

# Kraemer Library Newsletter

## December 11, 2017

### Library News

**December Senior Movie & Lunch** – The next Senior Movie and Lunch social is scheduled for Thursday, December 21 at 11:30 am. The movie will be “Holiday Inn”. Stop in or contact the library at 546-4201 to reserve your space. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kraemer Library.



**Update: Strategic Planning Committee** – Efforts by the strategic planning committee to develop a brief questionnaire regarding the library’s core services are ongoing. The questionnaire should be ready for distribution to community members in the first quarter of 2018.

**Currently on Exhibit** – Be sure to check out a new sculpture on display: “Puzzlement,” by Sauk County artist Mona Marks, and also artwork created by the members of the River Valley Brownie Troop 2003 to achieve their Legacy Badges in Painting. We continue to search for new 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.

### Youth Services

**Storytime** – Tuesdays at 10:15 am for children up to age 5. Theme: December 12 – Christmas. Contact Brittany Sorg with any questions (bsorg@kraemerlibrary.org).

**New Year’s Holiday Event** – Join us at the library for “Countdown to Noon” to celebrate the New Year on Saturday, December 30, 11 am – 12:30 pm.



### Library Briefs . . .

- Holiday Closings – the library will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.
- Next newsletter - Monday, January 8.



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▪ Are you reading a paper copy of the newsletter? Inquire at the Information Desk about subscribing to the newsletter, and receive it in an email message.

- Attention Readers – When you read a book or view a DVD that you really enjoy, be sure to mention it when you return your items, and your recommendation may be displayed for others to share. Also, book review forms are available year-round at the Information Desk. Book reviews submitted will be posted near the New Books area and may appear in the newsletter.
- Free stuff on top of the WI History section includes: Edible Madison - Fall 2017, BookPage and Voice of the River Valley for December 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 augment the library's budget by supporting various library programs, contributing toward building improvements, providing new or upgraded equipment for the library and community room, and community outreach 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](mailto:krlibfol@gmail.com).

**P4 Donations** – Although the Pies, Pages, Pottery & Puzzles event is a long way off (October 2018), we are always accepting donations of gently-used books, DVDs, music CDs, and puzzles. Also, we always need empty copy paper boxes with lids to store youth donations.



## Upcoming Area Events

### Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Sunday, December 17, 6:30-8:30 pm – A Special Reading of Dickens' A Christmas Carol by Tracy Michelle Arnold. This is a benefit for the Spring Green, Arena, and Lone Rock food pantries. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each. For more information, visit [readinutopia.com](http://readinutopia.com).

### Plain Page Turners

Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 pm – *Paper Bag Christmas*, by Kevin Alan Milne.

## IN THE MAGAZINES

### A glimpse inside periodicals available for checkout at Kraemer Library



Changes to library magazine subscriptions for 2018: **Not Renewed:** Modern Farmer, Cosmopolitan, the extra subscription to People, Popular Science, Good Housekeeping, and Fast Company. **New Subscriptions:** Field & Stream and Popular Mechanics. **Subscription Change:** Wisconsin Natural Resources changes from bimonthly to quarterly.

## Book Review

By Niki Johnson

*The Alice Network: A Novel* / author Kate Quinn / 503 pages / published 2017

This novel tells the story of two women who come together to help each other move beyond wartime fears and traumas. Charlotte (Charlie) St Clair is 19 years old in 1947 and a math major at Bennington College. Her studies are interrupted when she discovers that she is pregnant. While her mother arranges a private abortion in Switzerland, Charlie eludes her mother during a layover. Charlie is troubled by the sudden disappearance of her cousin Rose, who disappeared somewhere in France during the recent war, and also by her only brother's suicide due she believes to his war experience.



When Charlie arrives at the home of Eve Gardiner, the last person who had contact with Rose, she receives an abrupt and rude welcome. In spite of this, Charlie is intrigued by Eve, especially her hands, which are so crippled that she needs the daily assistance of Finn Kilgore, a WW II veteran, who serves as driver and assistant. At this point, Charlie is unaware that Eve is a retired spy, a member of the famed Alice Network, a group of men and women who infiltrated German lines in France during the

First World War. Eve agrees to help Charlie find Rose and Charlie pawns her grandmother's pearls to finance the trip through France in Finn's sports car.

This exciting story unfolds in chapters alternately narrated by Eve which explain her experiences in the Alice Network and the score she wants to settle from her days as a spy. Charlie narrates the chapters that explain her close relationship to Rose and her brother, the trio's travels through France, and a burgeoning romance. As the two women work together to achieve their different goals, they develop a mutual respect.

Three novels similar to *The Alice Network* would be *Trapeze* by Simon Mawer, *Rose*, by Martin Cruz Smith, and *Restless* by William Boyd.

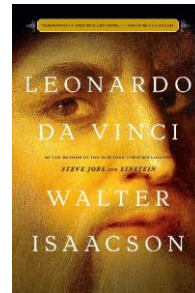
## Recent Arrivals

### DVDs

*Christmas in the Heartland*  
*Crowning Jules*

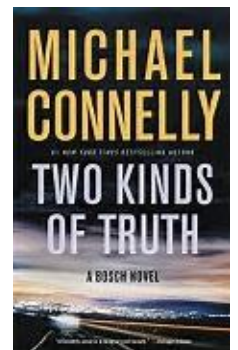
### Audio Books

*Grant*, Ron Chernow  
*Leonardo DaVinci*, Walter Isaacson  
*Dakota Home*, Debbie Macomber



### Fiction (includes Large Print)

*The Harrisons: Between You and Me*, Jennifer Gracen  
*Locked in Temptation*, Brenda Jackson (Large Print)  
*Year One*, Nora Roberts  
*Two Kinds of Truth: A Bosch Novel*, Michael Connelly  
*The Story of Arthur Truluv*, Elizabeth Berg  
*The Whispering Room: A Jane Hawk Novel*, Dean Koontz  
*Power and Empire: a Tom Clancy Jack Ryan Novel*, Marc Cameron  
*Past Perfect*, Danielle Steel (also Large Print)  
*Every Breath You Take*, Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke  
*Hardcore Twenty-Four: A Stephanie Plum Novel*, Janet Evanovich (Large Print)  
*Roomies*, Christina Lauren



### Nonfiction

*Chemistry for Dummies*, John T. Moore, Ed.  
*Fifty Years of 60 Minutes: The inside Story of Television's most Influential News Broadcast*, Jeff Fager (Large Print)  
*Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, Caroline Fraser  
*The Last Man Who Knew Everything: The Life and Times of Enrico Fermi, Father of the Nuclear Age*, David N. Schwartz

