

# Niles Newsletter

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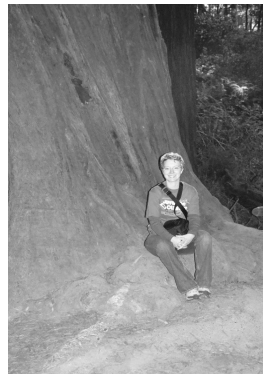
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**MEET THE LIBRARIAN**

Let me just take a few minutes to introduce myself. My name is Tamara Hoke and on July 1, 2006, I became the new director at Jay-Niles Memorial Library. If you've lived in Jay for some time, you will probably note that I am not really a new face. I grew up in North Jay and first worked at the library as a teenager. From as early as I can remember, I've always loved libraries and books. Exposure to books and reading occurred for me long before I ever set foot in the classroom. My mother read to me from birth. When she didn't have a book she would tell me a story from memory or make one up. Some of my favorite books as a child were just about anything by Beatrix Potter, the



*Tamara in front of redwood tree at Muir Woods, while out visiting friends in CA.*

habit that has continued throughout my life. Reading has very much enriched my life. Not only has it allowed me to succeed in educational settings; it has allowed me to learn about things which I have not experienced first hand (other cultures and ways of life). It has been therapeutic (I have always found that a good book relaxes me and focuses my attention). I love books! I love the smell of new books, the crispness of the pages. I love old books, the history behind them, and the story that each book tells us about the history of humanity, indeed human thought. I love the silent camaraderie that book lovers share. And...I love libraries!!!

Berenstain Bear books, Good Night Moon, and as I got a little bit older, Charlotte's Web and almost any book in which the characters were animals.

We (my mother, brother, and I) went to the public library often when I was young and it is a

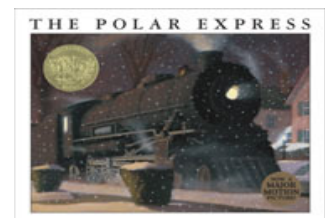
**P O L A R E X P R E S S P A J A M A P A R T Y ! ! !**

Whether you are young, or just young at heart, we'd like to invite you to come to our Polar Express Pajama Party. It will be held in Memorial Hall on Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm. For those of you who aren't familiar with this wonderful story by Chris Van Allsburg, here's a brief descrip-

tion: An enchanting train ride on Christmas Eve transports a young boy to the North Pole where he is given a special present from Santa.

Come dressed in your favorite pj's and you will be put in a drawing to win one of number of special gifts. Everyone will leave with a special memento

from this evening. Refreshments will be served.



## WHAT'S NEW AT NILES?

The following is an offering of new books, not an exhaustive list:

### Adult Fiction:

- [Gods of Newport](#), by John Jakes
- [Rising Tide](#), by Jeff Shara
- [Stork Naked](#), by Piers Anthony
- [Cotton Song](#), by Tom Bailey
- [God Father's Revenge](#), by Mark Winegardner
- [Born in Death](#), by J.D. Robb
- [Lay of the Land](#), by Richard Ford
- [Ines of My Soul](#), by Isabel Allende
- [Spot of Bother](#), by Mark Haddon
- [Road](#), by Cormac McCarthy
- [Lisey's Story](#), by Stephen King
- [Bancroft Strategy](#), by Robert Ludlum

### Adult Nonfiction:

- [War on the Middle Class](#), by Lou Dobbs
- [Tempting Faith](#), by David Kuo
- [Saving Graces](#), by Elizabeth Edwards
- [Life after Death: Burden of Proof](#), by Deepak Chopra
- [A Thousand Miles of Dreams](#), by Sasha Su-Ling Welland

### Books for Young Readers:

- [When Giants Come to Play](#), by Andrea Beaty
- [Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets](#), by Joyce Sidman
- [Shivers in the Fridge](#), by Fran Manushkin
- [Pancakes for Supper](#), by Anne Isaacs
- [My Mei Mei](#), by Ed Young
- [Yoon and the Christmas Mitten](#), by Helen Recorvits

### Books for Middle Readers

- [The End](#) (Series of Unfortunate Events), by Lemony Snicket
- [The Christmas Toy Factory](#) (Geronimo Stilton Series), by Geronimo Stilton
- [The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#), by Kate DiCamillo
- [Peter and the Shadow Thieves](#), by David Berry
- [River Secrets](#), by Shannon Hale

### Books for Teens

- [Saint Iggy](#), by K.L. Going
- [Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl](#), by Barry Lyga
- [Things Hoped for](#), by Andrew Clements
- [Getting It](#), by Alex Sanchez
- [Water Street](#), by Patricia Reilly Giff

Look for **New Media** on page 3.



Soar to new heights with books...

