

# LANE LIBRARY LINES

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## ADULT SERVICES UPDATE

By Darrell Eifert

Digital audio comes to the Lane Memorial Library! Tired of twisted tapes and scratchy CDs? Try a new Playaway digital audio book. Fitting comfortably in the palm of the hand and weighing only six ounces, these units feature a complete audiobook encoded into digital memory. Just plug in a set of earphones (your own), press "play" on the keypad, and sit back and enjoy titles like *Beach Road* by James Patterson or *1776* by David McCullough. Each unit also comes with a lanyard that fits comfortably around the neck for use when walking or jogging.

Patrons may even listen to a Playaway in the car by plugging the unit into an FM transmitter set to a "blank" FM radio frequency. The library supplies these battery-operated units as a separate checkout. Please inquire at the main circulation desk.

Playaway digital books are shelved at the end of the CD-Books collection across from the main circulation desk. Patrons may place holds

on titles currently in circulation by asking a staff member or using our online catalog at [www.hampton.lib.nh.us](http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us). Tick the "Subjects" box and search "Playaway audiobooks" to see a list of titles. Note that in order to place a hold online, patrons will need to establish a PIN number in person at the circulation desk.

Complete instructions for using the Playaway unit, as well as an extra battery, are included.



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## NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Paulina Shadowens

How do you reply when someone needs material for the pre-adolescent or adolescent reluctant reader? It's always a challenge knowing what to suggest, and never more so than when the person asking is either a book-wary teen or a battle-weary parent.

While no one title will meet the interests or needs of all reluctant readers, here are some suggestions for tried and true page-turners. Because statistics show the number of boy reluctant readers far outweighs that of girls, the works listed below feature male protagonists, though both girls and boys generally enjoy these books:

*The Book of Three* by Lloyd Alexander. The second in a five-book series based on Welsh mythology, this fast-moving and poignant story features Taran, an orphan who wants to become a hero, Princess Eilonwy, a gallant chatterbox, and an assortment of vivid characters who each struggle against the forces of evil—and their own shortcomings. The text is brisk, but some of the vocabulary may prove unfamiliar to modern readers, though it shouldn't hinder general appreciation of this work. A Newbery Honor Book.

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Bud goes in search of his father during the

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## MORE FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

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Depression and discovers unlikely and unexpected friends and family along the way. The scene in which Bud mistakes a driver for a vampire is laugh-out-loud funny. A Newbery Award winner.

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. After the small plane in which he is traveling crashes, thirteen-year-old Brian is stranded in the Canadian wilderness with only his wits and a hatchet to keep him alive. A Newbery Honor Book.

*Holes* by Louis Sachar. When Stanley Yelnats is sent to a camp for delinquent boys, he learns about survival and teamwork, and helps to unravel a decades-old mystery. This story about misfits who make a difference delivers with excitement

and humor. A Newbery Award winner.

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. Maniac Magee is the new kid in town who becomes larger than life and ultimately brings together the racially divided segment of his neighborhood. Written in terrific, be-bop prose that captures Maniac's easy-going, jazzy style, this novel delivers with both laughs and pathos. A Newbery Award winner.

Please keep in mind that a lot of reluctant readers prefer materials that contain a lot of visuals to help them picture the text. Graphic novels and well-illustrated nonfiction often appeal to reluctant readers and are valuable ways to increase literacy—and confidence.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Catherine Redden



It's officially Fall! It's time to collect those pretty leaves, pick apples, dig out the mittens and hats, and plan for the holidays. Remember that you can find assistance on all those tasks here at the library. Need to identify what type of leaf you found? Want to know how to preserve it? Looking for a new recipe for cooking with the apples? Planning to knit new mittens and hats yourself? Designing a special party theme for the holidays? A visit to the library—online or in person—can help. Come on in and check out our resources.



## ART SHOW FOR THE YOUNG AND HIP

**Coming Soon:** “Art Show for the Young and Hip”

- Who?** Artists who are Hampton residents and non-resident Hampton students ages 11-25
- What?** Paintings and drawings. All must be matted or framed and ready to hang, via either a single metal hook or multiple small plastic holders. Limit of one piece per artist.
- When?** Art work and applications may be dropped off in the children's room of the library during normal business hours from October 11th through October 18th.
- Where?** Lane Memorial Library, Wheaton J. Lane Room, 2 Academy Avenue, Hampton

**Exhibition dates:** October 19, 2006-December 13, 2006

**Opening Night Reception:** Thursday, October 19th

Throughout the exhibition, visitors will be invited to vote (one time per person, please) for their favorite piece in three age categories: 11-14-year-olds, 15-19-year-olds, and 20-25-year-olds. Artists who obtain the most votes in their age category will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Brush & Palette in North Hampton. All participants will also have a chance at a raffle prize. During the closing night of the show, December 13th, we will tally the votes and draw for the raffle.

The artist's application is available online, as well as in the children's room of the library. For additional information, please talk to Cheryl French.

Members of the library's teen advisory board (TAB) will assist with the show and put together the opening night reception. New members are welcome, so if you know any 6th-12th graders who might enjoy helping out with projects at the library (or if you are a 6th-12th grader), have them talk to Cheryl. TAB meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

# REFERENCE DESK UPDATE

By Marija Sanderling

## Five Movies You May Have Missed

Trying to find a good movie to watch tonight, but feel like you've seen them all? Look again. Here are some terrific titles that didn't make it to the big theatres. How many have you seen?

