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A Note from the Director

Welcome to the Library's new newsletter, MCL Notes. The library staff plans on publishing the newsletter on a quarterly basis to inform you about library services, programs, and events at both of our library buildings. If you are interested in receiving this information by email please stop by one of our reference desks to sign up, or do so online at the library's website: www.manchester.lib.nh.us.

Our biggest news for this summer is the completion of the HVAC renovations at the Main Library. With this new system the Main Library will be air conditioned for the first time in its ninety-year history. The library staff and Board of Trustees would like to invite you to come celebrate at our HVAC Open House to be held on Thursday June 8th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the library auditorium. There will be a short presentation by those involved in the project and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Please come visit your libraries as we have many programs and activities planned, from the annual Summer Reading Program to the Summer Movie Series. Or pick up the latest bestseller or DVD, and be sure to watch for further announcements about a new service soon to be arriving: downloadable audiobooks. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

*Denise van Zanten
Interim Director*

Family Fare 2006

You'll find fun for all ages at our annual summer Family Fare series, which is held Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM in Victory Park, across from the Manchester City Library. Here's the 2006 lineup:

July 6th - The Amazing Lou

The Amazing Lou will perform his magic and illusions show, which has traveled all over New England. You will be amazed as rabbits appear before your eyes, as water mysteriously evaporates, and as colorful flowers and fabrics seem to come from nowhere.

July 13th - Dan Grady's Marionettes

Dan Grady is currently celebrating his 26th year of touring New England with a much acclaimed and sought after puppet variety show, "Marvelous Marionette Medley." Each marionette was designed and crafted by this gifted entertainer.

July 20th - The Spooof Gabbling Circus

This Circus stimulates laughter and awe for the whole family, featuring club juggling, club passing, unicycling, balance board, standup comedy, pillow twirling, bouncy balls, balancing tricks, and much more!



July 27th - Marcus Gale

Funny stories, playful puppet friends, and original dance music. Is it the twinkle in his eye, his mellow guitar and warm singing style, or the humorous surprises that children love?

August 3rd - Reptile Encounters

This is one of the most popular Wildlife Encounters programs! Reptiles once ruled Earth, and today they rule the imaginations of kids of all ages. Learn the fascinating histories and modern realities of lizards, snakes, crocodilians, turtles, and tortoises!



August 10th - Sugar River String Band

The Orzechowski Family will perform contra dancing in Victory Park. Come join the fun!

August 17th - Vic & Sticks

A musical storytelling show performed with a vaudeville/ragtime flair! Mixed with old-fashioned vaudeville theatrics, this show will surely entertain.

August 24th - Sammie Haynes

Sammie Haynes is an award-winning children's musician who performs at schools and festivals. Her 2nd CD received a Parent's Choice Award. Sammie is a wonderful entertainer.

Family Fare programs are sponsored by Bonneville & Son; Citizens Bank; Deachman & Cowie, PA; Dobles Chevrolet Buick Hummer; Stop & Shop; and TD BankNorth.

For more information about the Family Fare series, contact Mary Gallant at 624-6550 ext. 311.

Summer Reading Program @ Manchester City Library

This summer we invite the children of Manchester to discover the many treasures to be found at the library. The statewide theme for the 2006 Summer Reading Program is "**Treasure Reading**"—complete with pirates and their booty of books! The program runs from June 26th to August 4th, culminating in a party on Thursday, August 10th at 2:00 PM, featuring a performance of "The Frog Prince" by Manchester's own Majestic Theatre.

The core of our program is to encourage children to read. Boys and girls from preschool through the elementary grades contract to try to read, or have read to them, ten books during the summer. The unique aspect of our program is that they share four of the ten books with one of our wonderful summer volunteers, who help the kids chart their books, award prizes, and give away the many free books that are donated every year.

Weekly Activities:

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - Family Storytime
Thursdays, 10:00 AM - Craft Program
Fridays, 9:30 AM - Tiny Tots Storytime
Fridays, 10:30 AM - Early Elementary Storytime

Special Events:

July 7th, 2:00 PM - Family Movie: *Swiss Family Robinson*
July 11th, 10:00 AM - A reading with children's author Roberta Baker
July 18th, 2:00 PM - Sea Chanteys with the UNH Marine Docents
July 21st, 2:00 PM - Family Movie: *Muppet Treasure Island*
July 25th, 2:00 PM - Treasure Hunt

Children's Services staff members are visiting many schools within the city to advertise all the treasures the library has to offer. For further information about the Summer Reading Program, call the library at 624-6550 ext. 328 and ask for Beverly Perreault.