*Photo by T. Hoke at Muir Woods, CA*

## THE LIBRARY LISTENS TO THE PUBLIC

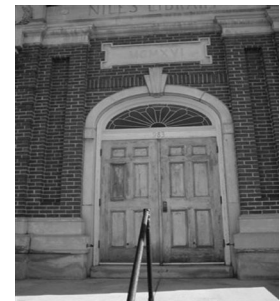
During the months of September and October, Jay-Niles Memorial Library polled its members to find out if the library hours meet the needs of its patrons. What we found out is that there is room for improvement. While our hours will remain the same for the remainder

of the fiscal year, and much of the summer, watch for new hours around the time you start to hear crickets, the school bell, and when your shadow lengthens.

We still have a few issues to iron out, but expect a net gain of 10-16 hours above

our current 24 hours.

If you have not given input, but would like to, you may feel free to e-mail me your comments to-  
[thoke@jaynileslibrary.com](mailto:thoke@jaynileslibrary.com).



*Old Entrance to the Library.  
Photo by T. Hoke.*

**NEW MEDIA OFFERINGS**

**DVDs**

- Cars
- Carrie's War
- Mission Impossible III
- Frontier House
- Monster House
- Nacho Libre
- The Jane Austen Collection
- How to Eat Fried Worms

**CDs**

- Continuum, by John Mayer
- Hidden Land, by Bela Fleck and the Flecktones
- Despite our Differences, by the Indigo Girls
- Firecracker, by the Wailin' Jennys
- These Four Walls, by Shawn Colvin
- The Essential Chieftains

**Audiobooks**

- For One More Day, by Mitch Albom
- In Cold Blood, by Truman Capote
- Thirteen Moons, by Charles Frazier
- State of Denial, by Bob Woodward
- Car Talk, by Tom Magjiozzi
- Inside My Heart, by Robin Mcgraw

**NEW MEMBERS**

September 2006 was Library Card Sign-up Month. For this month, we did a special promotion: new members were entered into a drawing to win an mp3 player or a \$50 gas card. The promotion seems to have worked. We signed up 30 new patrons in that month. The average per month for the year prior was: 13. Last month we signed up: 30 patrons again. We want to keep up that momentum! If you don't have a library card, but

would like one, here's what you have to do: 1) Bring in 2 forms of identification (preferably, one should be a photo ID. The second can be a piece of mail, a deed, or really anything that verifies that you are a resident of the town of Jay.) 2) You need to fill out a short application. Basically, you need to include information on the application like name, address, phone number, place of employment (if applicable) and business

phone number. Next, the librarian working at the circulation desk will enter the information you have provided to her and you will be assigned a patron number. While, you will not get an actual library card that you can hold in your hand before you leave on your first visit, you may take out one item of your choosing. For more information on what the library has to offer refer to the back page of this newsletter.

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**FOR TEENS ONLY!!!:  
THE TEEN AND YA ZONE**

What's so special about the Teen and YA Zone? It gives you a space of your own. The room is furnished with a café style table and chairs, as well as a floor rocker. On the walls are posters of familiar celebrities reading their favorite books. We are also buying more books for you. With an influx of new materials in this area, our circulation of these materials has increased, how-

ever, there is still work that needs to be done. We love the familiar faces, but we want to see new faces too. This is where you come in. We need your input; that's the only way we can learn to meet your library and information needs. Come visit us, or drop me a line at: [thoke@jaynileslibrary.com](mailto:thoke@jaynileslibrary.com)



**Teen and YA Zone**  
*Photos by T.Hoke*

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**W H A T   C A N   T H E   L I B R A R Y   D O   F O R   Y O U ?**

Come in to Jay-Niles Memorial Library and sign up for the smartest card you'll ever own. Library cards are free to residents of the town of Jay. Here's what you'll get with your library card: access to over 31,000 materials not to mention the plethora of information you can find online using the 6 computers we have for use by the public. At Jay-Niles Memorial Library you can:

- Read a Best Seller.
- Read a Banned Book.
- Browse the web, your gateway to a world of information.
- Borrow a CD. The library has nearly 600 to choose from.
- Do research.
- Take out a magazine. We

have around 70 subscriptions.

- Borrow an audio book for your next road trip or for your daily commute. We have over 400 books on cassette, and nearly 300 books on compact disk.
- Borrow Large Print materials. We have nearly 400 titles.
- Take out a movie. We have over 1100 VHS and a growing DVD collection with roughly 300 titles.
- Find information on local history.
- Make photocopies.
- **AND MUCH MORE!!!**

*Photo of Jay-Niles Memorial Library by T.Hoke*



**Hours :**

Monday-Wednesday 3-7 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday 1 to 5 p.m.  
Saturday 10-2 (closed on Saturdays during the months of July and August)