

#### Erin Recommends....

### One Drop of Blood ~ Thomas Holland

In this novel, Kel McKelvey, a forensic anthropologist, works in the U.S. Army's Central Identification Lab in Hawaii, a lab that specializes in identifying the remains of America's war casualties. A fascinating read for anyone with an interest in science or history.

#### Rhonda Recommends...

### Julia's Hope

# ~ Leisha Kelly

I recommend "Julia's Hope" by Leisha Kelly. It's a story about a couple with children that are looking for a better life. They set out walking and come to a abandoned farmhouse. They had no food and a few belongings. They survive by eating berries and other wild foods. He searches every day for work but has no luck. The book is set in southern Illinois. It talks about Mt. Vernon and small towns around here. It continues on in 5 more books. It's a very good story.

### Sue Recommends...

#### If I Run

### ~Terri Blackstock

A great trilogy by Terri Blackstock. The first two books in the trilogy, If I Run, and If I'm Found, really kept my interest. After I finished reading the first one, I couldn't wait to start the second book. Now, I have to wait until March of 2018 to read the last one. The theme is suspense, mystery, and a good detective story. An innocent young woman is suspected of murder. While running from the detective who is trying to find her, she helps to solve other crimes.

#### Julie Recommends....

#### The Black Shrouds

### ~Constance & Gwenyth Little

*The Black Shrouds* is a 1941 mystery comedy with a runaway heiress, a volatile father with a plan to bring her home and murder in the midst of a bunch of interesting characters. A fun read!

# News and Happenings at the Crab Orchard Public Library

We hope you have visited your library lately to see all the wonderful changes that have taken place in recent months. We have renovated our building with the help of a grant from the Illinois State Library that has allowed us new carpet, drywall, paint, and some structural improvements. We have cleaned, rearranged, organized and more. We are very proud of our library and invite you to visit the library to see our changes.

One thing that has not changed is the library's commitment to providing materials for the information and entertainment needs of the patrons we serve. We have books, movies, music, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, high speed internet, wifi, and much more.

We are also part of the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS), allowing our card holders access to libraries across southern Illinois. Items can be delivered to Crab Orchard Public Library for you, or your card works at other public libraries as well.

There are over 400 libraries in IHLS with over 10 million items they will share with our library. If you would like to read it, watch it, or listen to it, we can probably have it shipped for you right to the Crab Orchard Library, all free of charge to you.

We also have downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks that can be accessed through our website and the Cloud Library app on your smart device using your library card number and PIN. Don't have a PIN yet? Visit the library to update your card.

Your library also has a new Program Coordinator, Julie Durr, who has been working diligently to determine the needs of our community and develop new programs. A list of upcoming program is on page two. Program information is also available on the library's Facebook page and website, www.craborchardlibrary.com.

We also encourage you to take advantage of our weekly Book Stops in Creal Springs and Pittsburg. Julie brings a small selection of materials to the Creal Springs City Hall on Thursdays. She is there from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. She would be very happy to bring your requests to you. On Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Julie brings books and other items to Pittsburg City Hall. Anyone is welcome to stop in to the Book Stops or call the library at 982-2141 to request items.

Did you know your library offers free wifi that can be accessed at any time, even from the parking lot? We also have computers with high speed internet available for public use.

If you have not visited your library lately, you may be pleasantly surprised at what you find. We try hard to have something offer everyone. Stop in soon!

# Happenings at Crab Orchard Public Library

### **Story Time for Preschoolers**

*Mondays at 10:30 a.m.* Books, songs, snacks and simple crafts for kids ages newborn to 6. Join Mrs. Julie and explore the joys of reading!

## **Creative Kids**

*Thursdays at 4 p.m.* Join Mrs. Julie for fun, games, and activities like building with Legos. Kids 5 and up, and supervised siblings, are welcome.

## Monday Muse

*Mondays at 1 p.m.* Adults can join Mrs. Julie for a variety of crafting projects such as rock painting, knitting, and more. Projects vary by week.

# Weekly Book Stops

Tuesdays at 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Pittsburg City Hall Thursdays at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Creal Springs City Hall Mrs. Julie brings a small selection of materials with her, and materials that have been requested. Visit her to check out items, make requests, and return items. All are welcome to use this service.

