

Kraemer Library Newsletter

December 2019

Library News

Attention Seniors – The next Senior Lunch and Movie Social is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, with lunch beginning at 11:30 am. Be sure to reserve your spot for this special Christmas meal by calling the library at 546-4201 stopping in. Don't forget to return your leftover containers from the November lunch. This event is partially supported by the Friends of the Kraemer Library & Community Center.



We will be watching “Christmas in Connecticut” Journalist Elizabeth Lane is one of the country's most famous food writers. In her columns, she describes herself as a hard working farm woman, taking care of her children and being an excellent cook. But this is all lies. In reality she is an unmarried New Yorker who can't even boil an egg. The recipes come from her good friend Felix. The owner of the magazine she works for has decided that a heroic sailor will spend his Christmas on *her* farm. Miss Lane knows that her career is over if the truth comes out, but what can she do?

LINKcat System Maintenance – The LINKcat system will be off-line for a scheduled software update from 9 pm Friday, December 6 through Tuesday, December 10. This update will affect all public libraries in the seven-county South Central Library system. During the off-line period, due dates on library items will be extended to ensure minimal impact for library patrons, and no overdue fines will be incurred during the four-day period. Patrons may still visit their local library to check out and return items during regular hours using their library card. Patrons will not have access to the catalog to place new holds, but will be able to check out existing holds using the library card under which the hold was placed.



Holiday Schedule – The library will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and January 1 for the Christmas and New Years holidays. There will also be shortened hours on Tuesday, December 24 the library will be closing early stay tuned for more details.



Monthly Book Exhibit – Check out holiday-themed books on display near the Information desk.

Library Briefs . . .

- Are you reading a paper copy of the newsletter? Inquire at the Information Desk about subscribing to the newsletter and receive it via email each month.
- Free stuff: BookPage and Voice of the River Valley for December 2019.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.



Youth Services

Children – The final storytime for the calendar year will be Tuesday, December 10 at 10:15 am. Storytime is designed for children from birth to age 5, but all ages are welcome. Storytime will start again in January.



Families – Free Family Movie Night on Thursday, December 19 at 5 pm. Children and their families can enjoy a free family-friendly movie and pizza at the library.

Reservations are required – contact 546-4201 to reserve your spot.

Gift Ideas for Teens – The Young Adult Library Services Association has compiled book suggestions for teens. Check out the Teens Top Ten List at the website www.ilovelibraries.org.



Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Saturday, December 7, 2 pm – Poetry readings by Katrin Talbot and Andrea Potos.



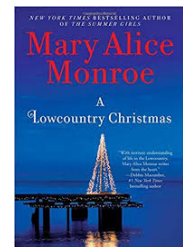
Sunday, December 8, 3-4 pm – John Galligan discusses his new thriller, *Bad Axe County*, about the first female sheriff.

Sunday, January 5, 3-4 pm – Freelance writer and columnist Rob Zaleski discusses his book *Ed Garvey Unvarnished: Lessons From a Visionary Progressive*.

Plain Page Turners

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 pm – *A Lowcountry Christmas*, by Mary Alice

Monroe



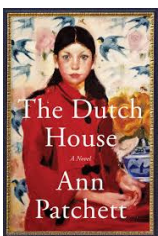
Reading Roundup

By Niki Johnson

I encourage all readers to submit a brief review of a book you'd like to share with other library patrons. The reviews may either be posted near the New Arrivals shelves or appear in an upcoming newsletter.

Book Review –

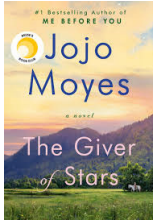
The Dutch House / Ann Patchett / 2019 / 337 pages



Ann Patchett's latest novel is the story of Danny and Maeve Conroy (narrated by Danny) and their life in the Dutch House, a mansion near Philadelphia. Their father Cyril was a real estate developer and purchased the house (with all furnishings) for their mother Elna when Danny and Maeve were children. Unfortunately, Elna only cared about helping other people less fortunate, and hated the house. She left Cyril and the children when Danny was small. Cyril remarried a younger woman, Andrea, and she and her two daughters, Norma and Bright (Bernice), came to live in the Dutch House. Andrea made no secret that did not want Maeve and Danny in their lives and partially exiled Maeve and Danny when they were young adults and cut ties completely a few years later following Cyril's death. In spite of these actions, Danny and Maeve could not forget their time in the house and their relationship with the servants and the remainder of the novel follows their lives and continual connection to the house. This is a good read, as Ann Patchett's novels usually are.

Popular Holds During November 2019

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



Books (in rank order): *Where the Crawdads Sing* (large print), *Delia Owens* | *The Giver of Stars*, Jojo Moyes | *The Guardians*, John Grisham | *The Dutch House*, Ann Patchett | *Blue Moon: a Jack Reacher Novel*, Lee Child | *Olive, Again*, Elizabeth Strout

DVDs (in rank order): *Beautiful Boy* | *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* | *Hustlers* | *Ad Astra* | *Angel Has Fallen* | *Downton Abbey*

Recent Arrivals

A selection of new items recently received at Kraemer Library

DVDs – *The Peanut Butter Falcon* | *A Million Little Things*, Season 1 | *Star Trek Discovery*, Season 2 | *Poldark*, Season 5 | *All Good Things* | *After the Wedding* | *Round of Your Life* | *Handmaid's Tale*, Season 3 | *The Farewell*



Audio Books – *Catch and Kill*, Ronan Farrow | *Twisted Twenty-Six*, Janet Evanovich | *The Water Dancer*, Ta-Nehisi Coates | *A Minute to Midnight*, David Baldacci | *The Dutch House*, Ann Patchett | *The Guardians*, John Grisham | *Bloody Genius*, John Sandford | *The Testaments*, Margaret Atwood | *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens

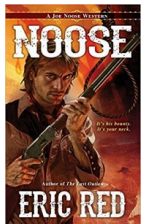
Fiction – Large Print

A Jensen Family Christmas, William W. Johnstone with J.A. Johnstone | *The Giver of Stars*, Jojo Moyes | *Blue Moon*, Lee Child



Fiction

The Flight Girls, Noelle Salazar | *Olive Again*, Elizabeth Strout | *The Nickel Boys*, Colson Whitehead | *Chances Are...*, Richard Russo | *The Institute*, Stephen King | *The Testaments*, Margaret Atwood | *Coming Home for Christmas*, RaeAnne Thayne | *Cilka's Journey*, Heather Morris | *The Family Upstairs*, Lisa Jewell | *Meant to Be Yours*, Susan Mallery | *Wyoming Heart*, Diana Palmer | *Blue Moon: a Jack Reacher Novel*, Lee Child | *The Far Empty*, J. Todd Scott | *Noose*, Eric Red | *What Happens In Paradise*, Elin Hilderbrand | *The Deserter*, Nelson DeMille and Alex DeMille | *Christmas Shopaholic*, Sophie Kinsella



Nonfiction



Half Baked Harvest Super Simple, Tieghan Gerard | *The Body: A Guide for Occupants*, Bill Bryson | *Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years*, Julie Andrews with Emma Walton Hamilton | *Blowout*, Rachel Maddow | *The Best of America's Test Kitchen*, ATK Staff