

# LANE LIBRARY LINES

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- Welcome, Isabel!
- Hampton READS!
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## ADULT SERVICES UPDATE

By Darrell Eifert

### Summer reading fun for adults

This summer the Lane Memorial Library encourages adults and teenagers to have fun, win prizes and s-t-r-e-t-c-h their minds! Join the adult Summer Reading program and pick up a Hampton READS "Bingo" card at the Circulation Desk. Each time you complete a row of five categories on the card, you win a ticket good for a free ice cream at McDonald's or Baskin-Robbins. Readers get to pick from a variety of subjects, including science, history, politics, and humor. Fiction categories include mystery, action, romance, suspense, and historical, to name a few. Those who complete the diagonal "Sun Challenge Row" win their choice of either a set of Ruth Stimson note cards or a \$10 gift certificate good for the next Friends of the Lane Memorial Library book sale in August. Finishing any row of five books enters the reader into our Grand Prize drawing at the end of summer for a \$50 gift card at Barnes & Noble. For avid readers who finish THE ENTIRE CARD, we will hold a **second drawing** for another \$50 gift certificate. Congratulations go out to **Meg Engelbach**, the first person to finish reading through the entire card—we wish her the best of luck in the final drawing! Details of the

reading program, as well as a list of suggested titles, can be found on our Web site at [www.hampton.lib.nh.us](http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us).

### Placing holds online

DID YOU KNOW?? It's easy to find and request Lane Memorial Library books from your computer at home. All you need is Internet access, a library card, and a 4-digit PIN number, and you can see what books you have out, request a renewal, or submit a request for books, CDs, audiobooks, and 3-week movies. Visit the Circulation Desk to establish a PIN number, and then just direct your browser to our Web site at [www.hampton.lib.nh.us](http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us). Select the "Our Catalog" box just under the library image, then click on the red "My Account" button. Enter your library card number and PIN to access your account and update your address information. As you search our online catalog, you will see a "Place Hold" button by each title. Click this button and follow the instructions to put yourself in line for the book. If it is on shelf, we will retrieve the book and let you know that it's available. Want to see how it works? Stop by the Circulation Desk for a quick demonstration.

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## NEWS FROM TECH SERVICES

By Bill Teschek

### Technical Services Personnel Change

On June 28th, library staff member Jean Keefe retired after 29 years of service to Lane Memorial Library. She began work here in 1977 and worked at the Circulation Desk for many years. In more recent years, she was responsible for dealing with the library's inter-library loan system, as well as cataloging all of the new materials that come into the library. And with over 10,000 new items coming in each year (many of them magazines), she was

kept very busy!

The library just hired Isabel Danforth, a librarian from Connecticut who was planning to move to this area, as our new assistant technical services librarian and cataloger. Isabel will begin here full time in mid-July and will do all of the cataloging, along with some of the inter-library loan, and assist with developing our Web site and troubleshooting our many computers.

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# REFERENCE DESK UPDATE

By Marija Sanderling

Are you interested in writing? Perhaps you're just getting started or want to hone your skills. We have lots of resources for you at the library. Below is a list of books for writers of all kinds.

**Words Fail Me: What Everyone Who Writes Should Know About Writing**, by Patricia T. O'Connor.  
(808 OCO)

Ever laughed aloud while reading? How about while reading a book on grammar? You will, thanks to language maven Patricia O'Connor, a writer who celebrates the written word with vibrant passion and exceptional clarity. Her style is refreshingly engaging, as she parses sentences economically and with flair. Readers will delight in O'Connor's direct, humorous assault on misbehaving modifiers, comma sense, and other linguistic maladies.

**On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft**, by Stephen King.  
(808 KIN)

In this master class on the craft of writing, Stephen King reveals the origins of his vocation and shares essential habits and rules that any writer can apply. Offering readers a fresh and often funny perspective on the formation of a writer's character, King lays out the tools of the writer's craft and takes the reader through aspects of the writer's art and life, offering practical and inspiring advice on everything from plot and character to work habits and rejection.

**The Copyright Permission and Libel Handbook: A Step-By-Step Guide for Writers and Editors**, by Lloyd Jassin.  
(808 JAS)

You'll learn how to clear rights for all types of copyrighted materials, including quotations, photographs, fine art, motion picture stills, song lyrics, and more; protect yourself against libel suits; determine if a work is in the public domain; assess whether quoting without permission qualifies as fair use; locate rights holders; and negotiate clearances.

**So You Want to Write: How to Master the Craft of Fiction and the Personal Narrative**, by Marge Piercy and Ira Wood.  
(808 PIE)

Over the past ten years Marge Piercy and Ira Wood have taught two popular workshops nationwide, one on fiction, another on the memoir. This collection of essays and exercises addresses those areas of craft that are crucial to success but too often neglected, including beginnings, plot development, deep characterization, and dialogue, as well as real-world approaches to getting published.

**The Writer's Guide to Character Traits: Includes Profiles of Human Behaviors and Personality Types**, by Linda Edelstein.  
(808.3 WRI)

From soccer moms to serial killers, this book explores a range of personality types and provides the insights you need to make your characters come alive. Here you'll find more than 400 easy-to-reference listings especially designed for your needs as a writer. Blending traits from a variety of behaviors and influences, you'll be ready to create distinctive characters whose personalities correspond to their thoughts and actions—no matter how normal or psychotic they might be.

**The Writer's Market: Where and How to Sell What You Write**, Writer's Digest Books, published annually

Over 4000 market listings for consumer magazines, book publishers, trade journals, and contests and awards, along with listings for literary agents.

**Literary Market Place (LMP)**, Bowker, published annually

The directory of the American book publishing industry, including industry yellow pages.



