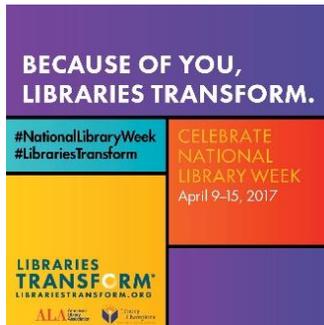


Kraemer Library Newsletter

April 10, 2017

LIBRARY NEWS



National Library Week - The theme of National Library Week, observed from April 9-15, is "Libraries Transform." The American Library Association (ALA) initiated National Library Week in 1958 to celebrate the contribution of libraries and library workers and volunteers to the community and promote library use and support. The website www.ilovelibraries.org, an initiative of the ALA, contains information about what libraries do, recommended books, and how to get involved.

Attention Seniors – We would like to hear from any senior interested in attending one more Senior Movie Social and lunch. Potential dates are either Thursday, April 27 or May 4. Contact Nick with your feedback the next time you are in the library or by phone at 546-4201 or email at askus@kraemerlibrary.org.

Exhibiting at the Library

- Watercolors by Local Color remain on display during April.
- We are always looking for additional exhibits for either the display wall or the glass-fronted cases. If you have a collection you'd like to share with the community or know an artist or collector who may be interested, contact Nick at the library.

Upcoming Road Work – Park Avenue, the street bordering the library's west side, will be closed for road work during part of April and May. The library parking area adjacent to Park Avenue will be unavailable to patrons during construction.

Adult Programming - Do you have ideas or suggestions for adult programming? Contact Nick at the library.

Attention Needleworkers – Bring your projects in progress and/or projects for which you'd like amateur advice on Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm near the library fireplace. Contact Katie at 546-1012 for additional information.

FOCUS ON YOUTH. . .

By Brittany Sorg, Youth Services Librarian

Happy Birthday, Beverly Cleary! – Our April book exhibit is devoted to children's author Beverly Cleary, who celebrates her 101st birthday on April 12! Over 91 million copies of her children's

and young adult books have been sold since 1950. Her best-known characters are Henry Huggins and dog Ribsy, Ramona Quimby and Beezus Q, and Ralph S. Mouse.

Free Family Flick – Families are invited to bring a blanket and enjoy the free, feature-length movie “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them,” on **Thursday, April 13** at 5:00 pm (PG-13 rated, 2 hr, 13 min). Popcorn and bottled water will be served. Adults or responsible teens must accompany children under 5.

Storytime Returns – Kids under 5 and their grown-ups are invited for story time on **Tuesday, April 18** at 10:15 am for a special family story time about Daniel Tiger and his friends.

LIBRARY BRIEFS . . .

- Next newsletter - Monday, April 24.
- Free stuff on top of the WI History section includes: Edible Madison, Spring 2017 and BookPage for April 2017.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Kraemer

The primary thrust of the Friends of the Kraemer Library and Community Center is to enhance the basic operation and quality of the library through membership dues, organized fundraising activities, and the sale of library-themed merchandise. These activities allow the Friends to support various library programs, contribute toward building improvements, provide new or upgraded equipment for the library and community room, and reach out to the community through donations and memorial gifts.

We welcome new members – membership brochures are available at the library. Feel free to share ideas and suggestions for future programs and/or with the library director or directly to the Friends of the Library via email – krlibfol@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPRING GREEN, ARCADIA BOOKS

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 pm – Lorna Landvik discusses her novel, *Once In a Blue Moon Lodge*.

PLAIN PAGE TURNERS

Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 pm – *Cakewalk*, by Rita Mae Brown.

IN THE MAGAZINES

A glimpse inside periodicals available for checkout at Kraemer Library

Three different articles in the March **Smithsonian** were especially interesting. The first, “The Last Giraffe,” focuses on research to better understand giraffes in Uganda, and highlights close-up photos of these gentle giants. The last two articles are historical. “The Holocaust’s Great Escape,” is the story of how in April 1944 a group of Lithuanian Jews under captivity in the Ponar death camp attempted to escape by digging a tunnel from the camp to the forest. Efforts

by scientists to identify the tunnel without excavating will be the subject of an upcoming April Nova episode. “The Road to Revolution,” follows Lenin’s journey from Switzerland to Petrograd in the spring of 1917, months before the major Bolshevik Revolution in November.

