

Kraemer Library Newsletter

April 2022

April Library Activities

The Senior Movie-and Lunch – The Senior Movie & Lunch is scheduled for Thursday, April 21 at 11:30 am. To reserve your spot, either stop in the library or call the library at 608-546-4201. Lunch will be catered by Roarin' 20s in Plain.



Join us for the movie “The Book Thief.” In 1938, young orphan Liesel arrives at the home of her new foster parents, Hans and Rosa. When Hans, a kindly housepainter, learns that Liesel cannot read, he teaches the child the wonders of the written language. Liesel grows to love books, even rescuing one from a Nazi bonfire. Though Liesel's new family barely scrape by, their situation becomes even more precarious when they secretly shelter a Jewish boy whose father once saved Hans' life.

Youth Activities – The Tuesday morning children’s story hour will continue through May 6th. For more information on youth activities at the library, check out the Youth section of the library’s website or contact the library at 608-546-4201 or by email at askus@kraemerlibrary.org.



New toys have recently been added to the children’s area.

N95 Masks Available – The library has received a quantity of N95 masks for general distribution. Feel free to stop by the library to pick up masks for use

Monthly Book Exhibit– “Spring is Near” so it is time to start looking at your gardens.

Jigsaw Puzzle– The jigsaw puzzle table is now active – feel free to stop by and help complete the current puzzle.



Library Basics

Hours – Monday-Thursday 10 am-6 pm / Friday 10 am-5 pm / Saturday 10 am-2 pm.



COVID Policies – Face coverings are strongly encouraged for ALL library visitors. Check the library’s website (kraemerlibrary.org) or Facebook page to remain up to date on the latest policies.

New Conference Room – The former reading and library history alcove is now a private conference room (10-person capacity). To reserve the room, call the library or stop by the Information Desk.

Upcoming Area Events

Spring Green Literary Festival

The Spring Green Literary Festival begins April 3 and consists mostly of play readings. For more information and a schedule of events, check out their Facebook page.

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Wednesday, April 20, 6-7 pm – the Arcadia Book Club virtual meeting will be a discussion of *I Must Betray You*, a novel by Ruth Sepetys. Registration can be accomplished via their website (readinutopia.com).

Book News

Brief Review: *Beasts of a Little Land* / Juhea Kim / 399 pages. Here is the publisher's summary of the novel:



In 1917, deep in the snowy mountains of occupied Korea, an impoverished local hunter on the brink of starvation saves a young Japanese officer from an attacking tiger. In an instant, their fates are connected – and from this encounter unfolds a saga that spans half a century.

In the aftermath, a young girl named Jade is sold by her family to Madame Silver's courtesan school, an act of desperation that will cement her place in the lowest social status. When she befriends an orphan boy named JungHo, who scrapes together a living begging on the streets of Seoul, they form a deep friendship. As they come of age, JungHo is swept up in the revolutionary fight for independence and Jade becomes a sought-after performer with a new romantic prospect of noble birth. Soon Jade must decide whether she will risk everything for the one who would do the same for her.

From the perfumed chambers of a courtesan school in Pyongyang to the glamorous cafes of a modernizing Seoul and the boreal forests of Manchuria, where battles rage, Juhea Kim's unforgettable characters forge their own destinies as they wager their nation's. Immersive and elegant, *Beasts of a Little Land* unveils a world where friends become enemies, enemies become saviors, heroes are persecuted, and beasts take many shapes.

Recent Arrivals

A selection of new items recently received at Kraemer Library

Fiction

Citizen K-9, David Rosenfelt

French Braid, Anne Tyler

The Recovery Agent, Janet Evanovich

A Safe House, Stuart Woods

The Summer Getaway, Susan Mallery



Also, several novels by Winston Groom: *The Angry Tide*, *The Four Swans*, *The Black Moon*, *Warleggan*, *Jeremy Poldark*, *Poldark Demelza*, and *Ross Poldark*

Nonfiction

The Dying Citizen: How Progressive Elites, Tribalism, and Globalization Are Destroying the Idea of America, Victor Davis Hanson

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures, Anne Fadiman

DVDs

West Side Story (2021 Remake)