



CHILDREN'S NEWS

December Events



We have a lot going on in the Children's Room during the month of December. Stop by for a visit to learn more!

Monday, December 10th @ 4:00 p.m.: **Reading Buddies Program** for students in pre-school through high school. Advanced registration requested.

Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30 p.m.: **Polar Express Party!** Hop aboard and enjoy the ride. PJ parade, story,

songs, and treats—there might just be a special guest, too. Please register in advance, and wear pajamas!

Thursday, December 27, 1:00-6:00 p.m.: **Family Thon at Li-** Take a from of-year and afternoon reading in the library. Open to all Hampton



students and families with young children. Stay for the whole day or just part of the day. Bring your own snacks. Beverages provided. When not eating, participants are welcome to sit anywhere in the library. We also invite you to wear comfy clothes and bring sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows to create your own cozy spot in the Lane Room. Reading at the library—what a novel idea!

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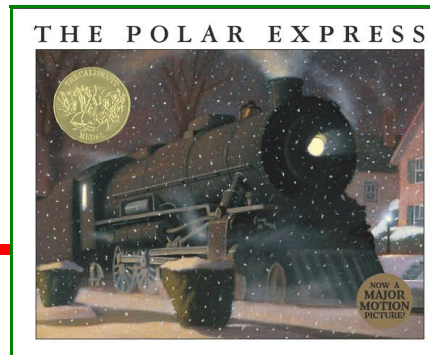
Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ Reading Buddies
- ☺ Polar Express Party!
- ☺ Read-a-Thon
- ☺ Book Groups
- ☺ Story Times Coming Up in January. Details Soon.



THE POLAR EXPRESS PARTY!

The train pulls into the station at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! Space is limited, so please sign up ahead of time in the Children's Room: 926-4729.



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Children's Room:
926-4729

<http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us>

Book Groups

Two book groups for the older kids started up last month and continue throughout the school year. New members are welcome to join either group. Additional groups are also possible. Please talk to Kirsten to learn more.

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will meet every other Thursday at 4:00 p.m. to share the books they are reading.

Next meeting: **Thursday, December 13th.**

Middle School students meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Next meeting: **Monday, January 28th (after the Holidays).** We'll be discussing Fantasy books of each book group members' choosing. Just pick one, read it, and come discuss it! Need suggestions? Kirsten has booklists for any genre in which you might be interested!

Kirsten's Top Fantasy Picks:

Pendragon Series by D. J. MacHale.



Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. And not just Earth as we know it. Bobby is slowly starting to realize that life in the cosmos isn't quite what he thought it was.

Hollow Kingdom series by Clare B.



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In nineteenth-century England, a powerful sorcerer and King of the Goblins chooses Kate, the elder of two orphan girls recently arrived at their ancestral home, Hollow Hill, to be his bride and queen.

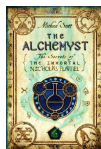
The Extraordinary Adventures of



Alfred Kropp by Rick Yancey.

Alfred Kropp was just trying to survive high school when his guardian uncle gets him roped into a suspicious get-rich-quick scheme that changes his life forever: stealing Excalibur—the legendary sword of King Arthur. But after Alfred unwittingly delivers the sword into the hands of a man with enormously evil intentions, he sets off on an unlikely quest to try to right his wrong and save the world from imminent destruction.

The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by



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chael Scott. The truth: Nicholas Flamel was born in Paris on September 28, 1330.

Nearly 700 years later, he is acknowledged as the greatest Alchemyst of his day. It is said that he discovered the secret of eternal life. The records show that he died in 1418. But his tomb is empty.

The legend: Nicholas Flamel lives. But only because he has been making the elixir of life for centuries. The secret of eternal life is hidden within the book he protects—the Book of Abraham the Mage. It's the most powerful book that has ever existed. In the wrong hands, it will destroy the world. That's exactly what Dr. John Dee plans to do when he steals it. Humankind won't know what's happening until it's too late. And if the prophecy is right, Sophie and Josh Newman are the only ones with the power to save the world as we know it. Sometimes legends are true.

And Sophie and Josh Newman are about to find themselves in the middle of the greatest legend of all time.

The Friends of Lane Memorial Library

Holiday Raffle and Bake Sale

Friday, December 7, 9:30-4:30
Saturday, December 8, 9:30-3:00

Reading Buddies at Lane Memorial Library

The Reading Buddies are coming! The Reading Buddies are coming!

Lane Memorial Library is preparing to launch this year's Reading Buddies program for students in kindergarten through high school. The program will pair younger readers with older readers—or possibly create small groups of three or four, depending on registra-

tion. These "buddies" will meet at the library to read together. Participants may choose from picture books, easy readers, chapter books, nonfiction, or any combination thereof. Readers may share the reading or assign specific reader and listener roles. Arrangements within each pair or group will be flexible to accommodate each student's comfort level.

Sign-ups for the Reading Buddies program began November 12. There will be an initial trial run on Monday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. If the trial run is successful, the Reading Buddies will then meet regularly starting in January 2008. To register, please call or stop by the children's room: 926-4729.

