

Kraemer Library

Newsletter- January 2023

January Library News Briefs

Change in Community Room Policy – Beginning January 1, the Community Room fee policy was modified. See below for the new policy:

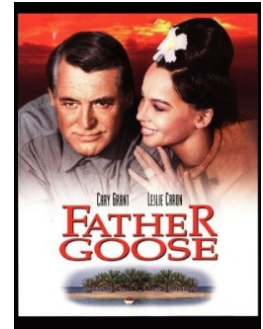


Library or library-related groups, governmental, educational, community service agencies, and governmental bodies may use the room free of charge (donations are appreciated and help defray the cost of the room and equipment maintenance).

All other groups and events not mentioned above will be charged a \$30 fee for the use of the room. Examples of events that will be subject to this charge are birthdays, bridal showers, reunions, first communions, and other similar events.

Groups or individuals using of the community room for a “For Profit” basis will be charged a \$60 fee.

Mid-Morning Matinee – The next Mid-Morning Matinee will be Thursday, January 19. 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 watching the classic movie *Father Goose*. On an island in the South Seas, Walter Eckland (Cary Grant) lives a quiet life. That changes when he's persuaded to serve as a lookout for the Allies, watching for enemy ships. Eckland, whose main interest is drinking, proves bad at his job and is sent to fetch a replacement from another island. Instead, he finds a stranded teacher, Catherine (Leslie Caron), and her pupils. After Eckland brings the group to his island, romantic sparks fly between the prim schoolmistress and the slovenly loner.



Magazines – New Subscriptions – The New Yorker, National Review, and Outdoor News Wisconsin

January Book Exhibit– The early January exhibit focuses on starting the “New Year on a Positive Note”. Books on organizing, exercise, and diet are on display near the Information Desk.

Youth Programs News

Storytime – Family storytime resumes on January 17 and continues through March 7 on Tuesdays.



Family Movie Night – Come join us in the showing of Happy Feet on Thursday, January 26 at 5 pm. Stop by the front desk to reserve a spot or call the library at 608-546-4201.



Son of Memphis and Norma, little sweet penguin Mumble has a big problem: he can't sing a single note. In a world where everyone needs a heart song to attract a soul mate, Mumble feels he doesn't belong there. Our hero, Mumble, is the worst singer in the world, but he can tap dance brilliantly.

For more information on other youth activities, check out the library's website or Facebook page.

Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

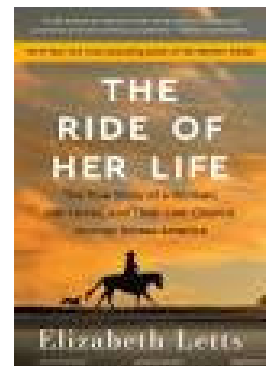
Wednesday, January 18, 6-7 pm – Arcadia Book Club discusses *So Long, See You Tomorrow* by William Maxwell. Reservations for the Zoom discussion on both days can be made on Arcadia's website.

Book News

The Ride Of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America, by Elizabeth Letts (282 pages). Here is the publisher's summary:

In 1954, sixty-three year old Maine farmer Annie Wilkins embarked on an impossible journey. She had no money and no family; she had just lost her farm, and her doctor had given her only two years to live. But, Annie wanted to see the Pacific Ocean before she died. She ignored her doctor's advice to move into the county charity home. Instead, she bought a cast-off brown gelding named Tarzan, donned men's dungarees, and headed south in mid-November, hoping to beat the snow. Annie had little idea what to expect beyond her rural crossroads; she didn't even have a map. But, she did have her ex-racehorse, her faithful mutt, and her own unfailing belief that Americans would treat a stranger with kindness.

Annie, Tarzan, and Annie's dog, Depeche Toi, rode straight into a world transformed by the rapid construction of modern highways. Between 1954 and 1956, the three travelers pushed through blizzards, forded rivers, climbed mountains, and clung to the narrow shoulder as cars whipped by them at terrifying speeds. Annie rode more than four thousand miles, through America's big cities and small towns. Along the way, she met ordinary people and celebrities – from Andrew Wyeth (who sketched Tarzan) to Art Linkletter and Groucho Marx. She received many offers – a permanent home at a riding stable in New Jersey, a job at a gas station in rural Kentucky, even a marriage proposal from a Wyoming rancher. In a decade when car ownership nearly tripled,



when television's influence was expanding fast, when homeowners began locking their doors, Annie and her four-footed companions inspired an outpouring of neighborliness in a rapidly-changing world.

Recent Arrivals

Playaways – An Easy Way to Listen to Audio Books

The library recently purchased a number of Playaway audio books for both adults, teen, and children. For those unfamiliar with Playaways, each one comes pre-loaded with an audio book. They are small and wedge shaped (2 x 3.25 inches). To listen, simply insert one AAA battery into the bottom back of the wedge, plug in earphones, and push the power button to listen. Each comes in a plastic box with the instructions for other functions, such as volume control and forward and backward. Playaways can also be played in the car using a cable with audio-audio jacks (available for purchase at the library for \$5). The new Playaways are by authors such as Lee Child, Craig Johnson, Vince Flynn, Robyn Carr, and William Johnstone. They are shelved with the audio books.



To learn about all of the recent arrivals in the South Central System during a particular month, be sure to monitor the “Don’t Miss Lists” that are updated monthly. The direct link to the list is <https://lists.linkcat.info> .