

Kraemer Library Newsletter

June 13, 2016

LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER PROGRAMMING CONTINUES

Summer fun at Kraemer Library continues! Join Allison Testolin and Lisa Ladsten at the library and use your imagination, creativity, and muscles for a summer of fun. On **June 16** join us for Fun in the 50s to explore what people did for fun in the 1950s. Get ready for Great Races on **June 23**, where participants will begin with stretching to get ready for some intense races that use both muscles and brains.

Programs take place every Thursday from 10-11 am for grades K-4 and 11:30 am to 1 pm for grades 5-9, with a mid-summer break from July 1-27. Upcoming programs will be posted at the library and announced in the library newsletter and website.

Teen group on every Wednesday from 2-3 pm starting June 15-June 29.

PARENTS: ASK ABOUT OSMO



What is Osmo? It is a unique gaming accessory that will change the way your child plays games. The following games are available or loaded on a library-owned iPad:

Masterpiece - Unleash your inner artist! Pick an image from the camera, web, or curated gallery and Masterpiece will transform it into easy-to-follow lines, helping you create beautiful drawings.

Newton - Newton works with any object or drawing - Mom's keys, hand-drawn basket, even toys you already own. Simply place the object/drawing in front of the screen and manipulate it to guide the falling balls into the target zones.

Numbers - Add, count and multiply the tiles to match the numbers on the bubbles. Popping enough bubbles will free the fish and unleash a storm of lightning and thunder!

Tangram - Arrange wooden puzzle pieces to match on-screen shapes.

Word Tile - Guess and spell the on-screen image.

Osmo is only available for use in the library. For more information about Osmo, inquire at the Circulation Desk.

Coming Soon: **Coding** - Coding teaches logic skills and problem solving, and it helps kids succeed in an increasingly digital world.

IN THE LIBRARY ...

Exhibit Wall: Caricatures by Frank Willmarth. Mr. Willmarth was the father of Plain resident and library patron, Katie W. Green, curator of his private art collection.

Monthly Book Exhibit: Are you looking for the perfect book to read during summer getaways? Check out the Summer Reading suggestions opposite the Information Desk. See also "Classics in Brief," by Jeanne Kast and the Guest Review by Katie Green (pages 3 and 4).

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

BY JENNIFER KRAEMER

Upcoming Events



Brat Sale – Friday, July 8 – 10 am-7 pm and Saturday, July 9, 10 am-3 pm. Brats, hot dogs, and hot turkey sandwiches will be available.

Pies, Pages, Pottery & Puzzles (P4) - Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15. Gently-used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off at the library. We are looking for volunteer pie bakers and people to work during the sale and to assist with setup and cleanup. If you are interested, inquire at the library Information Desk and we will contact you.

Membership - New members are always welcome. Annual memberships range from \$2 for a student or senior to \$25 for a business. Membership brochures are available in the library or can be downloaded at the Friends of the Library page on the library's website.

Merchandise – Friends-themed T-shirts, canvas and lightweight tote bags, and other items are available at the library. Proceeds from merchandise sales are used to supplement the library's budget.

UPCOMING EVENTS – JUNE 13-26

PLAIN PAGE TURNERS

Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 pm – *The Round House*, by Louise Erdrich.

IN THE MAGAZINES

The June issue of "Vegetarian Times" magazine highlights vegetarian recipes for items served at outdoor stadiums and amphitheaters throughout the country. A few examples: Veggie Burger with Sriracha Aioli served at the Washington Nationals Park; Soba Noodle Salad served at the Gorge Amphitheatre in Washington State, and Deer Valley (Utah) Resort's Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookies.

The July issue of "Kiplinger's Personal Finance" magazine contains an article titled "Can You Trust Online Reviews?" in which the author addresses the ratings game, whether the reviews are real, how the ratings are distorted and whether or not they are useful. More popular review sites are rated and there is a sidebar about Yelp.

The summer 2016 issue of "Yes!" magazine contains a two-page spread about non-toxic ways to fend off mosquitos. The carbon dioxide that humans exhale alerts mosquitos to the proximity of blood. Plant-based repellents and natural predators are listed.

