

The reader Review

Winter 2017



Erin Recommends....

The Witch of Blackbird Pond
~ Elizabeth George Speare

This is a classic children's book published in 1958. This book won the Newbery Medal for Children's Literacy in 1959. It is the story of an orphaned girl moving from her home in Barbados to live with relatives in Puritanical New England in the 17th Century. There she encounters vastly different cultural norms and runs into the witch-hunting hysteria of the time.

Linda Recommends...

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe
~ Frannie Flag

This one is old but it's a classic about living in the old South. A lonely woman who has secret fantasies of suicide becomes friends with an elderly woman living in a nursing home. Ninny helps Evelyn overcome her fears by telling her about her own life lived in a small southern town.

Rhonda Recommends...

Night Road
~ Kristen Hannah

It's a story of an All-American family that lost one of their children in an accident. It tells how they fall apart then try to rebuild their lives. Very sad but also a very good book!

Sue Recommends...

Skipping Christmas
~ John Grisham

This story is about the determination of one couple to skip Christmas and the comical reactions of their friends. An interesting concept about no holiday celebration for one family in a neighborhood that goes all out for Christmas. The money-saving results of not shopping for gifts, not having parties, and all the other extras during this season will pay for a cruise. A fun read.

Winter Facelift

Have you noticed the big changes underway at your library? The library received \$35,000 from the Illinois State Library Live and Learn Construction Grant program to improve the appearance, stability, and energy efficiency of the building.

Several changes have already been made, including replacing all windows, adding vinyl siding and increasing insulation. The new siding matches the library's previous exterior, so we're still the little red building; everything is just cleaner, and brighter.

Several more changes are underway and will continue for a while yet, including replacing carpet, repairing and painting interior walls, adding more exterior lighting, and more.

In order to accommodate the work to be done, the library's furniture and collection must be moved. Library staff is working hard to accommodate the needs of our patrons with safety and convenience in mind.

To that end, library users may find areas of the building and parts of the collection inaccessible to the public, but the library staff intends to work hard to assist patrons to meet their needs. Staff will be very willing to retrieve materials for patrons.

Every effort will be made to remain open during construction. Should it become necessary for the library to temporarily close, patrons will not be accountable for any fines accrued during the closing. If you have any question about the progress of construction or wonder if the library is open, please give us a call at 982-2141. Updates will also be posted on the library's Facebook page.

Please remember, also, that the library is always open online through our website at www.craborchardlibrary.com. Use your library card and four-digit PIN to download eBooks and eAudiobooks from the Cloud Library. There are currently more than 38,000 downloadable items, so please be sure to explore the selections.

We look forward to serving you in our freshly decorated, energy efficient, and beautiful building in the very near future.



Author Spotlight! Chris Bohjalian

- Author of 19 books, most of which are bestsellers.
- His books have been translated into over 30 languages.
- Three of his novels have been made into movies, including *Midwives* starring Sissy Spacek.
- His books have been chosen as Best Books of the Year by the Washington Post, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the Hartford Courant, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, Bookpage, and Salon.
- His many awards include the ANCA Freedom Award for his work educating Americans about the Armenian Genocide.
- His daughter, Grace Experience, is an actress who has narrated audiobook versions of his novels *Close Your Eyes*, *Hold Hands* and *The Guest Room*.

Source: <http://chrisbohjalian.com/bio/>

Happening @ COPL

Story Time for Preschoolers

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Books, songs, snacks and simple crafts for kids ages newborn to 6. Join Mrs. Linda and Ms. Rhonda and explore the joys of reading!

Story Time for Bigger Kids

Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Books, songs, snacks and crafts or activities for kids ages 7 to 10. Join Mrs. Linda and Ms. Rhonda to explore the joys of reading!

Beginner's Crochet Class

Mondays at 1 p.m.

Join Mrs. Linda to learn the basics, new patterns, tips, and tricks. January projects include scarves and hats to donate to the homeless. In February, learn to make pot holders and doilies. For March, choose between a simple shawl and a lap quilt. Bring your projects for questions and help.

