

Kraemer Library Newsletter-

March 2024

Library News Briefs

Up Coming Events –

--The Mid-Morning Matinee is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am. This month's film will be "Secondhand Lions." A shy adolescent boy, Walter (Haley Joel Osment), is taken by his greedy mother (Kyra Sedgwick) to spend the summer with his two hard-boiled great-uncles, Hub (Robert Duvall) and Garth (Michael Caine), who are rumored to possess a great fortune. At first, the two old men, both set in their ways, find Walter's presence a nuisance, but they eventually warm up to the boy and regale him with tall tales from their past. In return, Walter helps reawaken their youthful spirit. 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.



- The Tech Drop-In Session at Kraemer Library will be Thursday, March 28 and April 25 from 2-4 pm.



- The library will close at noon on Good Friday (March 29) and will also be closed on Saturday, March 30. Regular hours resume on Monday, April 1.

Tech Drop-In Sessions

In February, the local libraries began to offer free tech drop-in sessions on Thursday afternoons, where individuals can drop by to discuss tech-related questions. The weekly sessions are listed below:

- First Thursday: Spring Green Community Library
- Second Thursday: Lone Rock Community Library
- Third Thursday: Arena Village Hall
- Fourth Thursday – Kraemer Library, Plain



Changes Inside the Library

In February, LED lighting was installed in certain areas of the library. Eventually, the entire library will have LED lighting. New ergonomic chairs for the staff and conference room also arrived in February.

February Exhibit Follow Up

Artist and graphic designer Lori Schaefer displayed her barn quilt designs during February. Barn paintings originated with German immigrants in Pennsylvania and eventually spread to the Midwest. The decorations were used as landmarks. For more information about barn quilts or to inquire about custom orders and classes, contact Lori at 608-434-2445 or by email at lori5970@hotmail.com.





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).

March Book Exhibit– The March exhibit will focus on Women’s History Month by highlighting female authors.



Youth Events

Spring 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 starts on Tuesdays, April 2 at 4:30 pm and will run through May 14.

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 March 4 at 4 pm.



Family Fun Night – Families are welcome to drop in each month to participate in a fun-themed activity. The March Family Fun Night will be Thursday, March 21 at 5 pm (sign up is required for this event). It will involve pizza making and take home to bake. For more information or to reserve a space for the Family Fun Night, contact the library at 608-546-4201.



Friends of the Library

Books for Babies Program - The Friends of the Kraemer Library Board want to remind our patrons that the Books for Babies program is a way to help families raise life-long readers.

Each Books for Babies kit includes six assorted books, an introduction letter from the Friends Board, a library card registration form, a Friends memberships form, and information on the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

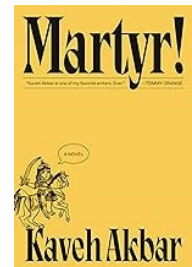


This program is open to regular users of the Plain Kraemer Library and for residents of the Plain Fire District that have had a new baby in the past 2 years. Kits are available to pick up from the library staff. The Friends of the Kraemer Library Board are delighted to be able to offer these kits to our local patrons. Stop in and get yours.

Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Wednesday, March 20, 6-7 pm – Arcadia Book Club discusses *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar. Reservations for the Zoom discussion on both days can be made on Arcadia’s website.



Book Recommendation

This month, I recommend two historical novels by Madeline Martin, an author I recently learned about. The summaries are taken from the book jacket.

The Last Bookshop In London (325 pages). Inspired by the true World War II history of the few bookshops to survive the Blitz, *The Last Bookshop in London* is a timeless story of wartime loss, love and the endearing power of literature.



August 1939: London prepares for war as Hitler’s forces sweep across Europe. Grace Bennett has always dreamed of moving to the city, but the bunkers and blackout curtains that she finds on her arrival were not what she expected. She certainly never imagined she’d wind up working at Primrose Hill, a dusty old bookshop nestled in the heart of London.

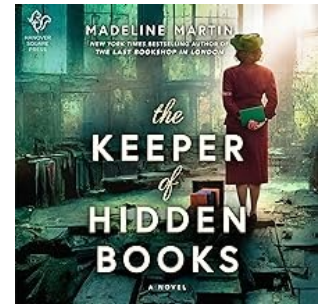
Through blackouts and air raids as the Blitz intensifies, Grace discovers the power of storytelling to unite her community in ways she never dreamed – a force that triumphs over even the darkest nights of the war.

The Keeper of Hidden Books (408 pages, including Author’s Note) A heartwarming story about the power of books to bring us together, inspired by the true story of the underground library in WWII Warsaw.

All her life, Zofia has found comfort in two things: books and her best friend, Janina. But no one could have imagined the horrors of the Nazi occupation in Warsaw. As the bombs rain down and Hitler’s forces loot and destroy the city, Zofia finds that now books are also in need of saving.

With the death count rising, Zofia jumps to action to save her friend and salvage whatever books she can from the wreckage, hiding them away and even starting a clandestine book club. She and her dearest friend never surrender their love of reading, even when Janina is forced into the newly formed ghetto.

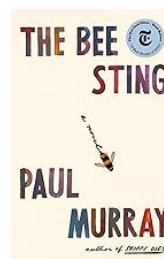
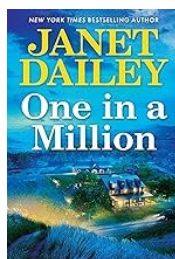
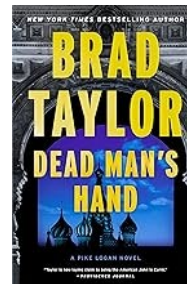
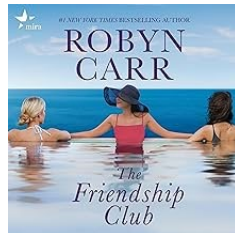
As Warsaw creeps closer toward liberation, Zofia must fight to save her friend and preserve her culture and community using the only weapon they have left: literature.



Recent Arrivals

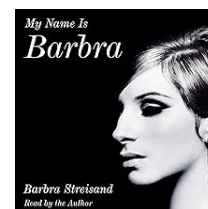
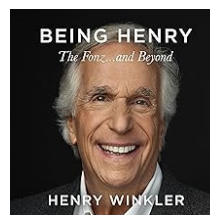
Fiction

- Homecoming*, Kate Morton
- The Friendship Club*, Robyn Carr
- The Heiress*, Rachel Hawkins
- Shark Heart*, Emily Habeck
- Dead Man’s Hand*, Brad Taylor
- Holmes, Marple & Poe*, James Patterson
- Maame*, Jessica George
- Weyward*, Emilia Hart
- One In a Million*, Janet Dailey
- The Little Liar*, Mitch Albom
- The Bee Sting*, Paul Murray



Nonfiction

- Being Henry: The Fonz and Beyond*, Henry Winkler
- The Wager*, David Grann
- My Name Is Barbra*, Barbra Streisand



DVD – Little Bird // The Great Outdoors // Gran Turismo // Sound of Freedom

