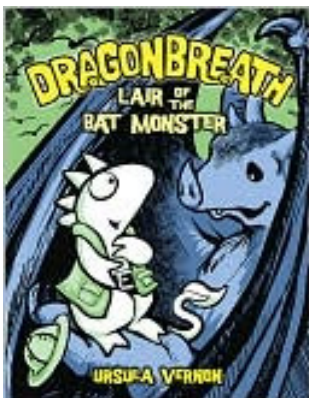
**Scaredy Squirrel** has a birthday party  
by: Melanie Watt



Scaredy squirrel the loveable worry-wart is having a birthday. He does not like large crowds so he carefully plans and organizes his own

gathering. But even when it spirals out of control will he play dead or face the music?

**Dragonbreath: the Lair of the Bat Monster** by: Ursula Vernon



Danny Dragonbreath is hoping to see lots of cool bats when he and his best friend, Wendell, visit Danny's cousin, a bat specialist in Mexico. But he *isn't* expecting to get up close and personal with a giant bat monster, who kidnaps Danny and carries him off to her lair! Now nerdy Wendell will finally get a chance to be a hero . . . but only if he can hunt down the bat monster before she permanently adopts Danny as her bat monster baby. (Amazon.com summary)

### 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!

**Vacation BINGO for Books**

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

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

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





**Mystery Book Group-**  
**Thursday, March 10, 10:30-**  
**12:00PM-*Fat Ollie's Book*** by  
 Ed McBain. (*From Amazon.com*) It was forty years ago that I first came across Ed McBain's already well-established 87th Precinct series; yet here's another novel from a writer still very much in his creative prime. A horrifying realization. Fat Ollie Weeks of the 88th has written most of his first novel -- a full 36 pages, no less. On his way to the copy shop, he gets called to a murder scene: someone gunned down rising right-wing politician Lester Henderson.

As Ollie busily alienates witnesses, a junkie robs his car and steals Ollie's only copy of the manuscript. Because the murder occurred in the 87th Precinct, the authorities agree that Ollie will share the investigation with Steve Carella and Bert Kling. In the event, of course, while Carella and Kling investigate the murder, Ollie shifts heaven and earth to try to get his manuscript back. The thief -- who only wanted the smart attache case the manuscript came in -- assumes Ollie's police-procedural novel is a genuine report, but coded. If the thief could only decode the information he could find a

## Book Groups

fortune in diamonds and a beautiful babe police officer -- for Ollie wrote in the persona of one of the young.



**Brown Bag Book Group-**  
 Thursday, March 31, Noon-  
 1:00PM-***The***

***Kitchen Boy*** by Robert Alexander features 94-year-old Mikhail Semyanov, a Russian immigrant now living outside Chicago. The novel travels back to the bloody days of the Russian revolution, when the entire royal family is imprisoned in Siberia, in a building known as the House of Special Purpose. There, the seven Romanovs-Tsar Nikolai, his wife Aleksandra, their hemophiliac son, Aleksei, and their four daughters-are confined with a small staff of attendants, including Leonka, the kitchen boy of the title, who may or may not be narrator Mikhail. Because of his lowly position in the household, Leonka was able to see and hear secret things. And he does keep them secret until decades later, knowing he is ready to die. Please join us for a lively discussion. Feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages and dessert will be served.

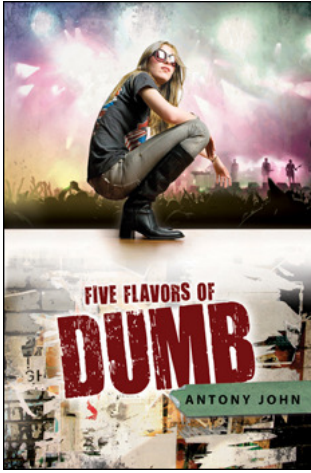
## Friends Update

The Friends of the Meredith Library are delighted with the results of our recent book sale. Even though the weather was challenging, we had many visitors to the sale. We also welcomed 14 new members. These book sales are so valuable because they help us help the library in so many ways. They are very large undertakings and we have many people to thank: Jean Dougan for organizing the event; the library staff for their constant support; Vu-Tek and Village Canvas for the donation of banners; Rusty McLearn and Robert Scott Company for allowing placement of the banner; the Department of Public Works for setting up and taking down the hundreds of boxes of books and all the volunteers who set up and kept the books in order during the sale.