POPULAR HOLDS DURING MARCH 2017

The following books and DVDs were the most popular holds in both the South Central system and Kraemer Library for the month of Marcy.

Books (in order): *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance | *Golden Prey*, John Sandford | *Small Great Things: a Novel* (large print), Jodi Picoult | *The Girl Before: a Novel*, J.P. Delaney | *Camino Island*, John Grisham | *Come Sundown*, Nora Roberts.

DVDs (in order): Hidden Figures | LaLa Land | Lion | Sing | Patriots Day | The Founder.

THOUGHTS ON AUTHOR ISAK DINESEN

By Katie Green



At a library book sale I picked up *Cleopatra's Nose*, a collection of amusing, provocative essays by Judith Thurman. They cover a wide range of topics from high fashion to women's literature to census data. She's the sort of brainy writer who keeps one reaching for the dictionary, expanding one's vocabulary and freeing one from straightjacketed ideas. One essay alluded to Isak Dinesen, Danish baroness and author of *Out of Africa* as well as dozens of stories rooted in the primal human myths, some of them very disturbing. She enjoyed great popularity in this country for three decades before her death in 1962, since she wrote in English as well as Danish and French. As a young woman I was enthralled by her African writings, hence as I moved around later, ditching books heartlessly, hers always came along.

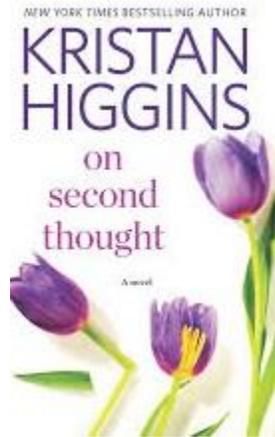
One thing led to another, as often happens, so after *Cleopatra's Nose* I checked out Thurman's huge biography of the baroness. Soon I'll watch “Out of Africa” again, to use what I learned from the biography to correct the “facts” swallowed whole when I first saw the film. Now I know what got left out, what was fibbed about or embroidered, and what was true to how Dinesen lived on the coffee plantation she and her husband established in Kenya during the colonial era. I was pleased to find that indeed she was far ahead of her time in deploring the treatment of the natives by the British, herself seeing them as equals (and often superior in ethics and humanity) to the white population. She was loved by them for respecting and treasuring their culture.

An unexpected treasure in the sometimes detail-heavy biography of Dinesen is an inspiring section about how Denmark responded to the Nazi invasion during WW II. Once Denmark capitulated to Germany (in order to preserve as many lives and freedoms as possible), most people donned the Star of David in an act of solidarity with the Jews, the Bishop of the Danish

Lutheran Church publicly condemned the rounding up and killing of those singled out by the Gestapo, and as the regime clamped down, average folk urgently sought out thousands of Jews, hid them in their homes or helped them escape. The Danes ultimately paid a huge price for their selfless resistance to the politics of hate. Despite their own danger and loss of life, Thurman writes that the courage of the Danes came from “an idea of honor, a pride shared by an entire people in their own humanity. They would not stand aside and see it violated.” I saw lessons for our time, when Americans are asked to fear and exclude immigrants and even legal citizens based on culture, religion, race, and political beliefs.

RECENT ARRIVALS

Adult Fiction (includes Large Print)



- Finding Our Forever*, Brenda Novak
Forever a Hero, Linda Lael Miller (Large Print)
Good Water, John D. Nesbitt (Large Print)
The Kid, Ron Hansen (Large Print)
On Second Thought, Kristan Higgins (Large Print)
Rescue Me, Susan May Warren (Large Print)
Rescued by Mr. Wrong, Cynthia Thomason
Robert B. Parker's Revelation, Robert Knott (Large Print)
Soldier and the Single Mom, Lee Tobin McClain
Storm's Thunder, Brandon Boyce (Large Print)
Texas Vigilante, Bill Crider (Large Print)
Two from the Heart, James Patterson with Frank Constantini, Emily Raymond, and Brian Sitts