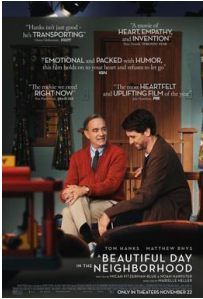


Kraemer Library Newsletter

February 2020

Library News



Attention Seniors – The next Senior Lunch and Movie Social is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, with lunch beginning at 11:30 am. The featured movie will be “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.” A timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer (Emmy winner Matthew Rhys) is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about empathy, kindness, and decency from America's most beloved neighbor. Reserve your spot by calling the library at 546-4201 or just stop by the library. Also, don't forget to drop off leftover containers from the January 23 lunch. This event is partially supported by the Friends of the Kraemer Library & Community Center.



NEW! – The library recently activated two WI-FI hot-spots, one in the library and one in the Community Room.



Monthly Book Exhibit – The February book display near the Information Desk focuses on “Finding Your Heart at the Kraemer Library.”

Board Games Available – The library has a variety of board games available for use only within the library. For more information or to borrow a game, inquire at 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 February 2020.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram: @kraemerlibrary.

Youth Services

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

Free Family Movie Night on Thursday, February 20 at 5 pm. Children and their families are invited to join us for a free family-friendly movie and pizza at the library. Reservations are required – contact 546-4201 to reserve your spot.



Friends of the Library

Pies, Pages, Puzzles, & Pottery – Donations of books and jigsaw puzzles for the October P4 event can be dropped off at the library during business hours.

Upcoming Area Events

Plain Page Turners

Plain Page Turners will resume in April. The selection for April is *Oil and Marble: A Novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo*, by Stephanie Storey.

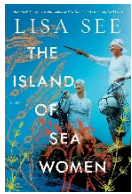
Reading Roundup

By Niki Johnson

Favorite / Best Books of 2019 Lists

Last month, I promised a “Best of 2019” list in February. Instead, I’ll focus on a “Best Genre of 2019.” Many of the books I read in 2019 were historical novels, in which the plot takes place in the past and pays attention to the manners, social conditions, and other details of the period. I will summarize three of my favorite historical novels below. If you happen to read one of these or another historical novel, be sure to read the Author’s Note, where the author explains the genesis of the novel and also any historical liberties taken in the story.

The Huntress – Kate Quinn. Following her father’s death, photographer Jordan McBride joins Nazi hunters Ian Graham, a British journalist who seeks revenge for the murder of his brother, Nina Markova, a pilot and member of the famed Russian Night Witches, and Tony Rodomovsky, a former soldier and language expert-translator to search for and capture her stepmother, a former Nazi accused of murdering a group of children.



The Island of Sea Women – Lisa See. The setting of this novel is the island of Jeju, part of South Korea and location of the female-centered culture of haenyo, or sea women. The plot follows best friends Young-sook and Mi-ja, leaders of their fishing group, as they provide for their families while enduring the Japanese occupation, Korean War, and the upheaval resulting in their friendships and families.

The Giver of Stars - Jojo Moyes. The setting for this fast-paced novel is a small mining town in eastern Kentucky during the 1930s. The story follows five independent women who worked as Pack Horse Librarians, part of a WPA program to bring libraries and reading to small communities. The women travelled by horse and mule into the mountains to bring books to community members. The close friendship formed between the women enable them to face and conquer social and racial stereotypes and prejudices, labor unrest in the mines, and clan rivalries.



Popular Holds During January 2020

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

Books (in rank order): *The Dutch House*, Ann Patchett | *The Giver of Stars*, Jojo Moyes | *Such a Fun Age: A Novel*, Kiley Reid | *The Yellow House*, Sarah M. Broom | *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens | *American Dirt*, Jeanine Cummins

DVDs (in rank order): A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood | Ford V Ferrari | Frozen II | Jojo Rabbit | Midway | The Good Liar

Recent Arrivals

A selection of new items recently received at Kraemer Library

DVDs – Doc Martin, Series 9 | Harriet | Terminator Dark Fate | Everybody Loves Raymond Season 3

Audio Books – *Fairytale*, Danielle Steel | *Against All Odds*, Danielle Steel | *As Time Goes By*, Mary Higgins Clark



Fiction

The Book Charmer, Karen Hawkins | *The Fifth Column*, Andrew Gross | *Criss Cross*, James Patterson | *Bloody Genius*, John Sandford | *A Minute to Midnight*, David Baldacci | *Blue Moon*, Lee Child | *Bloody Genius*, John Sandford | *The Pact*, Jodi Picoult | *Nineteen Minutes*, Jodi Picoult | *Leave No Trace*, Mindy Mejia | *Mercy*, Jodi Picoult

Fiction Large Print

No Justice In Hell, Charles West | *Once Upon a River*, Diane Setterfield | *Scarlet Fever*, Rita Mae Brown | *Homeward Bound*, Rita Mae Brown | *Mistress of the Ritz*, Melanie Benjamin | *Guardians*, John Grisham | *The Night Fire*, Michael Connelly

Nonfiction

Call Sign Chaos, Jim Mattis and Bing West

The Madness of Crowds: Gender, Race and Identity, Douglas Murray

Great Society: A New History, Amity Shlaes

Me, Elton John

1,000 Books to Read Before You Die, James Mustich

Dairylandia: Dispatches From a State of Mind, Steve Hannah

American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey Into the Business of Punishment, Shane Bauer

The Poison Squad: One Chemist's Single-Minded Crusade for Food Safety at the Turn of the Twentieth Century, Deborah Blum