We know spring is around the corner because the Friends' Garden Committee is already meeting and planning the Library's garden. They will be meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at 10:00AM at Barbara Brann's home. Please call Barbara at 279-5565 if you are interested in joining this committee. This hard working group of volunteers  
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# Teens and 'Tweens Page

Ages 10-17



## ***Five Flavors of Dumb*** by Anthony John

Eighteen-year-old Piper has gotten herself into a mess. Because of her big mouth, she has one month to get a paying gig for her high school's hottest new rock band, called Dumb. In Piper's mind, the band couldn't have a more perfect

name. Just look at the members: one egomaniacal pretty boy, one silent rocker, one talentless piece of eye candy, one angry girl, and one nerd-boy drummer--- five discordant personalities who, when put together, seem ready to self-destruct at any moment. Getting them an actual gig seems impossible. Add to that the fact that Piper doesn't know if their music is good or not, because, well, she's deaf.

But Piper is determined to get the band a gig to show her classmates that being deaf doesn't mean she is invisible. And as she gets to know the five flavors of Dumb, some hidden talents, secret crushes, and crazy rock music emerge. She doesn't need to hear the music to sell it, but Piper wants the chance to feel the music too. Does she have what it takes to manage Dumb and discover her own inner rock star?

### New Books for Young Adult

***The Crowfield Curse*** by Pat Walsh

***Reckless*** by Cornelia Caroline Funke

***Tournaments, Cocoa & One Wrong Move*** by Nancy Rue

***The Replacement*** by Brenna Yovanoff

***The Necromancer*** by Michael Scott

***Legacies*** by Mercedes Lackey

***Fast Slide*** by Melanie Jackson

***The Way It Is*** by Donald Reid

***Please Ignore Vera Dietz*** by A.S. King

***You Wish*** by Mandy Hubbard

***Tattoo*** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

***Entice*** by Carrie Jones

***The Running Dream*** by Wendelin Van Draanen

***Anna and the French Kiss*** by Stephanie Perkins

***Mad Love*** by Suzanne Selfors

***Tiger's Curse*** by Colleen Houck

***Ship Breaker*** by Paolo Bacigalupi

New Non-Fiction for Young Adults

***The Year We Disappeared: A Father-Daughter Memoir*** by Cylin Busby and John Busby

***We Want You to Know: Kids Talk About Bullying*** by Deborah Ellis

***Vampire History and Lore*** by Stuart A. Kallen

New CD Books for Young Adults

***Across the Universe*** by Beth Revis

***Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*** by Judy Blume

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



# March 2011

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Fri

Sat

1	2 <b>Bingo for Books-</b> 3:00-4:00pm	3 <b>Knitters</b> 10:00-12:00PM <b>Story Time</b> 1:00-2:00PM	4 <b>Tot Time</b> 9:30-10:15AM	5 <b>Drop-In Craft</b> 9:30AM-1:30PM
8	9 <b>Dr. Seuss' Birth-</b> <b>day-3:30-4:30pm</b>  <b>Library closing</b> <b>at 5:00PM for</b> <b>Town Meeting</b>	10 <b>Knitters</b> 10:00-12:00PM <b>Book Group</b> 10:30-12:00PM <b>Story Time</b> 1:00-2:00PM	11 <b>Tot Time</b> 9:30-10:15AM	12
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22 <b>Trustees Meeting</b> 4:30PM	23 <b>Reading the</b> <b>Famine 4:00PM</b>	24 <b>Knitters</b> 10:00-12:00PM <b>Story Time</b> 1:00-2:00PM	25 <b>Tot Time</b> 9:30-10:15AM	26
29	30 <b>Library Friends</b> 4:30PM	31 <b>Knitters</b> 10:00-12:00PM <b>Book Group</b> 12-1:00PM <b>Story Time</b> 1:00-2:00PM <b>Eleanor Roosevelt</b> 6:30-8:00PM	1 <b>Tot Time</b> 9:30-10:15AM	2 <b>Drop-In Craft</b> 9:30AM-1:30PM

# New Adult Items

(ask for the full list at the desk)

## Cozy Fiction

Ahern-*The Book of Tomorrow*  
 Atherton-*Aunt Dimity and the Family Tree*  
 Beaton-*Death of a Chimney Sweep*  
 Fluke-*Devil's Food Cake Murder*  
 Chiaverini-*Union Quilters*

