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Laconia Historical is pleased to present the public with a special holiday season exhibit entitled *Annalee*. On view at the Laconia Public Library from November 13, 2008 to January 31, 2009, *Annalee* is a once-upon-a-time story of a doll making cottage industry making it big; nationally big. On loan from Annalee Dolls Inc., this exhibition will include NH-themed and winter-themed dolls from the 1930s to present day as well as other historically significant tools and equipment that chronicle the history of Annalee and Chip Thorndike's industry and vision. In addition to the display, Laconia Historical & Museum Society is interested in interviewing both current and former employees of the business about their experiences and memories. Audio clips from those oral histories will be posted online at www.LaconiaHistorical.org for the public to hear. And all interviews will be preserved in the Society's archives for future generations to enjoy. Interested individuals can call Jennifer Carroll-Plante at 603.527.1278 for more

information. *Annalee* is sponsored by Laconia Public Library and Annalee Dolls Inc. Laconia Historical & Museum Society Inc. is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 with a mission to preserve the history and culture of Laconia, Lakeport and The Weirs.