Monthly Book Club

All are welcome. Selections change each month. See staff to reserve a copy of our latest book. Title suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

Upcoming Dates and Selections:

January 23 at 6 p.m., *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

Future selections to be determined.

Adult Coloring Club

Join us the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. for some relaxing, coloring fun just for adults. We'll supply some coloring pages and colored pencils, but feel free to bring your own. All are welcome!

Please visit us on Facebook or online at www.crorchardlibrary.com/calendar to see upcoming events and announcements.

Your library will be closed on these holidays:

January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 20, President's Day

April 14, Good Friday

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Noon to 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays

Location:

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Enjoy this recipe from *Betty Crocker Gluten-Free Cooking*, available at your library:

Gluten-Free Creamy Chicken & Broccoli Fettuccine

6 oz. uncooked gluten-free fettuccine (from 14-oz package)
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
1 teaspoon gluten-free seasoned salt
2 cups fresh broccoli florets
1 package (8 oz) sliced fresh mushrooms (about 3 cups)
1 medium red bell pepper, cut into 2 to 3 inch strips (1 cup)
4 oz. (half of 8-oz. package) 1/3-less-fat cream cheese (Neufchatel), cut into cubes
1 teaspoon gluten-free garlic-pepper blend

1. Cook and drain fettuccine as directed on package.
2. Meanwhile, in 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add chicken and onion; sprinkle with seasoned salt. Cook about 4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in broccoli, mushrooms and bell pepper. Cook 6 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink in center and vegetables are crisp-tender.
3. Add cream cheese and garlic-pepper blend to chicken mixture in skillet; stir to blend. Stir in cooked fettuccine; cook until thoroughly heated.

For a special touch, stir in 1/4 cup dry white wine, such as Chardonnay, with the cream cheese.

Prep Time: 30 minutes Start to Finish: 30 minutes
6 servings (1 1/3 cups each)

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Creal Springs Book Stop

Did you know your library comes to you in Creal Springs? We offer a weekly Book Stop at the Creal Springs City Hall on Fridays at 11 a.m. We bring a small variety of materials, but will bring requested selections. Stop in or call 982-2141 for information.

New Year, New Books

We stock our New Shelf with the latest non-fiction, audio books, DVDs and children's materials. We designate these items as "new" to give Crab Orchard Public Library card holders priority use, to help us provide you with the best reading, and to help us fill your hold requests. Be sure you check out the New Shelf the next time you're in to see what's new at your library.

Book & Bake Sale

It's nearly time for our semi-annual Book & Bake Sale. We'll be offering used books and home-made baked goods for sale on Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to Noon in the library's parking lot. We always have many great bargains so please stop in.

New Releases for 2017!

January

The Mistress – Danielle Steel
Below the Belt – Stuart Woods
The Sleepwalker – Chris Bohjalian
Never, Never – James Patterson
The Rising – Heather Graham
Right Behind You – Lisa Gardner
Double Plum – Janet Evanovich
Because You're Mine – Colleen Coble

February

Echoes in Death – J.D. Robb
The Width of the World – David Baldacci
Humans, Bow Down – James Patterson
Heartbreak Hotel – Jonathan Kellerman
Ripper – Patricia Cornwell
Banana Cream Pie Murder – Joanne Fluke
Someone to Hold – Mary Balogh

March

The Black Book – James Patterson
The Devil's Triangle – Catherine Coulter
Vicious Circle – C. J. Box
If Not For You – Debbie Macomber
A Perfect Obsession – Heather Graham
Wait for Dark – Kay Hooper
Man Overboard – J. A. Jance
Forever a Hero – Linda Lael Miller
Dangerous Games – Danielle Steel
The Lady by his Side – Stephanie Laurens
If I'm Found – Terri Blackstock
The Ebb Tide – Beverly Lewis
The Rescue – Diana Palmer
Red Clover Inn – Carla Neggers