Summer Reading Program @ West Manchester Community Library

Far from the pressures of the classroom, young readers will sail the exciting seas of reading this summer at the West Manchester Community Library, located at 76 North Main Street. Surprises from our treasure chest, coupons for ice cream or baseball games, and other incentives will be offered to kids who read this summer. Tales of piratical lore from storyteller Angela Cay Klinger will kick off this year's Summer Reading Program on June 27th at 3:00 PM.

Weekly Activities:

Tuesdays - "Make-it and Take-it" crafts
Wednesdays - Pirate Adventures through movies
Thursdays - Pirate Adventures through books

Special Events:

July 18th –Sea Chanteys with the UNH Marine Docents, 10:00 am

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

July 12th - Gail and the Pirates

July 19th - Treasure Hunting

July 26th - Bingo with the Friends of the Library

August 2nd - Steve Blunt's "Yo ho ho, to the library - o!" Pirate songs and stories.

Our pirate ship will return to port on Friday, August 4th and we'll disembark on Thursday, August 10th at 10:00 AM with a farewell performance of the "The Frog Prince," presented by the Majestic Theatre. For more information contact Children's Librarian Mary Bognaski, or library staff, at 624-6560.



Adult Programs

The Manchester City Library will present "**Buying and Selling on Ebay**" on Monday, June 5th at 6:30 PM in the Winchell room. Join Nick Levesque as he describes the ins and outs of using Ebay to make money selling unwanted items, or to find the antique or collectible you've always wanted.

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Every Wednesday at 1:00 PM, starting July 12th, the Manchester City Library will be holding a Summer Movie Series in the auditorium. These movies were chosen from the American Film Institute's 100 greatest American movies of all time, and are a combination of musicals, romances, mysteries, and comedies



The scheduled movies are:

- July 12 **Singin' in the Rain**
- July 19 **Some Like It Hot**
- July 26 **Philadelphia Story**
- August 2 **Double Indemnity**
- August 9 **West Side Story**
- August 16 **North by Northwest**
- August 23 **Doctor Zhivago**
- August 30 **Bringing Up Baby**

Teen Corner



The Teen Advisory Board is currently working to develop activities for the Teen Summer Reading Program at the Manchester City Library. An Open Book Discussion will be held, where participants can discuss books of their choice. The monthly teen movie matinee will continue over the summer.

For more information, contact Young Adult Librarian Kirsten Rundquist at 624-6550 ext. 301.

Free Computer Classes at the Manchester City Library!

If the world of computers and the Internet is a journey into the frightening unknown, or if you just want to update your skills, sign up for a free computer class at the library. With a maximum of 8 students per class, the atmosphere is relaxed and there is the opportunity for one-on-one help. We offer classes in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings to meet your schedule.

These hands-on classes of 1½ to 2 hours duration are:

- **Introduction to the Computer, with Mouseaerobics!**

- **Introduction to the Internet**
- **Using Online Databases for Research and Fun**
- **Microsoft Word: Level 1**
- **Microsoft Excel: Level 1**



Registration is required, and classes fill up quickly. Be on the lookout this summer for the fall class schedule!

Your Summer Vacation

If you don't have the time to travel this summer, or if travel is too costly, you can always see the world vicariously by exploring some travel literature at the library!

A recent addition to our collection, Elizabeth Gilbert's ***Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything across Italy, India, and Indonesia***, is a humorous, moving account of the author's experiences when she walked out on her life and into the world. Another new addition is Frances Mayes's ***A Year in the World***, which has spent time on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

If you prefer shorter tales, or if you like to change tour guides often, try an anthology of travel literature. A few of the anthologies you can find at the library are ***Maiden Voyages: Writings of Women Travelers***, ***Traveling Souls: Contemporary Pilgrimage Stories***, and ***I Really Should Have Stayed Home: Worst Journeys from Harare to Eternity***.