## Fiction

Abercrombie-*The Heroes*  
 Boyd-*Agent X*  
 Coonts-*Deep Black, Death Wave*  
 Eastland-*Eye of the Red Tsar*  
 Ellis-*Breach of Trust*  
 Genova-*Left Neglected*  
 Grimes-*Fadeaway Girl*  
 Jance-*Fatal Error*  
 Ludlum-*Janson Directive*  
 Patterson-*Tick Tock*  
 Plain-*Heartwood*  
 Roberts-*Birthright*  
 Taylor-*An Irish Country Courtship*  
 Vonnegut-*While Mortals Sleep*  
 Wilhelm-*Heaven is High*

## Non-Fiction

Firstbrook-*The Obamas*  
 Pawlenty-*Courage to Stand*  
 Pysh-*Diary of a West Point Cadet*  
 Brady-*Endgame*  
 Rumsfeld-*Known and Unknown*  
 Adbullah II-*Our Last Best Chance*  
 Slawenski-*J. D. Salinger: a life*  
 Hornfischer-*Neptune's Inferno*  
 Restall-*2012 and the end of the World*  
 Vickers-*Day After the Dollar Crashes*  
 Offit-*Deadly Choices*  
 Greene-*Hidden Reality*

## DVDs

### Movies

*The Big Lebowski*  
*Conviction*  
*Deceiver*  
*Freakonomics*  
*Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*  
*The Fellowship of the Ring*  
*Night Shift*  
*Open Season 3*  
*A Perfect Murder*  
*Red*  
*Salt*  
*Secretariat*  
*The Town*

### Series (Season)

*Big Love* (1 + 2)  
*Grey's Anatomy* (5 + 6)

## Books on CD

Jance-*Fatal Error*  
 Abbott-*American Rose*  
 Vreeland-*Clara and Mr. Tiffany*  
 Coonts-*Deep Black*  
 Grimes-*Fadeaway Girl*  
 Meltzer-*Inner Circle*

Moran-*Madame Tussaud*  
 Turow-*Presumed Innocent*  
 Bradley-*Red Herring without Mustard*  
 Berenson-*Secret Soldier*  
 Patterson-*Tick Tock*  
 Higgins-*Judas Gate*

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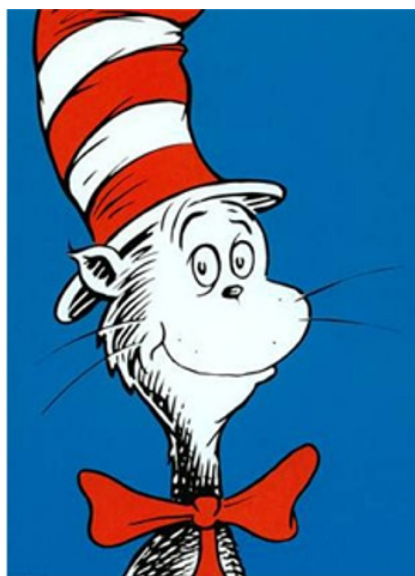
tells of her life in the White House during the Great Depression and World War II and explains what it was like to be a wife and mother while married to the most important man in the United States.



The one-woman show, is directed by Josephine Lane of Brookline, MA, performed by Elena Dodd of Boston, MA,

and is co-authored by Lane and Dodd. Following the performance Ms. Dodd will answer questions from the audience. This is a New Hampshire Humanities Council program and is co-sponsored and hosted by the Friends of the Meredith Library.

For the younger crowd, The Cat in the Hat will be appearing on Wednesday, March 9 at 3:30. Listen to Seuss tales and make a crazy Seuss craft! The Cat in the Hat will be portrayed by Story Lady, Linda Morgan.



## Friends Update Continued

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makes sure the Town of Meredith has something beautiful to see in front of their Library.

The online book sales continue to be a successful and an important part of fundraising for the Friends. We have Ann Butler and David Hickey to thank for their management of this effort.

The Friends welcome and value new members. We meet the last Wednesday of the month and our meetings are well attended and lively. You can join at the library and first time members will receive a sturdy and attractive book bag. Our next meeting will be on March 30th at 4:30 PM in the Library's conference room. We will have a social hour at 3:30 PM. If you wish to volunteer for the Friends, please contact Interim President, Beverly Heyduk at [bheyduk@metrocast.net](mailto:bheyduk@metrocast.net) or 279-1206. *-Beverly Heyduk*

## Audio Book Review

*Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

A moving and significant story of a Jewish family that was removed from their apartment during WWII and the modern day family that now occupies the same apartment.

The story moves between the decades and delves into the histories of the current family members, how they interact with each other today and how their lives are affected by what happened during the war.

A fascinating read with a surprising twist or two.

*-Ann Butler*

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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

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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.

discourse about the Irish Famine, and has recently published an award-winning 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.