

Kraemer Library Newsletter

November 2019

Library News

Attention Seniors – The next Senior Lunch and Movie Social is scheduled for **Thursday, November 14** (note change of date from 11-21), with lunch beginning at 11:30 am. Stop in or contact the library at 546-4201 to reserve your spot. Don't forget to return your leftover containers to the library. This event is partially supported by the Friends of the Kraemer Library & Community Center. We will be watching the movie **"Beyond the Blackboard."**



When Stacey Bess gets her first teaching job, it's not at all what she expected. She's assigned to the School with No Name in Salt Lake City, a space in a homeless shelter that is supposed to function as a classroom. The 'classroom,' though, lacks basic supplies such as desks and books, and her young students range in age from six to 12.

Based on a true story, "Beyond the Blackboard" portrays young Stacey confronting her own fears and insecurities as she struggles to gain attention and respect from her students. She must also win over school board administrators and apprehensive parents.

Mark Your Calendars – The library will again participate in the 2019 Christkindlmarkt sponsored by St. Luke's Parish. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1. More information will be available on the library's website.

Strategic Plan – The library board has adopted a new five-year strategic plan for the library. Copies of the plan are available at the library or on the library website (kraemerlibrary.org).



Monthly Book Exhibit – Check out the display near the Information desk.



Closed- The library will be closed Thanksgiving Day and will be open regular hours on Friday November 29.



Friends of the Library News

By Emily Benz

The 18th Pies, Pages, Pottery, & Puzzles sale held on October 18 and 19 was a great success. Through the generous contributions of our community of pie and book lovers, 151 pies were donated and we were raised over \$4,500 in donations, which will be used to augment the library's operating budget. Everyone who donated a pie was entered in a drawing for a "Pi Square" hand-crafted by Aaron Ferstl and donated by Aaron and Beth Ferstl, and we congratulate Trisha Larson, winner of the drawing. The Friends wish to thank everyone who donated pies, books, DVDs, and puzzles; Enos Farms for donating pie ingredients; and Paula Barto of Spring Branch Pottery for participating in this year's event. A big



thank you also goes to those who gave their time to plan, set up, work during the event, and clean up afterward and also to library director Nick Studnicka and his staff for their assistance with the event. Most of all, thanks go to the residents of Plain and the River Valley area for your unfailing support of the Kraemer Library and Community Center.



I would also like to welcome three new members to the Friends of the Library Board: Emily Butteris, Kathy Dwyer, and Nicole Feiner.

Library Briefs . . .

- Thanksgiving – The library will be closed on November 28 for Thanksgiving.
- 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 November 2019.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.

Youth Services



Children – Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:15 am. Storytime is designed for children from birth to age 5, but all ages are welcome.

Attention Kids! – Join us on Tuesday, November 5 and cast your vote during our Election Day event.

Kids Craft- Kids sock turkey craft on Tuesday, November 26 at 4:30 pm. Kids can create their very own turkey from socks that they can take home just in time for Thanksgiving. Kids 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult, sign-up is required.



Families – Free Family Movie Night on Thursday, November 21 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.



Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Sunday, November 17, 3-4 pm – Jaquira Diaz discusses her memoir, *Ordinary Girls*, about growing up in the housing projects of Puerto Rico and Miami Beach.

Saturday, November 30, 3-4 pm – Freelance writer and columnist Rob Zaleski discusses his book *Ed Garvey Unvarnished: Lessons From a Visionary Progressive*.

Plain Page Turners

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 pm – *America's First Daughter*, by Laura Kamoie

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



Reading Roundup

By Niki Johnson

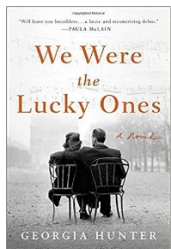
I encourage all readers to submit a brief review of a book you'd like to share with other library patrons. The reviews may either be posted near the New Arrivals shelves or appear in an upcoming newsletter.

Literary Awards – Fall is literary award season. The **Dayton Literary Peace Prize** is the only annual US literary award that recognizes the power of the written word to promote peace. The 2019 fiction winner was *What We Owe*, by Golnaz Hashemzadeh Bonde, the story of Iranian refugees living in Sweden. The 2019 nonfiction

winner was *Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist*, by Eli Saslow, the story of how a prominent white supremacist changed his heart and mind. The **Booker Prizes** are awarded to the best novel of the year written in English and published in the United Kingdom or Ireland. This year's prize is shared: *The Testaments*, by Margaret Atwood, the long-awaited sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*, and *Girl, Woman, Other*, by Bernardine Evaristo, a novel about the diversity of the black British experience in the post-Brexit world. Winners of the **National Book Award** (scheduled for November 20) will appear in the December newsletter.

Book Review –

We Were the Lucky Ones / Georgia Hunter / 2017 / 416 pages



The brief review submitted by a patron reads – “This was a story of a family who survived the Holocaust. It was very hard to put down and so sad to read the horrific abuse of the Jewish people. They truly suffered at the hands of Hitler and his men.” This novel, based on actual experiences of the author's family, was indeed a very good read. The Kurc family lived in Poland and were separated during the war years (1939-1946). The novel follows each member during the war - some members lived in a ghetto, were forced to work in Nazi factories or farms, worked for the Resistance, or went into hiding. Unlike many Holocaust novels, this one has a happy ending.

Popular Holds During October 2019

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

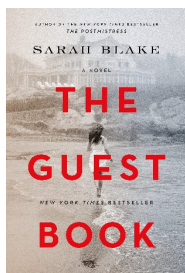
Books (in rank order): *Educated: A Memoir*, Tara Westover | *Where the Crawdads Sing* (Large Print), Delia Owens | *The Dutch House*, Ann Patchett | *The Testaments*, Margaret Atwood | *The Giver of Stars*, Jojo Moyes | *The Guardians*, John Grisham

DVDs (in rank order): *Beautiful Boy* | *A Score to Settle* | *David Crosby Remember My Name* | *The Kitchen | Wedding At Graceland* | *Press* (Disc 1)

Recent Arrivals

A selection of new items recently received at Kraemer Library

Fiction – Large Print



The Guest Book, Sarah Blake | *The Dark Side*, Danielle Steel | *A Better Man*, Louise Penny | *Cheyenne Pass*, Luran Paine | *The Last Widow*, Karen Slaughter | *Old Bones*, Preston & Child | *The Inn*, James Patterson and Candice Fox | *Mrs. Everything*, Jennifer Weiner | *The Little Teashop on Main*, Jodi Thomas | *Outfox*, Sandra Brown | *Surfside Sisters*, Nancy Thayer | *Vendetta In Death*, J.D. Robb | *Sunset Beach*, Mary Kay Andrews | *Lock Every Door*, Riley Sager | *This Tender Land*, William Kent Krueger | *The Christmas Boutique*, Jennifer Chiaverini | *Sins of the Fathers*, J.A. Jance | *Evie Drake Starts Over*, Linda Holmes

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

Nonfiction

Unfreedom of the Press, Mark R. Levin | *Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America*, David Horowitz | *Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know*, Malcolm Gladwell