Travel literature doesn't always have creative titles; in fact, you can find many of them by browsing the online catalog for titles that begin with "Travels with." Some of the works you will find are ***Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes: An Inland Voyage*** by Victorian author Robert Louis Stevenson; ***Travels with Alice*** by humorist Calvin Trillin; ***Travels with Charley: In Search of America*** by the great John Steinbeck; and ***Travels with Zenobia: Paris to Albania by Model T Ford*** by Rose Wilder Lane.

To learn more about the travel writing genre, take a look at ***Encyclopedia of Travel Literature***, which you can find in the reference section on the main floor (REF 910.2 BRO).

If you're interested in sightseeing, the library has **travel videos** on VHS and DVD. Two series we have on DVD are the 6-disc ***America's National Parks Collection***, and the 8-disc series ***Rick Steves' Europe***. If nonfiction doesn't strike your interest, amble over to the new fiction shelves for a road novel. There's ***Lady Luck's Map of Vegas*** by Barbara Samuel, which tells the story of a mother/daughter road trip that *Publishers Weekly* dubbed an "affectionate but bumpy novel." Secrets are hidden, secrets are shared, and bonds are forged along Route 66 as they search for the daughter's schizophrenic twin sister. We also have Dayna Dunbar's

Wings that Fly Us Home, featuring a psychic who has lost her gift, who—accompanied by a handful of friends and relatives—travels from Oklahoma to New Mexico to learn about her great-grandmother’s past and, ultimately, herself.

If you *do* have the time and the means to travel this summer, be sure to come by the library and check out one of our **travel guidebooks** for suggestions about where to stay, where to eat, and what to do during your vacation. Our guidebooks cover travel destinations across the country and around the world (even the Dakotas). If traveling abroad, you may also make use of our **foreign language instructional CDs and cassettes** (books, too!)

Already an experienced traveler? You probably have some stories to tell. Why not give travel writing a try? The library has several books that can help you on your way, including ***The Travel Writer’s Handbook*** by Louise Purwin Zobel and ***Travel Writing: See the World, Sell the Story*** by L. Peat O’Neil. Of course, there are other ways to explore the world at the library. Take a look at our collection of **international CDs**, check out **world literature**, or visit the **art room** to explore art from across the world—you can even take home a **framed print!**

To check on the availability of a title or to place a request, visit our [online catalog](#) or call 624-6550 ext. 319. If you need help finding any of these, or if you have any other questions, visit the reference desk where someone will happily assist you.

Database of the Month – ***Student Resource Center***

The Manchester City Library, in conjunction with the New Hampshire State Library, subscribes to a set of databases that cardholders can access through the library’s web page. From any Internet-connected PC, go to www.manchester.lib.nh.us and click on the link to “Online Databases,” located in the blue navigation bar on the left side of the page. When you select a database to use, you are prompted to enter your library card number. Enter all 14 digits of your library card number, with no spaces.

Although *Student Resource Center* is designed for Junior High and High School students, many college students and non-students use it as an information source. *Student Resource Center* provides magazine and newspaper articles, biographies, information from reference books, topical essays, background information, critical analyses of literary works, primary documents, photographs, illustrations, and video clips. It is a superb source of information for homework help and student projects. Each article is full text (no short citations) and contains complete information about the book, magazine, or



newspaper in which it first appeared. Most teachers do not consider *Student Resource Center* to be an “Internet source.”

Student Resource Center is very easy to use. Just type your subject words in the “Enter search terms” box and click on “Search.” Or, you can use one of the six specialized searches for Geography & Cultures, History, Literature, Multimedia, Persons, and Science & Health information.

Be sure to look at the tools in the *Student Resource Center* toolbox. The toolbox provides a collegiate dictionary, a timeline of history, step-by-step guidelines for writing a research paper, and tips that make researching a topic fun and easy.

How Your Library Works!

Do you know what the role of the library’s Technical Services department is? Do you know what it means to process materials? Read on!

Tech Services is the “behind the scenes” department. While not a place that you come in contact with, it is a vital part of your library. Think of it as an assembly line, where a different person completes each step of the process.

