

Kraemer Library Newsletter-

November 2021

The Senior Movie-and Lunch Returns! – Attention Seniors – the Senior Movie & Lunch event returns on Thursday, November 18 at 11:30 am. Either stop in the library to reserve your spot or call at 546-4201. RSVP by Friday, November 12.

We will be showing the movie *October Sky*. John Hickam (Chris Cooper) is a West Virginia coal miner who loves his job and expects his sons, Jim (Scott Miles) and Homer (Jake Gyllenhaal), to follow in his footsteps. But Jim gets a football scholarship, and Homer becomes interested in rocket science after seeing Sputnik 1 crossing the sky. John disapproves of his son's new mania, but Homer begins building rockets with the help of friends and a sympathetic teacher (Laura Dern). Rocketry, he hopes, will prove his ticket to a better life.



“Bag Some Books!” Follow-up -- The Friends of the Library thank all who attended and all volunteers who helped with setup and cleanup for the October 9 and 16 sale.

Youth Activities – 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 focused on Saluting Our Vets (until mid-month) followed by Holiday Baking are on exhibit near the Information Desk.



Happy Thanksgiving- The library will be closed on November 25, 26, and 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will be open our regular hours on Monday, November 29.

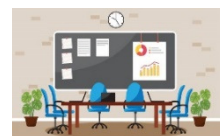
Library Basics

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) 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.

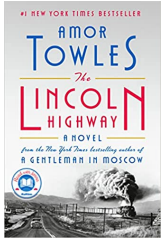


New Painting Unveiled – At the regular scheduled October Library Board Meeting Pam Severson and Sheila Pulvermacher (nieces of Elsie Haas) presented a portrait of Elsie Haas painted by Jan Biggers to the library. The portrait will hang in the new meeting room that was funded in part by funds bequeathed to the library from Elsie Haas’s estate. Mrs. Haas was hired, by the Plain Public Library Board, in 1964 as the librarian to help

patrons with their book choices and checkouts for ten hours a week and served as the library director until her retirement on December 31, 2003. She started as the Library Director in the temporarily library that was set up in two rooms rented in the Kraemer building on the corner of Highway 23 and Main Street. In June of 1966, the library moved to the newly constructed Plain Municipal building. For the next 36 years, Elsie Haas would be involved with the increasing activities at the library. In June of 2002, Elsie found herself in charge of yet another library move when her staff had the monumental task of moving the collection to the beautiful new Kraemer Library and Community Room facility. Elsie oversaw the library collection change from merely books, magazines and periodicals, to record albums, audio- tapes, CD's, toys, VHS- tapes and eventually DVD's. She saw the advent of a few computers for patron use increase to a room full.

Book News

Brief Review: The Lincoln Highway / Amor Towles / 576 pages. The Book Browse website summarizes the



novel as follows:

“In June 1954, 18-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served 15 months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett’s intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden’s car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett’s future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction – to the City of New York. Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles’s third novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes.”

National Book Awards – the National Book Award ceremony will be held on November 17. The finalists for the fiction and nonfiction prize are listed below:

Fiction: *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, Anthony Doerr / *Matrix*, Lauren Groff / *Zorrie*, Laird Hunt / *The Prophets*, Robert Jones, Jr. / *Hell of a Book*, Jason Mott.

Nonfiction: *A Little Devil in America: Notes in Praise of Black Performance* / Hanif Abdurraqib / *Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains*, Lucas Bessire / *Tastes Like War: A Memoir*, Grace M. Cho / *Covered With Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America*, Nicole Dustace / *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

Forgiving Paris, Karen Kingsbury

Sleigh Bells Ring, RaeAnne Thayne

The Nameless Ones, John Connolly

Better Off Dead (a Jack Reacher Novel), Lee Child and Andrew Child

Best In Snow, David Rosenfelt

Matrix, Lauren Groff

No One Will Miss Her, Kat Rosenfield

Harlem Shuffle, Colson Whitehead

DVD

Roadrunner (a film about Anthony Bourdain)

The Protégé

Snake Eyes