CLASSICS IN BRIEF

BY JEANNE KAST



The solstice on June 20 officially marks the first day of summer. I recently found a list of classic novels that could be read in a relatively short time. Although many people are busy during the summer with family, friends, parties, and simply spending time in nature, there may also be time to read a classic. I was able to read four "classics" during the past few weeks.

The first book I read was *The Little Prince*, by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. The book was first published in 1943 as a children's book, but also appeals to many adults. This book is a delightful story about an airplane pilot who crashes in the Sahara desert and meets a little prince. If you have not read this book, I would encourage you to spend a summer evening reading *The Little Prince*.

Tuck Everlasting is another classic that is frequently read in the middle school grades. It was written by Natalie Babbitt, published in 1975, and later made into a Disney film and adapted into a stage musical. This book deals with the concept of immortality, and how living forever may not be such a desirable thing. Although the novel is considered children's literature, I found it to be very thought provoking.

Ernest Hemingway authored the short novel *The Old Man and the Sea* in 1951. The novel was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, and was instrumental in the Nobel Committee's decision to award the Nobel Prize in Literature to Ernest Hemingway in 1954. This is the story of an aging fisherman and a very large marlin.

The final book in my review is *Gift from the Sea*, written in 1955 by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, wife of the famous Charles Lindbergh. This is a lovely book that is a summertime favorite of mine, and I have read and reread it many times over the years. I find new meaning each time I read it. Anne writes about her time alone at the beach, without children and family, and shares the importance of needing time alone to contemplate. This book is a treasure for women of all ages, and has withstood the test of time.

I am hoping that we will all have a wonderful summer season, and would encourage all readers to pick up one of these short novels, or perhaps some other classic novel that can be read in a short amount of time. For some additional ideas, check out "18 Good Books You Can Read in a Day," recently posted at the Reader's Digest website (www.rd.com).

GUEST REVIEW: *JEWELWEED*, BY DAVID RHODES

BY KATIE GREEN

As I look from my garden out over a portion of the gorgeous, hilly, lushly green summer countryside stretching from Plain in every direction, I think of several great books that capture the spirit of this unique landscape and its people. First, Ben Logan's peerless *The Land Remembers*, and more recently, David Rhodes' *Driftless* and its even more unforgettable sequel, *Jewelweed*.

I can't recall an author more adept at putting into words the inner life of complicated human beings and their often harrowing but (one hopes) ultimately rewarding personal journeys than Rhodes. *Jewelweed* contains everything I ask of a book, be it novel or nonfiction: insights into the human condition which assist me to be a more thoughtful, truthful, more engaged person. Rhodes doesn't shy away from the hard truths that matter, such as foolish mistakes leading to opportunities for repentance and renewal, betrayal and forgiveness, new life and heart-breaking death, lone individuals coming together in community, the basic need to give and receive love in its many forms. Time and again I was breathless in admiration for the author's ability to express all this in moving, or frequently amusing, terms.

Rhodes' characters are quirky, sometimes hugely courageous but they often shrink from doing what's right, as we all do. When you finish one of his books, I'll wager you will recognize yourself, your family and friends in the pages and see us imperfect people in a new, more compassionate light. And you will glory in the Driftless region anew.

RECENT ARRIVALS: FICTION (INCLUDING LARGE PRINT)



Anything for You, Kristan Higgins (Large Print)
Britt-Marie Was Here, Fredrik Backman
Cold Barrel Zero, Matthew Quirk
The Excellent Lombards, Jane Hamilton
Extreme Prey, John Sandford
Glory Over Everything, Kathleen Grissom
Home on Apple Blossom Road, Sheila Roberts
Journey to Munich, Jacqueline Winspear
The Last Mile, David Baldacci
Miller's Valley, Anna Quindlen (also Large Print)
The Obsession, Nora Roberts (also Large Print)
Once a Rancher, Linda Lael Miller
Private Paris, James Patterson and Mark Sullivan
Savannah Blues, Mary Kay Andrews (Large Print)
Starlight, Nora Roberts
The Summer Before the War, Helen Simonson (also Large Print)
Most Wanted, Lisa Scottoline