

Kraemer Library Newsletter January/February 2024

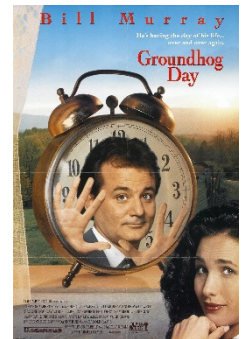
Library News Briefs

Mark Your Calendars –



--Nick will be on vacation January 21-February 3. The library hours may be altered to work with the rest of the staff's schedule. Please call ahead, check Facebook or the digital sign if you aren't sure.

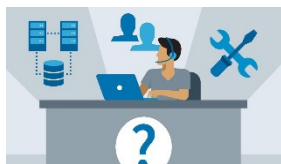
--The Mid-Morning Matinee is scheduled for Thursday, January 18. Stop by the library or call 608-546-4201 to reserve your spot. We will be showing the comedy classic *Groundhog Day* on our big screen. "A cynical TV weatherman (Bill Murray) finds himself reliving the same day over and over again when he goes on location to the small town of Punxsutawney to film a report about their annual Groundhog Day. His predicament drives him to distraction, until he sees a way of turning the situation to his advantage. Also featuring Andi MacDowell." This monthly event is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Kraemer Library.



Coming in February

The next Mid-Morning Matinee will be on February 15 at 11:30 am.

Coming in 2024



--The library is going to take part, along with the Lone Rock and Spring Green libraries to offer monthly drop-in tech sessions. Stay tuned for more information.

--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 – The Page Turners book group will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 1 pm to discuss *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).



Inclement Weather – We are in the season of snow and ice. Please call ahead, check Facebook or the digital sign to make sure that we are open.

January Book Exhibit— The January exhibit will focus on New Year’s Resolutions.



Youth Events



Winter Afternoon Family Storytime – Join us each week for a fun themed storytime for children ages 0-5, along with their families. There will be lots of songs, movement, crafts, and stories for the whole family. Storytime begins January 23 on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.

Lego Builders Club –Aspiring builders and Lego lovers are encouraged to drop in each month to build together. Participants can either free build or challenge yourself to try one of many building kits available. All ages are welcome on Monday February 5 at 4 pm.

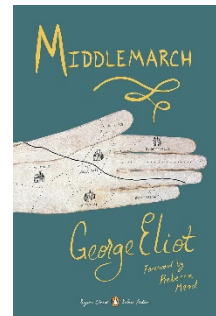


Family Fun Night – Families are welcome to drop in each month to participate in a fun-themed activity. Winter Family Fun Nights begin on Thursday, January 18 at 5 pm (paint and sip (hot cocoa/mocktails), and February 15 (activity TBD). For more information or to reserve a space for the Family Fun Night, contact the library at 608-546-4201.

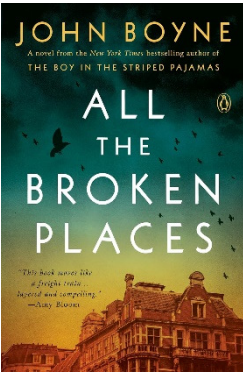
Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Wednesday, January 17, 6-7 pm – Arcadia Book Club discusses *Middlemarch* by George Eliot. Reservations for the Zoom discussion on both days can be made on Arcadia’s website.



Book Recommendation



All the Broken Places, by John Boyne (389 pages). The publisher's summary from the book jacket appears below. This novel is related to an earlier novel by John Boyne, *The Boy In the Striped Pajamas*, which was made into a film (both available via the library)

Ninety-one-year-old Gretel Fernsby has lived in the same well-to-do mansion block in London for decades. She lives a quiet, comfortable life, despite her deeply-disturbing, dark past. She doesn't talk about her escape from Nazi Germany at age twelve. She doesn't talk about the grim postwar years in France with her mother. Most of all, she doesn't talk about her father, who was the commandant of one of the Reich's most

notorious extermination camps.

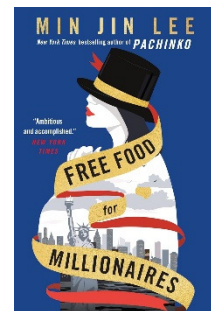
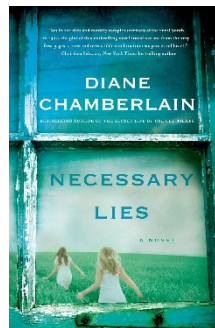
Then, a new family moves into the apartment below her. In spite of herself, Gretel can't help but begin a friendship with the little boy, Henry, though his presence brings back memories she would rather forget. One night, she witnesses a violent argument between Henry's mother and his arrogant father, one that threatens Gretel's hard-won, self-contained existence.

Immersive, chilling, unputdownable, *All the Broken Places* moves back and forth in time between Gretel's girlhood in Germany and present-day London. Gretel is at a similar crossroads to the one she encountered long ago. Then, she denied her own complicity, but now, faced with a chance to interrogate her guilt, grief, and remorse, she can choose to save a young boy. If she does, she will be forced to reveal the secrets she has spent a lifetime protecting. This time, she can make a different choice than before – whatever the cost to herself.

Recent Arrivals

Fiction

Necessary Lies, Diane Chamberlain
Free Food for Millionaires, Min Jin Lee
With Love From London, Sarah Jio
The Things We Cannot Say, Kelly Remmer
City of Dreams, Don Winslow (Large Print)
Alex Cross Must Die, James Patterson



DVD – Star Trek Strange New Worlds, Season 2

