

# LANE LIBRARY LINES

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- Farewell to Cindy!
- Sprucing up the Library
- Using NovelList
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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Catherine Redden

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Cindy Stosse, Head of Children's Services, has accepted a position as Director of the Pembroke Town Library. Cindy was hired in 2000 and completely revised the Children's Room in her tenure. A type-A personality, Cindy was always in the middle of a weeding project or an inventory or something to make the collection more up-to-date and user friendly. She brought us puppets and Polar Express parties and gingerbread houses made of graham crackers. She made us laugh more often than not and will be remembered for her red cowboy boots. Thankfully, Pembroke is not that far away, so we can "bug" her every so often. And, bad penny that she is, we know she'll turn up here from time to time. We held a farewell reception for Cindy on December 30th. The event was well attended by the many people in this community who will miss her so very much.



In other news... have you seen the newly painted walls, refinished stair railings and newly varnished oak chairs and tables? The library was given a sprucing up over the holidays in preparation for the next big media move. The large print collection will be moved into the Dearborn Room with its windows and great lighting. The teen collection will move to the end of the former large print collection. We'll then start moving the fiction into the former teen area and to make space at the beginning of the collection. The books on cassette will then come off the spinners and onto the remaining shelves in the former large print area and the newly emptied beginning of the fiction section. The spinners will go away and the ends of the bookshelves will display featured books. Bet some of you have never even seen the ends of the stacks! Take a tour, admire the new paint, and check out a book, a movie, a music CD—or two or three! Happy reading, viewing, listening in 2006!

## REFERENCE DESK UPDATE

By Marija Sanderling

When John Grisham is out, Mary Higgins Clark is on hold, and Harry Potter is nowhere in sight...

*NovelList* can help you find your next book to read.

This database of over 125,000 fiction titles for readers of all ages lets you use your favorite author to link to other books you might enjoy. Grisham fans can find over 200 other legal thrillers they might like to read and you can locate hundreds of fantasies with young heroes!

The "For Readers" tab provides additional material for fiction exploration. For example, Author Read-alikes list the appeal factors of your favorite authors and suggest other authors or titles that are similar. "What We're Reading" lists the current titles being read by nationally-known

fiction experts.

Looking for a book for your next book group meeting? Click on the Book Discussion Guides link to find over 100 in-depth book discussion guides for popular book group titles. Each guide contains a brief author biography, a plot summary and discussion questions (with answers!). These guides are guaranteed to make your next book club meeting one of the best. Don't belong to a club? These guides are also a great way for independent readers to deepen their individual enjoyment and experience of a good book. You can also browse complete lists of award winning titles in *NovelList's* Best Fiction section—another way to find books for your group.

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## A DAY IN THE LIFE: ??????

By Anon

Patrons big and patrons small,  
Patrons even seven feet tall.

Reference questions with pictures needed,  
Homework, projects, directions heeded.

Shelving books on shelves so very low,  
Shelving books on high shelves also.

Order books, let's all decide,  
Read reviews and buy, buy, buy.

Books to process and repair,  
Keep them coming more to share.

Inventoried and weeded,  
Twice a year or when needed.

Read the shelves for book location,  
Make it right, no hesitation.

Programs—one or eight per week,  
Sometimes to the public speak.

Newsletters, not one but three to do,  
Write and write for all to view.

Keep on writing for the news,  
Inform the public, say "thank you."

Book talks, book talks for the schools,  
Let them see that books are jewels.

Book groups held on afternoons,  
Books of dragons, kids and moons.

In between the list above,  
So many jobs to be proud of:

Answer the phone, run after the kids,  
Find a book about chrysalis,

Computer help, fix a mess,  
Comment on each pretty dress,

Smile to one, smile to all,  
Don't let that smile fall,

Keep on running, keep on helping,  
Your feet hurt, don't start yelping.

Have you guessed whose work this is?  
Many hints are in this quiz.

I am in the Children's Room,  
But what position do you assume?

It is on the desk I work,  
With all the children as a perk.



## REFERENCE DESK UPDATE (continued)

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Looking for a book to help your first-grader get ready for the first day of school? Check out NoveList K-8's "Search Our Database" tab. Use Describe a Plot and enter the words that describe the book you would like to read. NoveList uses over 36,000 subject headings to describe the books contained in our database—but don't worry about learning all those headings—Describe a Plot lets you enter your own words and you'll get a list of books that you might enjoy. The School Resources tab offers additional book lists for young readers.

**AVAILABLE HERE!**

NoveList is available for you. Ask a staff member to show you how to access this resource that has been called "a readers' paradise." Also available from home via our Web site! Simply go to: <http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us>.

Under Research Databases, click on "NoveList" or "NoveList K-8."

Supply your library card number. That's it! You're on your way to discovering new authors and titles.

## NEWS FROM TECH SERVICES

By Bill Teschek

Have you ever wanted to learn more about what is going on at the library, or about what kind of services we offer, but are not sure where to look? These days there are a few good options.

