

Niles Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- New Year's Resolutions
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J A Y - N I L E S L I B R A R Y M O V E S I N T O T H E 2 1 S T C E N T U R Y

Jay-Niles Memorial Library is working with T.H. Creations of Auburn to create a dynamic website for our library community. With this website, anyone able to access the internet can take a look at our site. Folks will be able to do the following: access our catalog, find out contact information, peruse library history, locate library staff info, find library hours and holiday closings, learn about programs and events, read our library mission statements, retrieve lists of new materials, access some of our library policies, read our newsletter, find out how to get a library card, request a book through inter-library loan, find names of library trustees, locate us, request a book from home

to be delivered if you are unable to get to the library (if you are homebound), and other features as time goes on. There will be a



special teen section on this site. The library would like to see a children's section added in the future as finances allow. The Teen Section will include a Homework Help Section with carefully evaluated sites that will help teens find resources that will help them accomplish home-

work assignments and tasks. There will also be a College and Career Info section and another segment that will hopefully help teens with other issues, such as: health, friends, school, emotions, and the future.

Watch for the website to appear sometime within the first quarter of 2008. We hope you will like our web presence. We are very excited about this move into the 21st century! We look forward to your comments!



B O O K S T O H E L P Y O U W I T H Y O U R N E W Y E A R ' S R E S O L U T I O N S

It's that time of year when we reflect on the year that has past and daydream about the year to come. Along with that, it is a time when we make promises to improve ourselves as soon as January 1st arrives. What have you resolved to do? Maybe, just maybe, Jay-Niles

has a new book that will help accomplish your goals. - Perhaps, you want to learn more about the internet? Come check out The Rough Guide to the Internet, by Peter Buckley and Duncan Clark. Or maybe, you've decided that you complain too much and

could benefit from Will Bowen's A Complaint Free World? Have you decided you would like to take on something really big, like doing more for the environment.? Come check out Bill McKibben's Fight Global Warming Now! **Continued on page 4.**

THE READING LADY AND THE LIBRARY / SCHOOL CONNECTION

Mrs. Pineau, known to Jay Elementary School students as the "Reading Lady," first started going into the classrooms in 2000. The program has grown in popularity since then. Mrs. Pineau reads from books in the collection at Jay-Niles Memorial Library and introduces curriculum related books from our shelves to the students as well. Student are encouraged to come to our library and take out any books that

pique their interest. Oftentimes, a young person will come into Jay-Niles Memorial Library looking for a book that Mrs. Pineau has presented in their classroom. During the last school year she presented 1979 books over 33 weeks to an average of 250 students weekly from 17 classrooms for a total of 191.5 hours of classroom presentation time!!!

Library we are very proud of our school/public library connection. The main purpose of this program is to support teachers in promoting a life-long love of reading and to encourage students to visit their public library! We thank the staff at Jay Elementary School for their assistance in making this program a success and look forward to many years of collaboration.



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SUMMER READING PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

The theme for the 2007 summer Reading Program was ***Get a Clue at Your Library***. It was a grand success! Participants tallied hours over the summer and the total was displayed in the library so that participants could see their progress as the summer advanced. This year participants read for a total of 1438 hours. That is more than twice the amount of hours read last year :628 hours!!! We, the staff at Jay-Niles Memorial Library couldn't be prouder!

For our kick-off we had the magician, Dennis Labbe. This event linked mystery and magic together. Throughout the SRP we had a number of mystery related events that the children really seemed to enjoy. Every week had a different theme. The following are the programs we held: Know Your Library, It's a Puz-

zler Week, Honor the U.S.A. , What about Maine?, Mix It Up Week, and It's in the Past. Each week there were activities in which to participate, for example: the Scavenger Hunt and Code and Cipher Book Night, a reading of The Top Secret Files of Mother Goose and creating puzzle picture frames, a reading of Jake Johnson: the Story of a Mule!, and making Uncle Sam masks and tissue paper flags, a reading of Visiting Aunt Sylvia's and playing the Maine Game, a reading of Through the Magic Mirror and a Centers Game night, a reading of Bill and Pete go down the Nile and a Live Mummy Wrap. Young people of all ages participated, this included: 10 preschoolers, 4 kindergarten students, 14 first graders, 11 second graders, 8 third graders, 8 fourth graders, 10 fifth graders, 5 sixth graders, 2

seventh graders, 3 eighth graders, 3 ninth graders, and 2 tenth graders. The library staff was very happy to have such an excellent cross-section of participants. We look forward to another successful summer in 2008! Our next theme will be announced in late Spring of 2008. Stay tuned!!!



Dennis Labbe with
Michael Shaw assist-
ing!!!

