

Kraemer Library Newsletter

December 2023

Library News Briefs

Mark Your Calendars –

- Christmas Closure – the library will be closed December 25 and 26 (Monday and Tuesday), and January 1 (Monday). Regular hours resume on January 2.
- The Mid-Morning Matinee is scheduled for Thursday, December 21. This month's holiday movie is the classic "White Christmas." Stop by the library or call 608-546-4201 to reserve your spot. This monthly event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kraemer Library.



Mid-Morning Matinee – On Thursday, December 21, the library is showing the classic



movie "White Christmas". Singers Bob Wallace (Bing Crosby) and Phil Davis (Danny Kaye) join sister act Betty (Rosemary Clooney) and Judy Haynes (Vera-Ellen) to perform a Christmas show in rural Vermont. There, they run into Gen. Waverly (Dean Jagger), the boys' commander in World War II, who, they learn, is having financial difficulties; his quaint country inn is failing. So, what's the foursome to do but plan a yuletide miracle: a fun-filled musical extravaganza that's sure to put Waverly and his business in the black." Lunch starts at 11:30 with the moving starting at noon. The Mid-Morning Matinee is sponsored in part by the Friend's of the Library.



Looking Forward to 2024 –

- Nick will be on vacation January 21-February 3.
- The library will undergo a few changes next year – new chairs for the staff and the conference room and new LED lighting.

Page Turners Book Group – Details for December and January are listed below. For questions and host point-of-contact information, contact the library.

Tuesday, December 19, 1 pm – *The Silver Ladies of Penny Lane*, by Dee McDonald

Tuesday, January 16, 1 pm – *Still Alice*, by Lisa Genova





Part-time Position Available– The library is looking for someone to fill a part-time position, about 12 hours/week, including some Saturdays. For more details, check out the position description posted on the library’s website (kraemerlibrary.org).

December Book Exhibit– The December exhibit will focus on the Christmas holidays.



Youth Events

Lego Builders Club –Monday, December 4 at 4:00 pm

Afternoon Family Storytime – The winter afternoon storytime will take place on Tuesdays through December 19 at 4:00 pm

Family Fun Night – Gingerbread Building – Thursday, December 14, 5 pm

For more information or to reserve a space for the Family Fun Night, contact the library at 608-546-4201.



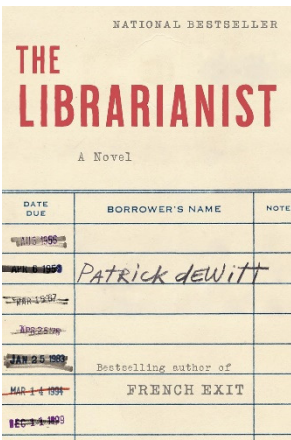
Upcoming Area Events



Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Wednesday, December 13, 6-7 pm – Arcadia Book Club discusses favorite books from 2023. Reservations for the Zoom discussion on both days can be made on Arcadia’s website.

Book Recommendation



The Librarianist, by Patrick deWitt (342 pages). The publisher’s summary from the book jacket appears below.

Bob Comet is a retired librarian passing his solitary days surrounded by books and small comforts in a mint-colored house in Portland, Oregon. One morning on his daily walk he encounters a confused elderly woman lost in a market and returns her to the senior center that is her home. Hoping to fill the void he’s known since retiring, he begins volunteering at the center. Here, as a community of strange peers gathers around Bob, and following a happenstance brush with a painful complication from his past, the events of his life and the details of his character are revealed.

Behind Bob Comet’s straight-man façade is the story of an unhappy child’s runaway adventure during the last days of the Second World War, of true love won and stolen away, of the purpose and pride found in the librarian’s vocation, and of the pleasures of a life lived to the side of the masses. Bob’s experiences are imbued with melancholy but also a bright, sustained comedy; he has a talent for locating bizarre and outsize players to welcome onto the stage of his life.

With his inimitable verve, skewed humor, and compassion for the outcast, Patrick deWitt has written a wide-ranging and ambitious document of the introvert’s condition. *The Librarianist* celebrates the extraordinary in the so-called ordinary life, and depicts beautifully the turbulence that sometimes exists beneath a surface of serenity.

Recent Arrivals

Fiction

The Best Thing, Mariana Zapala

The Talk of Coyote Canyon, Brenda Novak

Robert B. Parker's Broken Trust, Mike Lupica

Unnatural Death, Patricia Cornwell

The Ball at Versailles, Danielle Steel

Alex Cross Must Die, James Patterson

