

Kraemer Library Newsletter

February 13, 2017

LIBRARY NEWS



Attention Senior Citizens – The second Senior Movie Social and lunch is scheduled for Thursday, February 23 beginning at 11:30. This month's film is a 1952 classic: "The Quiet Man," a romantic comedy-drama starring John Wayne. To reserve a spot, contact the library by phone (546-4201) by Friday, February 17.

Youth Services Librarian –Brittany Sorg joins the library staff on Monday, February 20 as a part-time Youth Services Librarian. Additional details about Brittany will be provided in the February 27 newsletter.

Attention Needleworkers – Feel free to join the needleworkers who meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm near the library fireplace to work on projects. Contact the library at 546-4201 for additional information.

Currently on Exhibit –

Front Display Cases: Pottery by Eric Friedericks of Elemental Pottery.

LIBRARY BRIEFS . . .

- Next newsletter - Monday, February 27.
- February exhibit: Banish your winter-induced cabin fever by perusing the February exhibit, "Keep Busy," which includes a selection of books focused on crafts and hobbies.
- Free Stuff on top of the WI History section includes: Edible Madison, Winter 2016 and BookPage for February 2017.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Kraemer

The Friends welcome new Board member Emily Benz.

The primary thrust of the Friends of the Kraemer Library and Community Center is to enhance the basic operation and quality of the library through membership dues, organized fundraising activities, and the sale of library-themed merchandise. These activities allow the Friends to support various library programs, contribute toward building improvements, provide new or

upgraded equipment for the library and community room, and reach out to the community through donations and memorial gifts.

We welcome new members – membership brochures are available at the library. Feel free to share ideas and suggestions for future programs and/or with the library director or directly to the Friends of the Library via email – krlibfol@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING GREEN, ARCADIA BOOKS

Sunday, February 26, 2 pm – Matt Geiger discusses his new story collection, *The Geiger Counter: Raised by Wolves and Other Stories*.

IN THE MAGAZINES

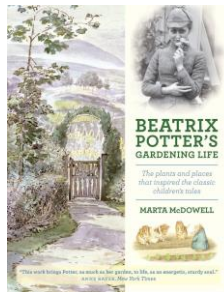
A glimpse inside periodicals available for checkout at Kraemer Library

The January/February issue of **Wisconsin Gardening** highlights the plusses and minuses of natural lawn care: an alternative to synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, and the drawbacks of using synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.

The cover story of the February **Consumer Reports** is “Secrets to a Great Night’s Sleep,” in which the magazine tested and rated 74 mattresses. The article also provides additional information about pain killers, pillows, and OTC sleep aids.

In addition to recipes for one-dish chicken dinners and nutritious soups and stews, a longer article in the January/February issue of **Cooking Light** discusses “11 Ways to Eat Better Now,” easy-to-keep resolutions and smart strategies to reach peak health.

BOOK REVIEW



Beatrix Potter’s Gardening Life: The Plants and Places That Inspired the Classic Children’s Tales, by Marta McDowell, published 2013, 339 pages

By Katie Green

Seed catalogues are filling the mailboxes of sons and daughters of the soil these days. What better pastime for a cold winter afternoon than to pore over the contents of such seductive publications, marveling at the new hybrids, drooling over old favorites, and drawing up mental lists for seeds or seedlings, shrubs and trees enough to occupy twice the available ground?

Tired of hibernating and primed by the colorful catalogues, out of a shelf full of enticing titles I picked up Kraemer Library's copy of Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life, by Marta McDowell. This is a crowd-pleaser in several ways. It is stuffed with gorgeous watercolors and pencil drawings done by Potter from age ten to her seventies, featuring her strongest interests: plants, animals, and the landscapes around where she lived early on in London or where her family vacationed in Scotland and the Lakes District of England. There are also numerous photographs from the past and present, satisfying the curiosity of those of us who grew attached to her books as children or when reading those to our own children, over and over. (I still call my son Ben by the pet name “Benjamin Bunny” as a result.)

Beatrix Potter was a serious gardener, and the book is a compendium of plants that did well for her, and why. In her adult years, when earnings from her writings enabled her to begin acquiring farms in the Lakes District, she became not only an avid dirt gardener and orchardist but also a commercial sheep raiser, and there was other livestock on her farms to supply the kitchen with eggs, milk and meat. While she loved the domesticated and wild creatures surrounding her, she took an unsentimental view of their predations on her precious plants. She endeared herself to me forever by writing a poem late in life, when wild rabbits ravaged her garden, apologizing to Farmer McGregor for depicting him as the murderous “heavy” in Peter Rabbit.

Finally, she earned my admiration for her efforts to protect the scenic Lakes District from unbridled development. By her time, it had become a playground for England's wealthy leisure class, popularized by the poet Wordsworth. She was a strong supporter of the Land Trust movement and left her considerable properties to the Trust after her death in 1943, so that the general public might enjoy them in their pristine state. To a friend she wrote: “I am doing good in trying to save anything I can of our Lake country from being vulgarized. For, as true education advances, the beauty of unspoilt nature will be appreciated, and it would be a pity if the appreciation came too late.” Amen.

POPULAR HOLDS DURING JANUARY 2017



The following books and DVDs were the most popular holds in both the South Central system and Kraemer Library for the month of January.

Books: *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance | *The Whistler: a Novel* (large print), John Grisham | *Small Great Things: a Novel*, Jodi Picoult | *The Underground Railroad: a Novel*, Colson Whitehead | *The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker*, Katherine J. Cramer.

DVDs: Arrival | Manchester by the Sea | LaLa Land | Hacksaw Ridge | Hidden Figures | Doctor Strange.

RECENT ARRIVALS – AUDIO BOOKS

Broken Trust: A Badge of Honor Novel, W.E.B. Griffin

A Great Reckoning, Louise Penny

Library of Souls: The Third Novel of Miss Peregrine’s Peculiar Children, Ransom Riggs

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children, Ransom Riggs

No Man’s Land, David Baldacci

Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Rick Riordan

Small Great Things, Jodi Picoult

The Strangler Vine, M.J. Carter

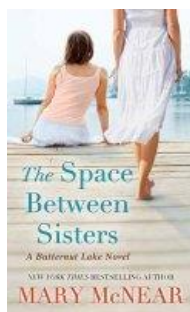
Truly Madly Guilty, Liane Moriarty

Winter Storms, Elin Hilderbrand

The Woman in Cabin 10, Ruth Ware

Woman of God, James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

RECENT ARRIVALS – FICTION (INCLUDING LARGE PRINT)



- Seduced: A Hannah Smith Novel*, Randy Wayne White (Large Print)
The Space Between Sisters: A Butternut Lake Novel, Mary McNear (Large Print)
Summer Rain: A Lightning Strikes Novel, Barbara Freethy (Large Print)
Summer Warpath, Wayne D. Overholser (Large Print)
Sunrise Crossing: A Ransom Canyon Romance, Jodi Thomas (Large Print)
Tom Clancy: Duty and Honor, Grant Blackwood
Treasured, Sherryl Woods (Large Print)
The Trespasser, Tana French
True Faith and Allegiance: A Jack Ryan Novel, Mark Greaney
Truly Madly Guilty, Liane Moriarty (also Large Print)
Turbo Twenty-Three, Janet Evanovich (also Large Print)
Twelve Days of Christmas, Debbie Macomber (also Large Print)
The Twelve Dogs of Christmas, David Rosenfelt (Large Print)
Two By Two, Nicholas Sparks (also Large Print)