

Library News Briefs

Mid-Morning Matinee – The next Mid-Morning Matinee will be Thursday, March 16 at 11:30 am. All are welcome to enjoy a film and lunch provided by The Roarin' 20s. To reserve a spot, stop by the library or call at 608-543-4201. We will be showing "A Man Called Otto". A Tom Hanks movie in which a lively young family moves in next door to grumpy widower Otto Anderson. He meets his match in a quick-witted, pregnant woman named Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that turns his world upside down.





Reminder - Change in Community Room Policy – Effective January 1, the Library Board approved a modification to the Community Room fee policy. To review the

policy, click on "Community Room" on the library's website (www.kraemerlibrary.org) or contact the library for more details.

Book and Puzzle Donations – The library continues to accept

donations of books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles for the October Friends of the Library sale. Guidelines – no manuals, almanacs, or encyclopedias / or items published before the year 2000.





March Book Exhibit – The March exhibit focuses on Women's History Month.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of Kraemer Library held two programming events in February. Trivia Night was

held on Saturday, February 11th and was hosted by Dan and Linda Kettner. The Kettner's have hosted various trivia events throughout the River Valley area for many years. Participants mixed and mingled while enjoying pizza, salad, dessert buffet, and nonalcoholic beverages.

Game Day was held on Saturday, February 25th. Participants chose to play cards and board games like Qwirkle and Blokus. The afternoon gamers enjoyed getting together for some fun competition while also enjoying spacks and nonalco

getting together for some fun competition while also enjoying snacks and nonalcoholic beverages.



The Friends love our local library and hope to host more trivia nights and game days in the future. Library staff, Board members and Friends members would like to hear ideas from patrons for future activities. Simply contact Nick at the library or email the library at askus@kraemerlibrary.org with suggestions you may have."

Youth Programs News

Storytime – Family storytime will resume the last week of March.

Family Movie Night – Another family movie is planned for 1pm on March 30. Stop by the front desk to reserve a spot or call the library at 608-546-4201.

Details regarding storytime and youth programs will be posted on the library website and Facebook page.

Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Wednesday, March 15, 6-7 pm – Arcadia Book Club discusses *The School for Good Mothers*, by Jessamine Chan. Reservations for the Zoom discussion on both days can be made on Arcadia's website.



Book News



Ordinary Grace, by William Kent Krueger (307 pages). This is one of Krueger's early novels, the first that I read and really enjoyed. Here is the publisher's summary:

New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It

was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteenyear-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms: Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

Frank begins the season preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family – which includes his Methodist minister father (Nathan), his passionate, artistic mother (Ruth), Julliard-bound older sister (Ariel); and wise-beyond-his-years kid brother (Jake) – he finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years.

Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

Recent Arrivals

Fiction

3 Days to Live, James Patterson, Duane Swierczynski, Bill Schweigart, and Julie Margaret Hogben

A Calder At Heart, Janet Dailey Rabbit Hutch, Tess Gunty Reminders of Him, Colleen Hoover Still True, Maggie Ginsberg We All Want Impossible Things, Catherine Newman



Without a Trace, Danielle Steel (also available in Large Print)

Nonfiction

Sea Change: A Man, A Boat, A Journey Home, Maxwell Taylor Kennedy Spare, Prince Harry Cook As You Are: Recipes for Real Life, Hungry Cooks, and Messy Kitchens, Ruby Tandoh Don't Worry, Just Cook: Delicious, Timeless Recipes for Comfort and Connection, Bonnie Stern Blue Zones American Kitchen: 100 Recipes To Live to 100, Dan Buettner Tasty Total Comfort: Cozy Cooking With a Modern Touch, Buzzfeed, Inc.