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES: WE WANT YOUR INPUT

Jay-Niles Memorial Library would like to increase the amount of programs that it offers to its patrons. We would like your input on what you might enjoy or need. It has been some time, for instance, since we had a Preschool Story hour and Craft-Time. We would like to bring that back and are asking that folks let us know if they are interested. If this may be of interest to you and your children please call the library, send an e-mail, or come in and let us know.

We are bringing back our Book Group. We had a great deal of success with the program from the Maine Humanities: Defining Wilderness, Defining Maine this Fall, however, this Spring we are interested in having a program with a little less structure, but with terrific books and lively discussion just the same. We are still in the process of choosing titles and drumming up interest. We do have our first title picked out; It is Atonement, by Ian McEwan. The date for the first book group will be February 13th at 6:30 p.m. The following is a synopsis/review of the novel from Booklist:: *It's 1935, and England is experiencing a heat wave, while chaos rules at the Tallis country estate. Mr. Tallis is always at the office; his lovely wife, suffering from migraines, is usually in her*

darkened bedroom. Their youngest, 13-year-old Briony, a budding writer, keeps busy composing silly romances while waiting for her visiting older siblings and displaced cousins. Brother Leon, a bank clerk, arrives with an unattractive but wealthy friend. Sister Cecilia is home after finishing up at Cambridge, as is the sharp and ambitious Robbie Turner, their cleaning lady's son. The cousins, freckly twin boys and the newly nubile and wholly untrustworthy Lola, are unhappy victims of an impending divorce. All are hoping for a soothing holiday, but things quickly turn bizarrely catastrophic thanks to the highly imaginative but utterly naive and histrionic Briony, who sees something sinister occur between Cecilia and Robbie and wildly overreacts. McEwan's instantly addictive story line is of the bad-to-worse variety as he moves on to the harrowing vicissitudes of World War II. Every lustrously rendered, commanding scene is charged with both despair and diabolical wit, and McEwan's Jamesian prose covers the emotional spectrum from searing eroticism to toxic guilt. In sum, he excels brilliantly at depicting moral dilemmas and stressed minds in action without losing a keen sense of the body's terrible fragility, the touching

absurdity of desire, and time's obstinacy. If you are interested in this book group, please call, e-mail, or drop by the library and let us know.

Another program we would like to have is a One Book, One Community Program. The purpose of One Book, One Community is to get everyone in town to read the same book at the same time and to discuss and have activities around a theme. We realize this is a lofty goal, but what better way to bring folks from the community together? We are currently in the process of selecting a book and brainstorming ideas about what might be enriching activities around the theme. Please tune in for more information in the near future.

Lastly, we'd like a few folks from the community who are willing to express what they would like to see for programming and services from the library. If you would like to serve on such a committee, we want to hear from you! The only way we know what you as community members and patrons want is if you tell us. We look forward to serving you even better in 2008 and to hearing your input and ideas!!! The library is here for the community and citizens of the town of Jay!!!

NEW MAGAZINES

Come check out some of our new magazines! Jay-Niles Memorial Library is circulating some new magazine titles this year. Our new titles are: Atlantic Monthly, Backhome, Boys Quest*, Electronic Gaming Monthly, Field and Stream, Food and Wine, Hopscotch: the Magazine for Girls*, Kids Dis-

cover*, New Moon: the Magazine for Girls and Their Dreams*, Outdoor Photographer, Popular Mechanics, Saturday Evening Post, Spider*, This Old House, Maine Food and Lifestyle, and the Nation. For more information call or come into the library and check one out for your-

self!!!

*Magazine titles with an asterisk after them indicate children's titles.



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R E S O L U T I O N S . . . C O N T I N U E D

Possibly your resolution is to cook more meals and try new dishes? We have lots of new cookbooks to help you reach your goal. Here are a couple of titles you may want to try: [Tassajara Cookbook](#), by Karla Oliveira or [Dona Tomas: Discovering Authentic Mexican Cooking](#), by Thomas Schnetz. Maybe you've wanted to learn how to knit, or perhaps you'd just like to try more knitting projects? You should take a look at Janine Flew's book [Knit](#). It has patterns for the beginner to the more advanced. Have you decided this is the year you are going to be more politically involved, and you want to know more about the candidates for president? You should check out Mark

Halperin's [Undecided Voter's Guide to the Next President](#).

If you can't find it on the new shelf, I'm willing to bet you can find what you are looking for in our stacks. Come browse our books on fitness, weight-loss, getting a better job, getting out of debt, getting organized, going back to school, learning a new craft, eating right, etc. Ask a friendly librarian to help you find what you are interested in. If your New Year's Resolution is to read more, we'd love to help you with that too!!! At Jay-Niles Library, we like to think there is something here for everyone!!!