1. *Alexandra's Project*. How well do you know your spouse? Steve is a middle-management office worker happily going through the motions of family life as husband to Alexandra and father to their two children. Today is Steve's birthday, and things couldn't get better. After receiving a much awaited promotion, Steve leaves work upbeat and heads home to his suburban townhouse in anticipation of a surprise party he suspects Alexandra has organized. A video tape marked "Play Me" awaits him—and will change his life. The *Sunday Times of Australia* calls this "an edgy little Aussie thriller that will have husbands shaking in their shoes, *Alexandra's Project* is a film like no other."
2. *The Battle of Algiers*. One of the most influential political films in history, Gillo Pontecorvo vividly recreates a key year in the tumultuous Algerian struggle for independence from the occupying French in the 1950s. As violence escalates on both sides, children shoot soldiers at point-blank range, women plant bombs in cafés, and French soldiers resort to torture to break the will of the insurgents. Shot in the streets of Algiers in documentary style, the film is a case study in modern warfare, with its terrorist attacks and the brutal techniques used to combat them. This is a film with astonishing relevance today. In French and Arabic with English subtitles.
3. *Hop*. All Justin and his father want to do is enjoy a soccer game together. This sparks a chain of events which leads to his father's deportation, and Justin finds himself alone and on the run. Enlisting the help of a former anarchist, Justin embarks on a thrilling adventure to re-unite with his father. But to fight the system, he will need to apply the secret of the Hop. Set in Brussels. In French and Dutch with English subtitles.
4. *Prime Suspect*. A woman is found brutally murdered, her arms and hands bound. She is thought to be prostitute Della Mornay. For Detective Chief Inspector John Shefford and his partner Detective Sergeant Bill Otley, the case seems straightforward. But when Shefford is unable to complete the investigation, Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison is assigned to the case—a first-ever for a female DCI. Immediately she comes up against a blue wall of resistance, gradually uncovering secrets designed to protect DCI Shefford. And the case gets muddy. This is the first in a five-DVD series that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Actress Helen Mirren won acclaim for her performance as Inspector Jane Tennison.
5. *Spellbound*. *Spellbound* follows the lives of eight young Americans from diverse backgrounds who share one goal: to win the National Spelling Bee. Boring, you think? Prepare to be blown away. The Bee is as intense a competition as any Olympic match, and for the spellers and their families, the stakes are just as high. The unbearable pressure becomes even more extraordinary as it is felt by ordinary teenagers. Watch as the Bee becomes a dramatic backdrop for the bigger story about kids and families today as we discover that within the roller coaster ride of the National Spelling Bee can be found the heart of America.



**Check Out the Library's  
Growing Collection of  
Movies on DVD and Video**

# NEWS FROM TECH SERVICES

By Bill Teschek

With the help of a few volunteers, the library has been able to put news from many old *Hampton Union* newspapers onto our Web site. To access these, type "hampton union excerpts" into the search box that appears at the top of each page of the Web site and select the first choice that comes up. There you will find excerpts from selected issues from the period between 1916 and 1926.

Reading through these pages can give you a wonderful glimpse of the Hampton of 80 to 90 years ago. The newspaper in those days consisted of a lot of advertisements for local businesses, farming tips, and anecdotal news tidbits from around the county, state and world. Frequently they published short fiction stories. But the most interesting news for most readers was the column of local happenings. These news items were usually one sentence long and a large number of them were items like this one from the June 15, 1922 issue: "Rev. and Mrs. George W. Clark enjoyed their vacation. They spent a week in New York City and a week on Cape Cod." In small town Hampton, everyone knew everyone else's business. They even wrote the details in the paper!

Birth, marriage and death announcements featured prominently, and the obituaries were sometimes quite lengthy.

In 1918, as World War I was winding down, the world was struck by one of the worst flu epidemics in modern history. More people died from this flu than died in battle during the war. Hampton did not escape the ravages of the flu and reading papers from that time can give you a good feel for that moment in Hampton's past. Here are some excerpts:

- Sep 29, 1918: "Mr. Lewis Locke passed away on Tuesday and the funeral is being held today. This makes the third man within two weeks to go out from that neighborhood,



living very near one another. Undertaker Tolman has been kept very busy as so many have passed away recently. He was called to Portsmouth on Wednesday to assist an undertaker there, as death is taking a heavy toll in that city, principally through influenza. It was almost a calamity when Dr. Fernald fell sick with influenza. With so many ill and depending on him, makes it hard for all. He is some better today."

- Oct. 10, 1918: "By request of Frank L. Long, all public meetings will be postponed until further notice, and we are asked to so state by those in authority for all the churches and the societies connected therewith, Mothers' Circle, the Grange, Woman's Relief Corps, Mechanics and the public schools. The library will not be closed as there is no large gathering of people in that place." [Note: The library is obviously a lot busier these days than it was in 1918!]
- Oct. 17, 1918: "While it looks as though we had passed the high mark, and cases of influenza are not increasing as rapidly as the past week, it seems very practical to continue the closing of churches as well as other public gatherings for another week."
- Oct. 24, 1918: "As the epidemic of influenza seems to be under control and by the time these lines reach the subscribers we shall doubtless be back to normal conditions, I wish to announce that unless a new outbreak is discovered the ban on public gatherings will be lifted Saturday night. It is very probable the schools will open on Monday, October 28."

Many, many deaths notices and obituaries were included in the paper during those two months. But the epidemic finally passed, and with it came this happy news that was published at the head of the November 7, 1918 paper: "As we go to press the ringing of the bells announce the reported surrender of Germany to the Allies."

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