

# Kraemer Library Newsletter

## February - March 2025

### Library Calendar

Nick will be on vacation **March 3 through the 21<sup>st</sup>**. Due to staffing shortages, the library hours may fluctuate. Call first (608-546-4201) to ensure that the library will be open.



A representative of the **ADRC** (Aging and Disability Resource Center) visits the library most months on a Wednesday afternoon to provide individual help related to Medicare and Social Security. No appointments are necessary – first-come, first serve.

**DATE: Wednesday, March 26 from 1pm-3pm**

Please join us for **YOGA Flow Classes** at the Kraemer Library led by Judy Kraemer.



Class will start on Tuesdays Feb. 18 at 6:00pm and run for the next five Tuesday 2/25,3/4, 3/11, 3/18 and 3/25. Please arrive on your mat and remain quiet as some Yogi's carve this time for relaxation. This is being Sponsored by The Kraemer Library and the Friends of the Library. Please bring your own Yoga Mat and block if you have one (if you don't have one let us know we have extras). Signup is required you can call the library at 608-546-4201 or text Judy at 608-516-3781 and you don't have to attend every class.

See you soon on your Mat!!

The **Mid-Morning Matinee** is every third Thursday beginning at 11:30 am. A light lunch from Block 23 is served. The event is supported by the Friends of the Kraemer Library.

**DATES: Thursday, February 20 || Thursday, March 27 Movie TBD**

The **February movie** is Mamma Mia! "Donna (Meryl Streep), an independent hotelier in the Greek islands, is preparing for her daughter's wedding with the help of two old friends. Meanwhile Sophie, the spirited bride, has a plan. She secretly invites three men from her mother's past in hope of meeting her real father and having him escort her down the aisle on her big day." Please RSVP at the library's front desk by February 18, 2025.



The **Tech Drop-In Session** is every fourth Thursday from 2 to 4 pm. Feel free to drop by to discuss tech-related questions.

**DATES: Thursday, February 27 || Thursday, March 27**

## Youth Programs

Storytime – Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. Storytime continues through March 18.

Lego Club – meets on Thursdays at 4 pm – February 13, 27, and March 13 and 27.

Family Night – Thursday, February 20 at 5pm – Come in and decorate your own Birdhouses at the library, sign up your family today// Stay tuned for March’s family fun night.



March 24-28 – Spring Break week – we will have drop-in activities scheduled throughout the week.



Check the library website, or Facebook and the library notes in the Home News for more information such as times and reservation requirements about programs for children and families.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends group reminds patrons that if you have a new baby in the family, we encourage you to stop in and get a “Books for Babies” bag. Each “Books for Babies” kit includes: six assorted books, an introduction letter from the Friends Board, a library card registration form, and information on the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program.

Research has shown that speaking to, interacting with, and reading to children, beginning in infancy and throughout childhood, can help equip them with the language and vocabulary skills needed to be successful in school and life. By reading to children early, and often, they will develop a love for books and learning. We hope that you will enjoy these books with your child.



### NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

Are you crafty? Do you have a hobby that you would like to share with others? The Friends group is looking to create a list of potential presenters for a new craft series to be offered at the library. Please contact Jenna Wipperfurth at 608-588-5557, or email her at [krlibfol@gmail.com](mailto:krlibfol@gmail.com) for more information.

### Young Adult Book Giveaway



Attention teens and young adults – during the last few years, the library has withdrawn books targeted for young adults (age 14 and up) from circulation. The books (fiction and nonfiction) are still in good condition and will be available FREE OF CHARGE during February and March. The books will be displayed on a rolling cart in the library vestibule the first week of February.

## Historical Novels Available




The library recently withdrew from circulation novels by August Derleth. Derleth was born and raised in Sauk City and many of his novels published in the pre-World War II period focused on life in rural Wisconsin. The books are available to any patron interested in Wisconsin history. Contact the library for additional information.

## Strategic Planning 2024-29

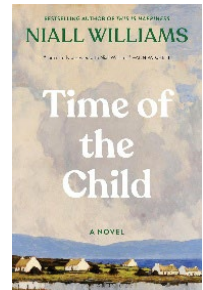


The library's strategic planning committee has started to discuss the ways library usage has changed over time, and potential projects to address those changes. Public listening sessions will be held in Spring 2025. In the meantime, any suggestions for library improvements are welcome – simply fill out a suggestion form available at the Information Desk or email the library at [askus@kraemerlibrary.org](mailto:askus@kraemerlibrary.org).

**February Exhibit Themes** – The February exhibit will focus on books to help you find your heart. 

## Upcoming Area Events

**Arcadia Book Club** – The Wednesday, February 19 meeting (6-7 pm) will discuss *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams. Reservations for the Zoom discussion can be made on Arcadia's website.



**Arcadia Silent Book Club** – Thursday, February 27, 5:30-7:30 pm.

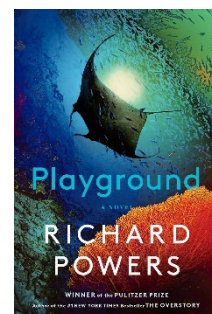


**Wednesday, March 12, 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm reading** – Nickolas Butler will read from his new novel, *A Forty Year Kiss*. This is a ticketed event held at The Shed in Spring Green. The \$30 ticket includes a copy of the book and one cocktail/mocktail.

