

# Kraemer Library Newsletter-

## December 2021

### December Library Activities

**The Senior Movie-and Lunch Returns!** – The Senior Movie & Lunch is scheduled for Thursday, December 16 at 11:30 am. Either stop in the library to reserve your spot or call at 546-4201.



Join us for the movie Grumpy Old Men on our big screen. The movie is about John Gustafson and Max Goldman, two curmudgeonly neighbors who have been at each other's throats for years. The rivalry of the former friends intensifies when Ariel comes along and provides a love interest for both of them. When Max finds out that John is experiencing family troubles and financial ruin, however, he steps in to help. Their bond is further cemented when John has a health scare and Max makes the ultimate sacrifice for his friend.

**Holiday Hours** – The library will be **closed** on Friday, **December 24** and Saturday, **December 25** for Christmas, and Saturday, **January 1** for New Years. Happy holidays to all!



**Youth Activities** – The children's story hour (with crafts) has moved inside, and begins at 10:15 am on Tuesdays through December 21. Click on the Youth Services tab on the library website or refer to the library's Facebook page for the current schedule of youth activities from pre-school to young adults.

**Monthly Book Exhibit** – Books with a holiday theme – meals, gifts, and crafts - are on exhibit near the Information Desk.

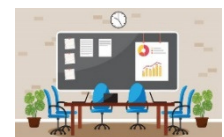
### Library Basics

**Hours** – Monday-Thursday 10 am-6 pm / Friday 10 am-5 pm / Saturday 10 am-2 pm.

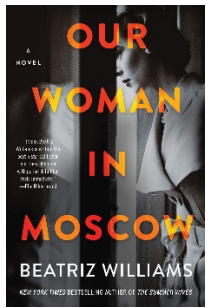
**COVID Policies** – Face coverings are strongly encouraged for ALL library visitors. Check the library's website ([kraemerlibrary.org](http://kraemerlibrary.org)) or Facebook page to remain up to date on the latest policies.



**New Conference Room** – The former reading and library history alcove is now a private conference room (10-person capacity). To reserve the room, call the library or stop by the Information Desk.



## Book News



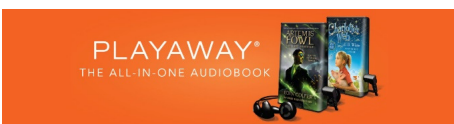
**Brief Review: *Our Woman in Moscow* / Beatriz Williams / 437 pages.** The latest novel by Beatriz Williams is set in the Cold War era (1940s-1950s) New York City, Rome, and Moscow. Here is the publisher's summary of the novel:

In the autumn of 1948, Iris Digby vanishes from her London home with her American diplomat husband and their two children. The world is shocked by the family's sensational disappearance. Were they eliminated by the Soviet intelligence service? Or have the Digbys defected to Moscow with a trove of the West's most vital secrets?

Four years later, Ruth Macallister receives a postcard from the twin sister she hasn't seen since their catastrophic parting in Rome in the summer of 1940, as war engulfed the continent and Iris fell desperately in love with an enigmatic United States Embassy official named Sasha Digby. Within days, Ruth is on her way to Moscow, posing as the wife of counterintelligence agent Sumner Fox in a precarious plot to extract the Digbys from behind the Iron Curtain.

But the complex truth behind Iris's marriage defies Ruth's understanding, and as the sisters race toward safety, a dogged Soviet KGB officer forces them to make a heartbreaking choice between two irreconcilable loyalties.

### Playaways – An Easy Way to Listen to Audio Books



The library recently purchased a number of Playaway audio books for both adults, teen, and children. For those unfamiliar with Playaways, each one comes pre-loaded with an audio book. They are small and wedge shaped (2 x 3.25 inches). To listen, simply insert one AAA battery into the bottom back of the wedge, plug in earphones, and push the power button to listen. Each comes in a plastic box with the instructions for other functions, such as volume control and forward and backward. Playaways can also be played in the car using a cable with audio-audio jacks (available for purchase at the library for \$5).

The new Playaways are by authors such as Lee Child, J.K. Rowling, Louise Penny, Elizabeth Strout, and Colson Whitehead. They will be shelved with the audio books.

### National Book Award Winners –

**Fiction:** *Hell of a Book*, Jason Mott.

**Nonfiction:** *All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake*, Tiya Miles.

## Recent Arrivals

A selection of new items recently received at Kraemer Library

### Fiction

*Tom Clancy: Chain of Command (a Jack Ryan novel)*, Marc Cameron

*Clive Cussler's The Devil's Sea (a Dirk Pitt novel)*, Dirk Cussler

*Over My Dead Body*, Jeffrey Archer [Large Print]

*The Sentence*, Louise Erdrich [Also in Large Print]

*Fear No Evil (an Alex Cross novel)*, James Patterson

*Go Tell the Bees That I am Gone*, Diana Gabaldon

*The Becoming*, Nora Roberts

*Mercy: An Atlee Pine Thriller*, David Baldacci

*The Stranger In the Lifeboat*, Mitch Albom