The process starts when materials are ordered, which is done by computer, phone, or fax. Once ordered, the titles are entered on the automation system; at this point, you can place holds on these item using the library catalog, either from home or at the library.

The next step begins when the materials arrive at the library. Boxes are unpacked, items are matched with invoices, and the status of the items is changed to “newly acquired” on the automation system. Every item must be linked to a record (we call it a “bibliographic record”) in the automation system—these are the records you see when you search the online catalog.

The cataloger, a professional librarian, assigns a record to each item, then assigns the item’s call number using the Dewey Decimal Classification system so you can find it on the shelf.

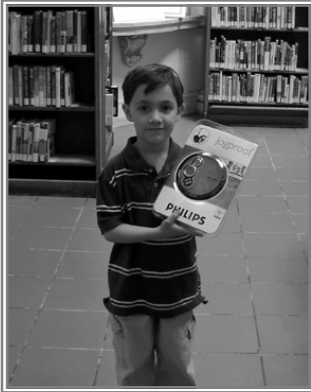
Next, the items are given barcodes, pockets, and spine labels. Books are given clear plastic covers, and audiovisual materials often need new packages. New items with holds placed on them are a top priority in technical services, so they can go into circulation as soon as they are available.

In addition to processing new items, Technical Services handles book and packaging repairs.

Between the main library, the children’s room, and the West branch, roughly 1000 items are acquired per month, so the folks in Tech Services are always busy getting the books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks ready for you to enjoy.

News from the Friends of the Manchester City Library

The Spring Book Sale was held on May 13th. Despite the rainstorm and flooding, the total sales reached \$1772.35. Proceeds from the book sales go to the Learn to Read program, sponsorship of museum passes, monthly disbursements for additions to the library collection, and other projects and events at the library. The Fall Book Sale will be held on October 14th. Donations for the book sale will be accepted throughout the month of August.

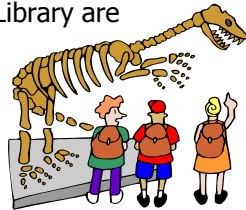


Congratulations to Jeff Parsons, winner of the portable CD player in our National Library Week Raffle!

Thank you to the Friends of the Manchester City Library for donating the prizes!

Museum Passes

The Friends of the Manchester City Library are planning to donate passes to three new museums this year, in addition to the passes they currently offer. These museums are The Fells, in The John Hay National Wildlife Refuge (thefells.org) at Lake Sunapee in Newbury, NH; DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park (decordova.org) in Lincoln, MA; and Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (indianmuseum.org) in Warner, NH, courtesy of Ms. Virginia Theo Steelman, a former Manchester City Library Trustee. To view a full list of passes that are currently available, including passes donated by the Friends of the West Manchester Community Library, visit www.manchester.lib.nh.us and click on "Museum Passes" in the navigation bar on the left side of the page. You can also view available dates and reserve the passes online. Please be aware that the list of available museums can change. Passes are not always renewed when they expire. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 314.



Love for Reading Never Wanes for Residents of Hillcrest

A few years ago, an enthusiastic Activities Director, Dot Marden from Hillcrest Retirement Center, began to lobby for the Manchester City Library to conduct a book discussion group at their facility. The Administrative team at the library thought this would be a great community outreach program, but at the time the idea

was proposed the library was experiencing a staffing shortage. This, however, did not daunt Dot! She kept in close contact, and finally in 2001 the Library's staffing issues had eased enough to forge forward with this endeavor. Reference Librarian Sarah Basbas and Head of Circulation Claudia Mayer have tag teamed to lead the discussion group ever since.

Each month from September through May, a group of about 8-12 people converge in the Activities Room at Hillcrest to engage in a lively debate on the book chosen for that month. The group is comprised of people who come from diverse backgrounds and professions. They are an opinionated, feisty group of characters who are not shy about sharing their thoughts and feelings about the title under discussion. Group member Olga Malko says, "The book discussion group has provided a challenge for the residents of Hillcrest and it is the highlight of my month."

