

LANE LIBRARY LINES

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ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

By Catherine Redden, Director

Welcome to a new year! The Lane Memorial Library is participating in a cooperative venture with the other Seacoast libraries in offering our version of a one book, one community book group called SEACOAST READS. Four libraries have chosen books by local authors or about local areas or both. On the first Tuesday of February, March, April and May, an area library is hosting a book discussion. Everyone is welcome to come hear an author or a scholar discuss a specific work. The series began on Feb. 1st with Katherine Towler discussing her novel SNOW ISLAND at the Hampton Falls Library. Next will be a discussion of Barbara Cooney's ISLAND BOY at the Rye Library on March 1st. Hampton's turn will be April 5th when local author Brendan DuBois discusses his recent Lewis Cole mystery, BURIED DREAMS. We're excited to welcome Brendan back again. The SEACOAST READS series ends in May in Brentwood with the novel BEACHCOMBING FOR A SHIPWRECKED GOD by Joe Coomer.

The Seacoast Libraries are also hosting a series of open mike poetry sessions at the area libraries, entitled WELL VERSED IN THE SEACOAST. It's a chance for people to share their own poetry, share a favorite poem, or just come to listen to others read poetry. It will be the 3rd Thursdays of the

month, starting at the New Castle Public Library on Feb. 17th. It will then rotate to the NH Library of the Year, the Wiggin Memorial Library in Stratham, on March 17th, then on to the Newmarket Public Library on April 21st and end at the North Hampton Public Library on May 19th. Individual libraries will be working on having a moderator and perhaps a featured local poet.

For information on Hampton library and other local events, check the library's website and click on the Event Finder icon. You can even e-mail friends with the specifics to join you on an evening out!



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

By Cindy Stosse

Last year was a transformation of Katie's Room, named for Catherine Anderson, a longtime Trustee and Friend of the Library.

The year began in January with a flood from frozen pipes that destroyed many books, computers, our circulation desk, rug, shelving and miscellaneous other items. A feeling of despair fell over us when it was discovered. The new rugs, furnishings, shelving, books, etc. and a fresh coat of paint did much to enliven the room for the children. The people who pulled together to put the room back in shape were fantastic, and thanks alone cannot express enough

gratitude. We love seeing the faces of children and their parents when they enter the newly refurbished room. And the relief we felt once the year anniversary passed this January without another deep freeze threatening the pipes was tremendous. Come join us in enjoying a bright sunny room in the middle of winter!



REFERENCE SERVICES

By Marija Sanderling

We all love Google, the search engine, but did you know there is much more to the Internet than the answers you get from Google? Do you want 24/7 access from home to reliable information that is not freely available on the Internet? Through the Lane Memorial Library's web page, you have access to complete and authoritative text of thousands of magazines, journals, and transcripts. Emphasis is on the word reliable, because not everything on the Internet is consistently reliable. If you have a library card with the Lane Memorial Library, you can use that card to access our databases any time, day or night. Simple enter your card number when prompted to do so. You don't need a card to use our databases at the library.

When are our databases better than Google?

- When you need 100% reliable information
- When you need magazines or journal articles
- When you want to use the library from home at any time of day or night
- When you need more in your research bibliography than Google URLs

- When you want the security of solid library research with the speed of Google

What databases do you have access to? When you visit our web site at <http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us>, click on the "Databases" button on the upper left of the screen. You will see the following choices, just some of our databases:

Ebsco Magazine and Newspaper Article Search – a collection of general interest databases used to search thousands of magazines, reference books and newspapers for information on current events, popular culture, the arts and sciences, sports, etc. Many articles are full text and you can print them for your use.

Heritage Quest Online – a growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture.

NovelList – an online readers' advisory resource which helps fiction readers find new authors and titles or the next book in a series or similar authors to the ones you like. It also has over 150 award lists and over 1,000 fiction related web-sites.

Searchasaurus – designed especially for children, this search tool looks through thousands of magazine articles, as well as dictionaries and encyclopedias for the information that children want. It also has a large photograph and image collection that can be searched.

More databases will be discussed in the next newsletter.