The newsletter you are reading right now is one source, of course. But did you know that the Children's Room puts out their own newsletter, and there is also an occasional newsletter put by the library for local Teens? And don't forget the Friends of the Lane Memorial Library who publish their own (nearly) monthly newsletter. All of these newsletters are available for pickup at the library, and all are also available for reading or downloading from our website. Just click on the "About Us" link on the blue library toolbar at the top of each page of our website, and then select "News" from the next pages that come up.

When you do that you'll also find links to the library's latest foray into getting our news out: the library's new blog. For those of you who haven't the foggiest notion what a "blog" is, it is short for "Web log." Millions upon millions of blogs have sprung up over the past few years from every corner of the globe. They are usually presented in the form of an online journal or newsletter, with the most recent entries appearing at the top of the page. Their subjects range from intimate journal entries put out by average teenagers to important news sources

from leading media outlets, businesses, politicians, and other institutions. Our library's blog is basically an online library newsletter - one more way for us to get the word out. In addition to unique stories and pieces of information, we'll include links to the library's various printed newsletters, as well as news stories from the local press.

There's one more thing that this blog allows us to do. We can set it so that every new entry gets copied to you as an email message. Now it's possible to learn what's going on at the library from your own email inbox. Just send an email to [blog@hampton.lib.nh.us](mailto:blog@hampton.lib.nh.us) and let us know you'd like to subscribe, and you'll soon be getting blog entries in your email. But don't worry, we won't overload you. At present we're only doing one or two entries a week.

And lastly, don't forget to check the Events Calendar that is linked from the top of every page of the library's Web site. Here we maintain an ongoing calendar of events taking place in and about Hampton, and not just those having something to do with the library. Marija Sanderling, our reference librarian, scours the area newspapers and Web sites looking for Hampton events to include in our calendar. It is the best place to find out what events are going on in town.



*Movie Lovers,  
Don't forget to catch the next film  
in the Saturday Matinee line-up!  
All films FREE to the public!*



## MOVIE MATINEES AT LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Screenings are every 3rd Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Discussions to follow all films.

**January 21st**      *Diary of a Country Priest (Bresson)*  
Bresson's meditative and austere adaptation of the 1937 French novel by George Bernanos. In a film that requires careful attention by the viewer, Bresson explores the inner turmoil of a young priest sent to care for an indifferent and sometimes openly hostile village.

**February 18th**      *The Leopard (Visconti)*

Burt Lancaster gives one of his finest performances in this lavish 1963 epic that many regard as the Italian *Gone with the Wind*. A true cinematic masterpiece.

**March 18th**      *All that Heaven Allows (Sirk)*

Douglas Sirk's penetrating and multi-textured indictment of 1950's American social codes. Rock Hudson is a young gardener who falls in love with an older woman, played with quiet power and grace by Jane Wyman.

# A DAY IN THE LIFE: Adult Services

By Darrell Eifert

Ever wonder what those smiling people behind the desk actually do after they've handed you your books? Quite a lot goes on behind the scenes in order for our staff to provide the prompt, courteous service that our patrons have come to expect and enjoy. In the morning before we open, our cataloger prints out overdue notices and checks each of them against what is on shelf to make sure that no one is called by mistake. After opening the doors, we put out the morning newspapers, empty the book drop, check everything in, and make those reminder calls to patrons with overdue materials. Books and movies and CDs and cassette tapes start flowing across the circulation desk, the "regulars" start coming in to use our free Internet computers, and we're off and running. Throughout the day we will schedule and hand out museum passes, notify patrons that their reserves and inter-library loans have arrived, register and give out new library cards, schedule computer users, shelve new and popular books, answer the phone, "neaten up" all the reading areas, and help visitors and patrons find exactly what they're looking for. Somewhere in the middle of all this we also find time to chat with our avid readers about the books they like and don't like, about what they want to read next, or what makes a "really good read". This is how we get a sense of what people expect from their library, and also how we seem to come up with such great answers to the famous question "read any good books lately?" Go ahead ... ask us. Chances are, we can point you in the

direction of a book or movie you will like. If you are in a hurry, grab a book from the "staff recommends" kiosk in front of the Circulation Desk—each week we take time to pull out and feature books that have been well reviewed by staff and patrons alike.

The Circulation Desk could not function without the able and enthusiastic help of our volunteers and AARP workers. These wonderful people re-shelve books, make sure all our books and media items stay in order on the shelves, repair broken or torn books, take stacks of old newspapers downstairs for storage, and cover and prepare new books for circulation.

As head of Adult Services, I often show up at the Main Desk during busy moments, but much of my time is devoted to reading reviews, selecting books and films, encouraging the return of overdue materials, planning and promoting events such as our Winter Film Series, scheduling home-deliveries for shut-ins and seniors, repairing and replacing broken or worn out materials, and working on large projects such as the recent push to re-catalog our CD collection and move it out from the workroom into public browsing bins. If you have questions or concerns about anything in the Adult department, I can be easily reached by email at [deifert@hampton.lib.nh.us](mailto:deifert@hampton.lib.nh.us), or by phone at 926-3368.

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