

Kraemer Library Newsletter

January 9, 2017

LIBRARY NEWS



Attention Senior Citizens – The first Senior Movie Social is scheduled for Thursday, January 19 beginning at 11:30. A light lunch will be provided by Enos Farms followed by the movie “Sully,” based on the airline pilot Chesley (Sully) Sullenberger, who in January 2009 safely landed his Airbus A320 on the Hudson River. To reserve a spot, contact the library by phone (546-4201) by January 16.

Kraemer Library “Best of 2016” List – The entry deadline for the Best of 2016 List is Friday, January 13. All Kraemer Library patrons are invited to contribute the titles of their favorite books and DVDs for the List. Pick up an entry form at the display near the Information Desk the next time you are in the library (and also a chocolate treat!). The list will appear in the January 23, 2017 newsletter.

Attention Needleworkers – Feel free to join the needleworkers who meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm near the library fireplace to work on projects. Contact the library at 546-4201 for additional information.

Currently on Exhibit –

Display Wall: Pieces from “The Sixty West Art Project” by Jen Salt.
Front Display Cases: Pottery by Eric Friedericks of Elemental Pottery.

LIBRARY BRIEFS . . .

- Next newsletter - Monday, January 23.
- The theme of the January book display is the Kraemer Library Best of 2016 List – check out the display in front of the Information Desk.
- Did You Know: the library has acquired a collection of “classic” DVDs, such as “The Godfather (Parts I-III),” “Guns of Navarone,” “To Kill a Mockingbird,” and “Saving Private Ryan?” See Recent Arrivals for other new DVDs.
- Free Stuff on top of the WI History section includes: Edible Madison, Winter 2016 and BookPage for January 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

PLAIN PAGE TURNERS

Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 pm – *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger

IN THE MAGAZINES

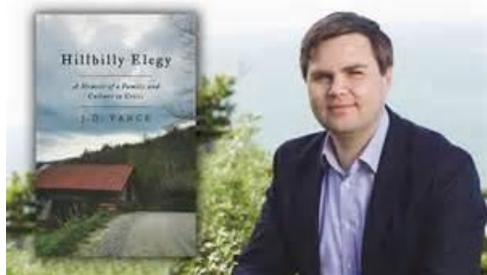
A glimpse inside periodicals available for checkout at Kraemer Library

New subscriptions this year: Smithsonian, Discover, Sports Illustrated

The cover article of the December/January **AARP Magazine** focuses on actress Helen Mirren. The issue's Health Report, "Fast Fixes for What Ails You" covers quick ways to resolve symptoms such as low energy, weight loss, sleep deprivation, headaches, and depression.

"Where to invest in 2017" is the cover story of the January issue of **Kiplinger's Personal Finance**. Also in the magazine is a review of electronic personal assistants and Wi-Fi connected smart speakers, and also the latest from Google Home. A longer article discusses ways to save money on medical procedures by traveling to another country.

POPULAR HOLDS DURING DECEMBER 2016



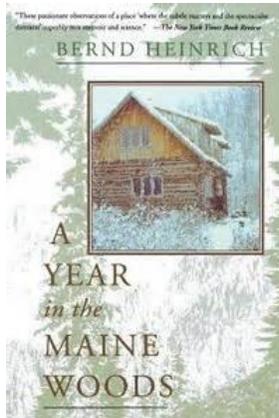
The following books and DVDs were the most popular holds in both the South Central system and Kraemer Library for the month of December.

Books: *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance | *The Whistler: a Novel*, John Grisham | *Small Great Things: a Novel*, Jodi Picoult | *The Underground Railroad: a Novel*, Colson Whitehead | *The Wrong Side of Goodbye: a Novel*, Michael Connelly | *Two by Two*, Nicholas Sparks.

DVDs: Sully | The Secret Life of Pets | The Accountant | The Girl on the Train | Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them | Arrival | Manchester by the Sea | The Dressmaker.

GUEST REVIEW – *A Year in the Maine Woods* | Bernd Heinrich | 1994 | 258 pages

By Katie Green



As a cold rain beats against the windows of my study and I'm intermittently aware of chilly, unshod feet, I can't help but think how much harder life is for those creatures, human and otherwise, who have to figure out survival strategies outdoors or in inadequate shelters during all seasons of the year.

