

Kraemer Library Newsletter

December 2018

Library News



Attention Seniors The monthly Senior Lunch and Movie Social is scheduled for Thursday, December 20 at 11:30. The film will be “Remember the Night,” on our big screen. Also, don’t forget to return leftover containers from the November 29 lunch social. This event is partially supported by the Friends of the Kraemer Library & Community Center.

“Remember the Night ” Moved to pity by the Christmas season, New York District Attorney John Sargent (Fred MacMurray) lets pretty shoplifter Lee Leander (Barbara Stanwyck) out on bail and offers her a ride home to Indiana. Along the way they have a run-in with a Pennsylvania sheriff, meet each others' parents, and eventually fall in love. John's mother, however, disapproves, and warns Lee to stay away, lest she damage John's career. Not wanting to cause trouble, Lee resolves to leave the man she loves.

Community Survey Update – Thanks to all who completed the community survey. The completed surveys are currently being reviewed and the responses compiled. The survey will be available for a limited time in paper form at the library and through the library’s website for anyone who would still like to participate. Early next year we plan to hold public listening sessions for the community to present the survey results and discuss future steps in the library’s long-term strategic plan.



Youth Services



Storytime for children up to age 5 will be held on Tuesday December 11 at 10:15 am. Contact Brittany Sorg at bsorg@kraemerlibrary.org with any questions.

Family Movie Night – Join us for a movie and pizza on Tuesday, December 11 at 5 pm in the Community Room. The movie will be “Small Foot.” Reservations are required: contact the library at 546-4201 or askus@kraemerlibrary.org .

Santa Storytime Spectacular – Children and families are invited to the Santa Storytime Spectacular



on Saturday, December 15 beginning at 1 pm. In addition to Santa, there will be songs, stories, magic, cookies, crafts and photo ops with Santa. Contact Brittany Sorg at bsorg@kraemerlibrary.org with any questions.



Library Briefs . . .

- The library will be **closed** all day Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 and January 1.
- Next newsletter – Monday, January 7.
- The December book exhibit (opposite the Information Desk) features holiday-themed books.
- 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 on top of the WI History section includes: BookPage and Voice of the River Valley for December 2018.



- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.

Friends of the Library News

By Emily Benz

The Friends of the Kraemer Library would like to extend a special thank you to **Kathy Dwyer** and **Deb Tafs** for outpacing the average pie baker and donating an unprecedented number of pies for our annual sale on October 19 and 20. If you took home one of their creations you were certainly in for a special treat! Thank you both for sharing your time and talents with our community.



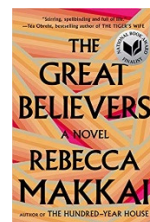
We would also like to thank **Pat Ederer** and **Judy Brassington** for joining us as new members. We are always looking for new members to support library programming. Please consider joining us or gifting someone a membership this holiday season. Your generosity keeps the library alive and well for our youngest and oldest neighbors and everyone in between.

Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Saturday, December 8, 6-7 pm – Rebecca Makkai discusses her latest book, *The Great Believers*, a novel of friendship and redemption.

Saturday, December 15, 6-8 pm – as part of the Holiday Open House, Joe Kapler will sign copies of his new book, *Wisconsin in Watercolor: The Life and Legend of Folk Artist Paul Siefert*.



Plain Page Turners

Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 pm - *The Gift*, by Richard Paul Evans. Note: the group will not meet in January and February.



Focus on Reading

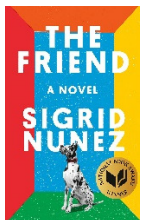
By Niki Johnson

Favorite Books of 2018

What are your favorite reads from 2018? Share the titles of your favorite books and a few sentences about what you liked best about the book. You can either email the information to the library (askus@kraemerlibrary.org), or fill out a book review form while at the library. I will share a few of my favorites in the first few months of 2019, and any favorites received may also appear in an upcoming newsletter or be posted near the new arrivals.

Annual Book Awards

Fall is book award season. The well-known National Book Awards were presented on November 14. The fiction winner was *The Friend* (by Sigrid Nunez), a moving story of love, friendship, grief, healing, and the magical bond between a woman and her dog. The nonfiction prize went to *The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke*, by Jeffrey C. Stewart, the definitive biography of the father of the Harlem Renaissance.



A lesser-known annual award is the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, the first and only annual literary award recognizing the power of the written word to promote peace. The 2018 fiction winner was *Salt Houses*, by Hala Alyan, about the ruptures in a Palestinian family caused by the need to move multiple times due to military unrest. The nonfiction award went to *We Were Eight Years In Power*, a collection of essays by Ta-Nehisi Coates on a range of topics related to African Americans in the US.

Popular Holds During November 2018

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

Books (in rank order): *Becoming*, Michelle Obama | *Unsheltered*, Barbara Kingsolver | *Educated: a Memoir*, Tara Westover | *Nine Perfect Strangers*, Liane Moriarty | *The Reckoning*, John Grisham | *A Spark of Light*, Jodi Picoult

DVDs (in rank order): *Crazy Rich Asians* | *Mission Impossible: Fallout* | *Boundaries* | *Destination Wedding* | *Operation Finale* | *The Equalizer 2*

Recent Arrivals

A selection of new items recently received at Kraemer Library

DVDs

Incredibles 2 (also Blu-ray) | *Interview With God* | *Black K Klansman*



Fiction

Sea of Greed, Clive Cussler and Graham Brown

Virgil Wander, Leif Enger

Unsheltered, Barbara Kingsolver (also Large Print)

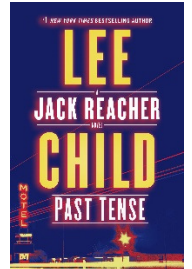
Past Tense, Lee Child (also Large Print)

Look Alive Twenty-Five, Janet Evanovich (also Large Print)

Wyoming Legend, Diana Palmer

You Don't Own Me, Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke

Long Road to Mercy, David Baldacci



Nonfiction

The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to the Civil War, Joanne B. Freeman

Ship of Fools: How a Selfish Ruling Class is Bringing America to the Brink of Revolution, Tucker Carlson

The Library Book, Susan Orlean

Becoming, Michelle Obama

Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke In the Richest Country On Earth, Sarah Smarsh

The Fifth Risk, Michael Lewis

In Pieces, Sally Field

What Can I Bring?: Southern Food For Any Occasion Life Serves Up, Elizabeth Heiskell