## Book Recommendation

*Playground*, Richard Powers – 381 pages [from book jacket] –

Twelve-year-old Evie Beaulieu sinks to the bottom of a swimming pool in Montreal to one of the world's first aqualungs. Ina Aroita grows up on naval bases across Pacific with art as her only home. Two polar opposites at an elite Chicago high bond over a three-thousand-year-old board game; Rafi Young will get lost in literature, while Todd Keane's work will lead to a startling AI breakthrough.



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They meet on the history-scarred island of Makatea in French Polynesia, whose deposits of phosphorus once helped to feed the world. Now the tiny atoll has been chosen for humanity's next adventure: a plan to send floating, autonomous cities out onto the open sea. But first, the island's residents must vote to greenlight the project or turn the seastealers away.

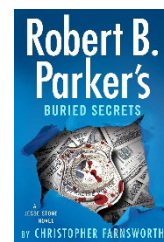
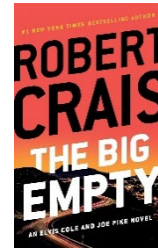
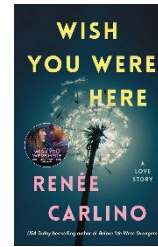
Set in the world's largest ocean, this awe-filled book explores that last wild place we have yet to colonize in a still unfolding oceanic game, and interweaves beautiful writing, rich characterization, profound themes of technology and the environment, and a deep exploration of our shared humanity in a way only Richard Powers can.



## Recent Arrivals

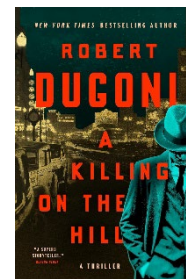
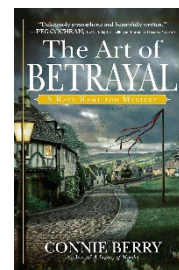
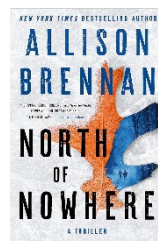
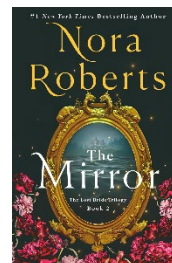
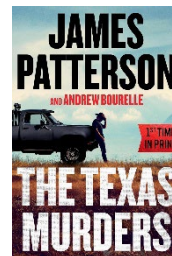
### Fiction

*Wish You Were Here*, Renee Carlino  
*The Perfect Marriage*, Jeneva Rose  
*Play Away*, Liz Tomforde  
*The French Winemaker's Daughter*, Loretta Ellsworth  
*We All Live Here*, Jojo Moyes  
*Hide #1, Fall #2, and Echo #3*, Tracy Clark  
*Shattering Dawn*, Jayne Ann Krentz (also Large Print)  
*When the Moon Hatched*, Sarah A. Parker  
*Where the Creek Bends*, Linda Lael Miller (also Large Print)  
*The Big Empty*, Robert Crais  
*Lie For a Million*, Janet Dailey  
*Midnight Black*, Mark Greaney  
*The Ministry of Time*, Kaliane Bradley  
*Never Say Never*, Danielle Steel (also Large Print)  
*Open Season*, Jonathan Kellerman  
*Order of Swans*, Jude Deveraux  
*The Paradise Problem*, Christina Lauren  
*Robert B. Parker's Buried Secrets*, Christopher Farnsworth



### Fiction – Large Print

*This Time Tomorrow*, Emma Straub  
*The Texas Murders*, James Patterson and Andrew Bourelle  
*Better Than Friends*, Jill Shalvis  
*Over the Edge*, Irene Hannon  
*Ashes Never Lie*, Lee Goldberg  
*The Burning*, Linda Castillo  
*The Sound of a Thousand Stars*, Rachel Robbins  
*Some Die Young*, William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone  
*We Three Queens*, Rhys Bowen  
*The Mirror*, Nora Roberts  
*Death At a Scottish Christmas*, Lucy Connelly  
*The Christmas Gathering*, Shelley Shepard Gray  
*North of Nowhere*, Allison Brennan  
*Fire Exit*, Morgan Talty  
*Time of the Child*, Niall Williams  
*The Merry Matchmaker*, Sheila Roberts  
*The Art of Betrayal*, Connie Berry  
*All Signs Point to Malibu*, Jennifer Snow  
*Christmas In Bethal*, Richard Paul Evans  
*Deadly Revenge*, Patricia Bradley  
*A Killing on the Hill*, Robert Dugoni



## Playaways



Playaways are pre-loaded audiobook devices. They run on one AAA battery and contain a universal jack for headphones/ear buds or a connector cord for a car or other device. The library recently received a large shipment of Playaways for both adults and children by a variety of authors. Their distinctive orange cases can be found in the audio section.

## DVDs

The Birds | Someone Like You | Planes, Trains, and Automobiles | Mayor of Kingstown Season 3 | Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes | You Gotta Believe | Beetlejuice | Dante's Peak | Speak No Evil | The Killer's Game | Deadpool Wolverine | Crown The Final Season | Vienna Blood Seasons 1 through 4