At the group's last meeting in May, before summer activities absorb everyone's attention, Sarah and Claudia compile a list of potential reads for the group to deliberate over. By the end of that gathering, we have a list of titles the group will discuss for the next year. The titles are chosen to cover a broad range of interests. From light to serious, fiction to non-fiction, popular to classic, we cover the gamut! Once the course is set for the fall, Sarah and Claudia work with Manchester City Library's Inter-Library Loan staff, Eleanor Croteau, Jim Stevenson, and Savannah McIntire, to find and process ample copies of the titles chosen for each month's discussion. "Without the help of the ILL staff, our book discussion endeavors would never get off the ground," says Claudia.

We are thankful that Dot Marden was so persistent! The relationship that has developed between the library and Hillcrest has been very rewarding for all involved. We look forward with anticipation to another year of great book discussions, and would love to be able to extend this kind of service to other retirement facilities.

"What's up there?"

An interview with a Government Documents Librarian



Many folks might have wondered about the mysterious middle floor that is visible from the periodicals reading room. Books and papers are clearly visible and a librarian or two can be seen working up there. Last month a patron actually came right out and asked, "What's up there?" He was pointing towards the mezzanine stacks that house the United States Federal Depository.

In an effort to shed some light on this mystery, *MCL Notes* staffer Ruth Watts contacted the Depository Librarian, Yvonne Loomis, for an interview.

Ruth: (*Getting up and shaking hands*) Hi Yvonne. Thanks for agreeing to do this interview. How did you become a depository librarian?

Yvonne: I took a class in graduate school. One class. I was a young student and I needed the credit. My final project was on the Galileo space probe—I should have been cool and done it on wolves or something. I think that space probe is still out there. I never thought that I would be a Documents Librarian.

Ruth: How long has the library been a depository for government information?

Yvonne: Since 1884. We were one of the first. We currently select about 24 percent of what the Government Printing Office makes available to depository libraries. It might not sound like much, but it really is, if you consider the volume of materials the government publishes.

Ruth: What types of government documents do we have at the library?

Yvonne: We get a lot of information from Congress, like the laws and special reports. We have the Starr report, the Iran-Contra report and the special reports on the September 11th attacks, the war in Iraq, and the report on Hurricane Katrina that the White House just published. The Depository also contains teaching tools, health information, books on military history, natural history, science and research trends, tax forms and art from the Smithsonian Institute, to name a little bit. And the best part is that it's all free! The government sends it to us for free because we are a Depository Library.

Ruth: Why would the government do this?

Yvonne: In the 1850s, Congress decided that the public needed access to government information. You can even check up on your Congressmen and see what they're working or voting on by reading the Congressional Record and the Federal Register.

Ruth: Can you give me some examples of questions you answer?

Yvonne: We get all kinds of questions. Here are a few: What's the producer price index for this month and four months ago? Can you tell me if the car I want to purchase has been subject to recall? Where can I find out about food stamp assistance and if I'm eligible? How does NH rank in per capita personal income compared to the rest of the nation? Do you have any topographic maps of North Conway, New Hampshire? Do you have the Roswell Report on the UFOs in New Mexico?

Ruth: Are there UFOs in New Mexico?

Yvonne: I don't know about New Mexico, but have you heard about that incident in Exeter, NH?

Ruth: (*Rapidly changing the subject*) Are there any restrictions on who can use the depository?

Yvonne: No. As mandated in federal law, the document collection is available to all that seek the materials contained within free of charge. I guess you could say that the federal depository system is one of America's best kept secrets. Just ask at the reference desk and we'd be glad to help.

Ruth: What about the other side of the mezzanine. I see books over there, too!

Yvonne: (*Getting very agitated*) We agreed we wouldn't go there! That's where the New Hampshire State Documents are. It's the Dark Side! (*Getting up quickly*) I'm sorry. We're going to have to end this interview.

Coming next month: The New Hampshire State Document Librarian's rebuttal and interview.

Manchester City Library Foundation 2006 Spring Fundraiser!



Robert B. Parker, author of the popular Spenser mysteries, entertained the audience at the Manchester City Library Foundation's fourth annual spring fundraiser on May 17th, 2006.



Union Leader columnist John Clayton with Foundation Chairperson Monique T. Brown

GET WISE! GET CARDED!

In the fall of 2006, Manchester City Library will again sponsor a campaign to encourage city residents to become Library Card holders. Be on the look out for more details as the summer progresses.

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at www.manchester.lib.nh.us