**Weekly Teen Movies**  
**Wednesdays at 12 Noon**  
**Through August 2nd**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Catherine Redden



Have you entered our free anniversary drawing? In honor of our 125th anniversary in April, we started 125 days of celebration with free raffle drawings each month and a grand prize drawing in August. The celebration ends on August 5th. Every time you visit the library, fill out a free ticket and deposit it in our birthday box on the counter. We draw for the last monthly prize in July, and then all the tickets go into one big box for the grand prize drawing. On August 5th we draw for a \$125 gift certificate to the Library Restaurant in Portsmouth. Children can enter raffle tickets in the Children's Room for their own special prizes and grand prize of 125 quarters! Tickets and pencils are on the counter, and if we forget to remind you, help yourself to your daily ticket. It's free!



## MORE FROM ADULT SERVICES

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### Art works available at the Lane Memorial Library

Are the walls of the cottage looking a little bare? Did the son move out and take his Boston Red Sox posters with him? Is the new sofa looking a little lonely against the wall? No problem. The Lane Memorial Library has a fine collection of artwork available for loan. Using our online catalog, key in the search

term "framed art." You will see a list of titles as well as a thumbnail picture of each numbered print. Give us a call with the picture number, or place a hold using your library card number and PIN (available at the Circulation Desk), and we will retrieve the picture and have it ready for you to pick up. Prints circulate for 2 months and may not be renewed. Our catalog is always available on-line at [www.hampton.lib.nh.us](http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us).

## MORE FROM TECH SERVICES

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### LibraryThing

Have you visited LibraryThing yet? If you are a reader, you'll love this site: [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com). You may even want to contribute to it. This is a site where you can search through a rapidly growing catalog of close to a million different books contributed by over 50,000 individuals. Subscribers use LibraryThing to catalog their own book collections and share that information with the world. Some do it anonymously, while others include a lot of personal information about themselves. Every title that is added gets "tagged" with descriptive words and phrases that can be searched by anyone using the site. In library lingo, we call these "subject headings." Each book gets a star rating by its contributor, and many also include short book reviews.

The real fun begins when you search LibraryThing. The search page allows you to search for works (by title), authors, and tags (or subjects). You can also search for users, if you want to find out what books a specific person has in his or her collection. Once you have found a title that interests you, one of the first things you will see is that book's "tag cloud." A tag cloud is a list of the tags that people have used to describe this book. At first you may think that someone went wild with their computer fonts,

because they come in all different typeface sizes. But the way a tag cloud works is that the larger fonts indicate a tag that has been used more often than the smaller ones. So these larger tags are most likely the ones that most accurately describe the book. Click on any of these tags and you will be presented with a list of the books in LibraryThing that use the same tag.

Each book's record also has a graphical chart showing user ratings, from half a star to five stars. Following the chart is the "book recommendations" section. Here you will find a list of the most common other books owned by the people who own this particular title. This may give you some ideas of other books to read that are similar to the first. Another list contains titles that are "similarly tagged," so these are likely to be on similar subjects and in similar genres. Finally there are the "special sauce recommendations," which list another group of titles. Don't ask me where this group comes from, because I couldn't find an answer on their Web site! Apparently they use some complicated algorithm to come up with other titles related to this one.

I could go on with some of the other features, but I'll let you explore them on your own. If you are a reader, I expect you will enjoy browsing this site. It has many of the same features as flickr (where people share photos) and del.icio.us (where people share web links). Give it a try.

# NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Marybeth Varney

Summer is a busy time in the Children's Room. Our summer reading program, "Treasure Reading," kicked off on June 29th with a performance by Steve Blunt. Other activities during the summer months include presentations and performances by the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, the Seacoast Science Museum, Martha Dana, and Partners in Rhyme. All programs will be held on Thursdays beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The summer reading program runs for six weeks, culminating in a Pirate Party at 6:30 p.m. on August 3rd, when we will have snacks, award certificates, raffle drawings, and a puppet show by Carol Sanborn.

To celebrate Lane Memorial Library's 125th birthday, we



## TEEN TIME

By Cheryl French

Adults and kids are not the only ones reading in Hampton this summer. Teens also have their very own summer reading program. Besides reading for fun, this year students in grades 6-12 are logging lots of great reading time for a program to benefit the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NHSPCA). For every three hours that each teen reads, he or she gets to drop one ticket into the "Adoption Angel" can of choice (dog, cat, or general small animal). Reading of all types is encouraged—fiction, nonfiction, short stories, magazines, newspapers, graphic novels, and comic books. At the end of the program, donations on behalf of the teens will go toward the care for the chosen animal(s); the amount for each based on the

have been raffling off gift baskets for our monthly drawings. The winners for the months of April, May and June are Maureen Workman, David Sheehy and Breanna Apple. We have one more basket for the month of July, and then in August we will have our final drawing, 125 shiny new quarters. Stop by the Children's Room and enter your name for a chance at these prizes. Or just stop by to say hello and stock up on more books!

Reading is a great summer activity. Children who continue to read throughout the summer are that much farther ahead once school begins in the fall. Make reading a part of your day. Stop by the library today—we have something for everyone.

number of tickets in each can. (Many thanks to the Friends for their support of the NHSPCA program.) In addition to doing something good for some of the many homeless animals in New Hampshire, participants also win a chance for the teens' end-of-summer raffle prizes, as tickets from the cans will be entered into the drawing. Bonus tickets—for both the NHSPCA donation and the raffles—can be earned for reading in a variety of genres.

The program will continue through August 5th, so it's not too late to sign up and join the cause. Talk to Cheryl to learn more about this reading program.

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