

Kraemer Library Newsletter

January 8, 2018

Library News

January Senior Movie & Lunch – The next Senior Movie and Lunch social is scheduled for Thursday, January 25 at 11:30 am. Stay tuned for additional details and stop in or contact the library at 546-4201 to reserve your space. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kraemer Library.



Welcome – The library welcomes Christine (Chris) Elliott, who joined the library staff in December. Chris will be working on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Friday afternoon, and Saturday. When not at the library, Chris and her husband own and operate Eagle Glen Farm, near Plain.

Update: Strategic Planning Committee – The library's strategic planning committee is working to finalize a brief community survey regarding the library's future, and expect the survey to be ready for distribution in January or February. The committee's meetings are open to the public; for more information, contact the director or check the bulletin board in the library's vestibule.

Currently on Exhibit – *Near the Information Desk:* "Puzzlement," by Sauk County artist Mona Marks. *Back display wall:* artwork created by the members of the River Valley Brownie Troop 2003 to achieve their Legacy Badges in Painting. *Front display cases:* painted glass with holiday motifs by Christine Bell. We continue to search for new exhibits. 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 – Library Work in Early 2018 - Arrangements are underway to have the interior of the library repainted and lighting updated in January or February. This effort may result in the library being closed for two days – notification will be posted well in advance.

Youth Services

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

Library Briefs . . .

- Next newsletter - Monday, January 22.
- Are you reading a paper copy of the newsletter? Inquire at the Information Desk about subscribing to the newsletter, and receive it via email.
- 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.



Friends of the Library News

By Jennifer Kraemer

New members are always welcome – 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.

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

Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

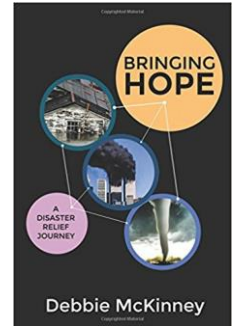
Sunday, January 14, 2-3 pm – Debbie McKinney, a long-time Red Cross volunteer, discusses her book, *Bringing Hope*.

Plain Page Turners

Tuesday, January 16, 7:30 pm – *The Sunflower*, by Richard Paul Evans.

IN THE MAGAZINES

A glimpse inside periodicals available for checkout at Kraemer Library

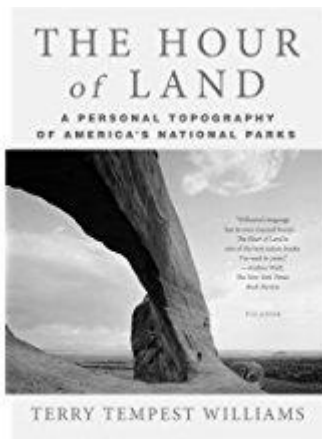


The Living section of the January issue of “Kiplinger’s Personal Finance” focuses on how to save money on travel. The author compares five popular and expensive destinations with similar and less expensive destinations such as Snowbasin, Utah versus Vail, Colorado for a ski weekend.

In addition to holiday themed articles, the November/December issue of “Wisconsin Gardening,” readers can learn about which native and low-maintenance plants attract pollinators, get tips for how to grow vegetables indoors from roots that would otherwise be discarded, and obtain recipes for sheet pan dinners.

Book Review – Talisman Books: *The Hour of Land*, by Terry Tempest Williams

By Katie Green



Certain books become talismans or spirit guides for their readers, inspiring, amusing, educational, humbling, challenging, escapist... works one rereads many times, and maybe wouldn't leave home without. Life-changing, mind-altering books. Perhaps deep or even “superficial” books one doesn't readily admit to loving, for whatever reasons they snare our hearts or intellects. For many, the Bible fits this category (or the sacred texts of other religions), or, for example, did you connect with *Les Miserable*, *Pilgrim At Tinker Creek*, *Gone With the Wind*, *The Last Child Left in the Woods*, *Pride And Prejudice*, *The Monkey Wrench Gang*, the works of Zane Grey? Over long years of devouring books, I have seen lavish praise on book covers that claim that particular work will revolutionize readers' thinking about ____ (fill in the blank) and, by golly, sometimes that turns out to be true.

In 2017 several books had a profound effect on me. One was Terry Tempest Williams' *The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks*, written to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the national park system. It's a lot livelier than the title suggests, and in some sections a lot more disturbing. I was already upset about the whittling away of some of my favorite parks and monuments in the Southwest, a decision motivated by the desire to develop these public lands for the real estate but primarily for exploitation for oil, gas and minerals for private gain. Now I know a lot more about certain landscapes and regret these governmental decisions even more.

Williams mentions the Driftless Region in one essay, bringing it home to our doorstep. Since our State government is making similar moves on Wisconsin's irreplaceable wild and beautiful places, and the citizenry isn't always aware of the true, lasting impact of such decisions, this book will join others on my talisman shelf. It will stimulate my courage to wrestle with questions of what is in the common interests of all, to the seventh generation. Others readers will enjoy this lyrically-written book for other reasons as they plan their vacations.

Popular Holds During December 2017

The following books and DVDs were the most popular holds in the South Central system during December.



Books (in rank order): *The Rooster Bar*, John Grisham | *Little Fires Everywhere*, Celeste Ng | *Origin: a novel*, Dan Brown | *The Midnight Line: a Jack Reacher Book*, Lee Child | *Two Kinds of Truth*, Michael Connelly | *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles.

DVDs (in rank order): *Murder On the Orient Express* | *Blade Runner 2049* | *Lady Bird* | *Wonder* | *The Mountain Between Us* | *American Made*

Recent Arrivals

A selection of the books and DVDs received in December

DVDs

Home Again (also Blu-ray) | *Remember the Night* | *Detroit* | *Christmas in Connecticut* (also Blu-ray) | *Kingsman* | *Holiday Inn* (also Blu-ray)

Fiction (includes Large Print)

The Gift: The Amish of Hart County, Shelley Shepard Gray (Large Print)

A Plain Leaving: The Sisters of Lancaster County, Leslie Gould (Large Print)

A Christmas Return, Anne Perry (Large Print)

Year One, Nora Roberts (Large Print)

Christmas with My Cowboy, Diana Palmer, Lindsay McKenna, and Margaret Way (Large Print)

Renegades, Marissa Meyer

This Mortal Coil, Emily Suvada

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J.K. Rowling

Mississippi Roll – A Wild Cards Novel, ed. By George R.R. Martin

The Demon Crown: A Sigma Force Novel, James Rollins

Enchantress of Numbers, Jennifer Chiaverini

Bryant & May: Wild Chamber, Christopher Fowler

Nonfiction

Leonardo da Vinci, Walter Isaacson

Smitten Kitchen Every Day, Deb Perelman

Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans, Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