In some measure to give my mind relief from reflecting on the misery in the human world, I have been reading a book about survival of the wild denizens, great and small, in our latitude. *A Year in the Maine Woods* was written by immigrant German biologist, Bernd Heinrich, now professor emeritus at the University of Vermont. He descended from a long line of German scientists but was raised in Maine after his family fled Europe just after World War II. His family experienced much suffering during the war years, themselves having to learn how to get by on very little, and Heinrich brings that perspective to his abiding interest in how plants as well as birds, insects, aquatic species, mammals, etc. have evolved coping mechanisms, often cleverly and quickly adaptive ones, for survival. He notices everything.

I appreciated Heinrich's amusing suggestions for conserving water and other basic necessities, and stand amazed at how generously affectionate he is toward those who share the earth with us, even biting insects. He writes in detailed wonder about complex anatomies that have evolved over time and the beauty to be found everywhere. He hears music we might miss, indoors or out. He writes vividly about pet ravens, flying squirrels, and many other critters he adopted to record their habits. He is openly wistful in his yearning for human contact but also of the pleasures of solitude for observing, listening, for working at his calling, which includes illustrating his writings. Besides his remarkable talent as a writer, he is a medal-winning ultramarathoner, which he says clears his head, helps him focus, and guarantees a good night's sleep.

There are many lessons to be learned from Heinrich's many published writings as global climate change, disappearing species, and dwindling resources bring on challenges we humans may or may not rise to meet in time. Unless you are a rock, this learned but humorous book will create or renew in you a love for the web linking all life, I guarantee it.

RECENT ARRIVALS –

DVDS - ADULT

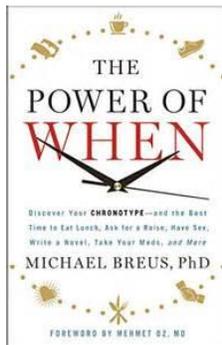
Beginner Level Yoga for Toning, Flexibility, & Stress Relief

Bridget Jones's Baby

Florence Foster Jenkins

For the Love of Spock
Ghostbusters and Ghostbusters: Answer the Call
Godfather Parts I, II, and III
The Huntsman: Winter's War
Jason Bourne (also Blu-ray)
Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story
Now You See Me 2
Poldark, Season 2
Turn – Washington's Spies, Season 3
Sherlock, Seasons 2 and 3
Suicide Squad Extended Cut (also Blu-ray)

NONFICTION



Hank: The Short Life and Long Country Road of Hank Williams, Mark Ribowsky
The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate, Peter Wohlleben
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, J.D. Vance
Hungry Heart: Adventures in Life, Love, and Writing, Jennifer Weiner
Leaves of Grass and Selected Poems and Prose, Walt Whitman
The Magnolia Story, Chip and Joanna Gaines
Pearl Harbor: From Infamy to Greatness, Craig Nelson
The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories from My Life, John LeCarre
The Power of When: Discover Your Chronotype, Michael Breus, PhD
Print, Paint & Ink: Over 20 Modern Craft Projects for You and Your Home, Andie Powers & Emily Grosse
Radical Beauty: How to Transform Yourself from the Inside Out, Deepak Chopra MD and Kimberly Snyder, CN
Red Platoon: A True Story of American Valor, Clinton Romesha
The Rise and Fall of Nations: Forces of Change in the Post-Crisis World, Ruchir Sharma
Rush Revere and the Presidency: Time-Travel Adventures with Exceptional Americans, Rush Limbaugh
Settle for More, Megyn Kelly
She Made Me Laugh: My Friend Nora Ephron, Richard Cohen
The Six: The Lives of the Mitford Sisters, Laura Thompson
~~Sorry~~ *Not Sorry: Dreams, Mistakes, and Growing Up*, Naya Rivera
Stir Sizzle Bake: Recipes for Your Cast Iron Skillet, Charlotte Druckman
Talking As Fast As I Can, Lauren Graham
True Believer: Stalin's Last American Spy, Kati Marton