

Kraemer Library Newsletter

November 2022

Library News Briefs

November Library Closings – The library will be closed on Saturday, November 19 and also on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.



Senior Movie and Lunch – The next Senior Movie & Lunch is Thursday, November 17. We will be watching the movie **Overcomer** High school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly. As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, a sport he doesn't even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life. To reserve a spot, stop by the library or call at 608-543-4201.



November Book Exhibit– The November exhibit will focus on recognizing veterans.

Mark Your Calendars – The library will again participate in the return of Christkindlmarkt. This year's event will be one-day event and is set for November 26th in downtown Plain. Come and see Santa Claus at the library from 4pm-7pm. Along with Santa Claus there will be a Children's Craft Workshop as well as a Cookie Walk at the same time at the library.



New Library Policy

The library board has made a change to the Community Room Policy starting January 1, 2023 the library will be charging groups and individuals a \$30 fee for the use of the room. Nonprofit entities will be exempt from this fee along with governmentally groups. See the library website for more details or inquire at the library.

Friends of the Library

Pies, Pages, Puzzles, & Plain Reads - Summary

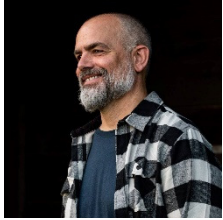


The Pies, Puzzles, Pages, and Plain Reads event held on October 7 and 8, with pies available for sale on Saturday only this year, was a success. We received 84 donated pies, and wish to extend a special thank-you to Sheryl Frank, who donated an amazing 11 pies. Our net proceeds from this year's event were \$2,829. Thirty copies of Michael Perry's *Population 485* were given away during the event to kick off the community-wide read and celebration of the library's 20th anniversary.

We would like to thank everyone who gave generously to our fundraiser this year. Special thanks to Niki Johnson for organizing the book sale and to the FOKL board members for making pie calls and for staffing the event.



Plain Reads – Summary



The Plain Reads event featuring author Michael Perry and his memoir *Population 485* was incredibly well-attended with around 50 guests. Mike shared numerous stories and humorous tales throughout the night and captivated the audience with his wit, descriptive stories, and genuinely relatable personality. The Friends of the Kraemer library hope to offer future programs such as this with regionally known authors.



Youth Programs News

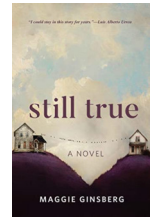
Fall Activities – Storytime continues on Tuesdays through November at 10:15 am. For more information on other youth activities, check out the library's website or Facebook page.

Upcoming Area Events

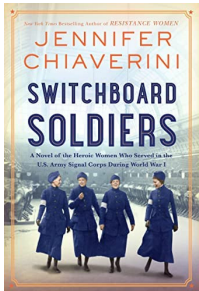
Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Sunday, November 13, 1-2 pm – Maggie Ginsberg will sign copies of her new novel, *Still True*.

Wednesday, November 16, 6 pm – Arcadia Book Club discusses *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout. To join the Zoom discussion, reserve a spot on Arcadia's website



Book News



Switchboard Soldiers: A Novel of the Heroic Women Who Served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps During World War I, by Jennifer Chiaverini. This novel is just as good as the author's earlier novel *Resistance Women*. Here is the publisher's summary:

In June 1917, General John Pershing arrived in France to establish American forces in Europe, but communications with Allied commanders and troops in the field were perilously unreliable. Pershing needed operators who could swiftly and accurately connect multiple calls, speak fluent French and English, remain steady under fire, and provide absolute secrecy when conveying classified military information

At the time, nearly all American telephone operators were women – but women were not permitted to enlist, or even to vote in most states. Nevertheless, the U.S. Army Signal Corps promptly began recruiting them.

More than 7,000 women responded, including Grace Banker of New Jersey, a switchboard operator with AT&T and an alumna of Barnard College. Marie Miossec, a Frenchwoman and aspiring opera singer, and Valerie DeSmedt, a Pacific Telephone operator from Los Angeles, determined to strike a blow for her native Belgium.

They were among the first women sworn into the U.S. Army under the Articles of War. The male soldiers they had replaced had needed one minute to connect each call. The switchboard soldiers could do it in ten seconds.

Deployed to supply depots, Pershing's headquarters, and exchanges near the front lines, the operators endured hardships and risked death or injury from gunfire, bombardments, and a deadly new influenza. Not all of them would survive.

Recent Arrivals – Fiction and DVDs

Other Birds, Sarah Addison Allen

Shrines of Gaiety, Kate Atkinson

Winners, Fredrik Backman

Long Shadows, David Baldacci

No Plan B, Lee Child

The Rising Tide, Ann Cleeves

Livid, Patricia Cornwell

Thief of Fate, Jude Deveraux

Boys From Biloxi, John Grisham

Endless Summer, Elin Hilderbrand

Verity, Colleen Hoover

Demon Copperhead, Barbara Kingsolver

Christmas Spirit, Debbie Macomber

Clive Cussler's Hellburner, Mike Maden

Falling Stars, Fern Michaels

Twelve Topsy Turvy Very Messy Days of Christmas, James Patterson and Tad Safran

Mad Honey, Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finley Boylan

Righteous Prey, John Sandford

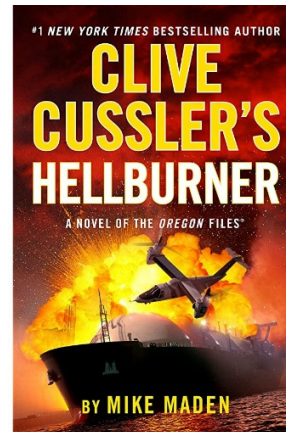
Signal Fires, Dani Shapiro

High Notes, Danielle Steel

Lucy by the Sea, Elizabeth Strout

Suspect, Scott Turow

Distant Thunder, Stuart Woods



DVDs: Winning Time Season 1 / Call the Midwife Season 11 / Theodore Roosevelt / The White Lotus Season 1 / Good Karma Hospital Season 4 / 1883 / Star Trek Picard Season 2 / Where the Crawdads Sing

