

Kraemer Library Newsletter

November 27, 2017

Library News

November Senior Movie & Lunch – The next Senior Movie and Lunch social is scheduled for Thursday, November 30 beginning at 11:30 am. The movie will be “A Dog’s Purpose.” Stop in or contact the library at 546-4201 to reserve your space. Also, mark your calendars for the December 21 Senior Movie & Lunch (hint: the movie will have a holiday theme). This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kraemer Library.

Update: Strategic Planning Committee – Efforts by the strategic planning committee to develop a brief questionnaire regarding the library’s core services are ongoing. The questionnaire should be ready for distribution to community members in the first quarter of 2018.

New Exhibit – Be sure to check out a new sculpture on display: “Puzzlement,” by Sauk County artist Mona Marks. We continue to search for new exhibits for either the display wall or the glass-fronted cases. 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 in Early 2018 - Interior Painting - Arrangements are underway to have the interior of the library repainted in January or February. This effort will result in the library being closed for two days – notification of this work will be posted well in advance.

Youth Services



Storytime – Tuesdays at 10:15 am for children up to age 5. Theme: November 28 – Hibernation, December 5 – Snow Is Falling, and December 12 – Christmas. Contact Brittany Sorg with any questions (bsorg@kraemerlibrary.org).

Holiday Event – Tuesday, December 5, 4:00 pm – DIY Holiday Ornament Workshop. All ages are welcome. Children under age 7 should be accompanied.

Youth Services Survey – Parents of children (infants to age 17) are invited to participate in our efforts to develop youth programs by completing a one-page survey that includes questions about possible programs and preferences regarding day and time for the programs. The survey can be filled out online, or pick up a paper copy at the Information Desk.

Library Briefs . . .

- Next newsletter - Monday, December 11.
- Are you reading a paper copy of the newsletter? Inquire at the Information Desk about subscribing to the newsletter, and receive it in an email message.
- Attention Readers – Book review forms are available year-round at the Information Desk. Book reviews submitted will be posted near the New Books area and may appear in the newsletter.
- Free stuff on top of the WI History section includes: Edible Madison - Fall 2017, BookPage and Voice of the River Valley for December 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 augment the library's budget by supporting various library programs, contributing toward building improvements, providing new or upgraded equipment for the library and community room, and community outreach 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 Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Friday, December 8, 6:30-7:30 pm – Poetry Night with Andrea Potos and Katrin Talbot.

Plain Page Turners

Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 pm – *Paper Bag Christmas*, by Kevin Alan Milne.

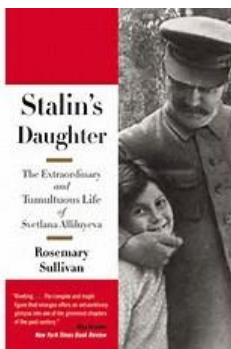
Guest Review

By Katie Green

Stalin's Daughter: The Extraordinary and Tumultuous Life of Svetlana Alliluyeva, by Rosemary Sullivan, published 2015, 741 pages



Svetlana Alliluyeva Stalina, aka Lana Peters, was a familiar sight in the Spring Green/Richland Center area during her brief marriage in the 1970s to architect Wesley Peters and again late in her life, when her daughter Olga (Christina) coaxed her back from an unsatisfactory existence in England to share a cottage in Spring Green. In fact, nowhere Svetlana lived was satisfactory for long, and her restless search for the perfect place where she would find a combination of privacy, peace, intellectual stimulation, and acceptance as her own unique self, was doomed. It would appear that except for a handful of close friends, never would she be considered anything but Joseph Stalin's daughter. You can imagine what a burden that was. At a young age, as her own relatives began to disappear in the purges initiated by her father, the scales fell from her eyes and she realized that he was “a monster.” (Her words.)



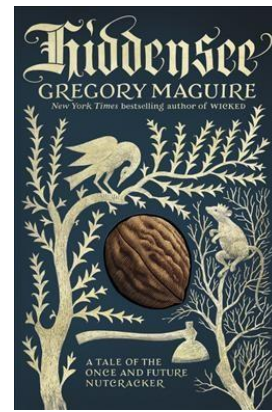
While on a reluctantly-sanctioned trip to India in 1967, after she agitated for and finally received special permission to deposit her late Indian husband's ashes in the Ganges River, she impulsively walked into the American embassy and asked for asylum. It was a desperate attempt to escape the paralyzing fear and repression of post-revolution Russia (her father was already dead by then but the Soviet regime still considered her a possession of the State by virtue of her parentage), leaving behind a mostly-grown son and daughter. She then spent the rest of her long life wandering from place to place in the US and on two other continents (she even defected back to Russia for a time), exploited by many unscrupulous people for their own ends, dragging along her young daughter by Wes Peters, bitter, lonely, unfulfilled.

This biography is impeccably researched from primary sources and will be of interest to readers on at least two fronts: first, as a brief history of modern Russia that yields up much valuable perspective on current Soviet-American relations; and secondly, as a scholarly view of a chapter in the always-fascinating, exotic goings-on at Taliesin. There are multitudes in our region who knew Svetlana in varying degrees, including myself, and this book fleshes out the picture in a way to engender much compassion. By far, she was more sinned against than guilty of sinning.

Recent Arrivals

DVDs

Eclipse over America (PBS, Nova)
Unlocked
Atomic Blonde
The Crown, Season 1
The Glass Castle
Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets
The Hitman's Bodyguard



Fiction (includes Large Print)

Typhoon Fury: A Novel of the Oregon Files, Clive Cussler
Right Where We Belong, Brenda Novak
Future Home of the Living God, Louise Erdrich
Oathbringer: Book Three of the Stormlight Archive, Brandon Sanderson
Hiddensee: A Tale of the Once and Future Nutcracker, Gregory Maguire
The House of Unexpected Sisters, Alexander McCall Smith
Lilac Lane, Sherryl Woods
Pulse: A Dick Francis Novel, Felix Francis
How the Finch Stole Christmas, Donna Andrews
In This Moment, Karen Kingsbury
Winter Solstice, Elin Hilderbrand (Large Print)
Ghost on the Case: A Bailey Ruth Ghost Novel, Carolyn Hart
Quick & Dirty: A Stone Barrington Novel, Stuart Woods
Wyoming Winter, Diana Palmer

Nonfiction

The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Come and Get It! Ree Drummond
What Unites Us: Reflections on Patriotism, Dan Rather and Elliot Kirschner