# Fitness Fun with Chrissy

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

at Crab Orchard United Methodist Church All fitness levels are welcome to join us as we work out with a DVD series and our fitness coach, Chrissy Holmes. Work at your own pace. Bring water and a mat (if you have it), and wear comfortable clothes.

# **Monthly Book Club**

*Third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.* Join us for a casual discussion of a variety of books. All are welcome. Selections change each month. See staff to reserve a copy of our latest book. Refreshments are served.

## Kids' Game Day

*Friday, October 20<sup>th,</sup> 1 to 3 p.m.* Mrs. Julie hosts a fun board Game Day for kids on this half day of school. Come play with us!

## NaNoWriMo Plotting Party

*Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.* Calling all aspiring novelists! Come and join us to plot your story and get ready to kick off NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). Refreshments will be served.

## Halloween Bash

Saturday, October  $28^{th}$ , 5 to 8 p.m. Stop by to celebrate Halloween outside in the library's yard and gazebo. Children encouraged to come in costume. Adults may come in costumes also, but please no masks. We will have candy, games, and fun! All are welcome.

# **Country Pork and "Rice" Soup**

From Keto in 28: The Ultimate Low-Carb, High-Fat Weight-Loss Solution by Michelle Hogan

Serves 4 / Prep Time: 25 Minutes Cook Time: 1 hour, 20 minutes

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound boneless country pork ribs, cut into
- 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 sweet onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup coconut milk
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 2 cups finely chopped cauliflower
- Sea Salt

Freshly ground black pepper

- 1. In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, heat the olive oil.
- 2. Brown the pork until it is almost cooked through, about 10 minutes.
- 3. Using a slotted spoon, remove the pork and set aside.
- 4. Sauté the onion and garlic until softened, about 3 minutes.
- 5. Add the pork back to the saucepan, and stir in the chicken stock, coconut milk, tomato and thyme.
- 6. Bring the soup to a boil, and then reduce the heat to simmer until the meat is very tender, about 1 hour.
- 7. Stir in the cauliflower, and simmer the soup until the cauliflower is tender but not overcooked, about 3 minutes.
- 8. Season the soup with salt and pepper, and serve.

# **Family Reading Night**

*Thursday, November 16th, at 6 p.m.* Come join us for a fun filled evening celebrating reading with stories, games and activities for the whole family. All are welcome!

### Your library will closed for these upcoming holidays: Veteran's Day: November 11

Thanksgiving Day: November 11 Thanksgiving Day: November 23 & 24 Christmas Day: December 25 New Year's Day: January 1

We are always open at www.craborchardlibrary.com

# **New Books for Fall**

## October 2017

Merry and Bright by Debbie Macomber The Witches' Tree by M.C Beaton Fairytale by Danielle Steel Deep Freeze by John Sanford Shadows in the Night by Heather Graham Mind Game by Iris Johansen Two Kinds Of Truth by Michael Connelly Shattered Memories by V.C. Andrews The Stolen Marriage by Diane Chamberlain Origin by Dan Brown The Rooster Bar by John Grisham Wyoming Winter by Diana Palmer First Snow by Nora Roberts

# November 2017

Hardcore Twenty Four by Janet Evanovich The Midnight Line by Lee Child End Game by David Baldacci Manhunt by James Patterson The People vs. Alex Cross by James Patterson The Whispering Room by Dean Koontz Every Breath You Take by Mary Higgins Clark Someone to Wed by Mary Balogh Past Perfect by Danielle Steel The Noel Diary by Richard Paul Evans Refuge Cove by Janet Dailey Where we belong by Lynn Austin In this Moment by Karen Kingsbury Secrets of Cavendon by Barbara Taylor Bradford Do You Fear What I Fear by Heather Graham

## December 2017

Year One by Nora Roberts The Wanted by Robert Crais Alpha Alpine by Mary Daheim Enchantress of Numbers by Jennifer Chiaverini Cowboy Country by Linda Lael Miller

# **Author Spotlight: Clive Cussler**

- Cussler is an internationally recognized authority on shipwrecks and the founder of the National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA).
- His books have been published in more than 40 languages in more than 100 countries.
- Is the author or co-author of more than fifty books in five best-selling series.
- His latest book, The Romanov Ransom, was just published on September 5, 2017.

Sources: https://www.cusslerbooks.com/clive-cussler.php,

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday Noon to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays Located at: 20012 Crab Orchard Rd., Marion, IL 62959 618-982-2141 www.craborchardlibrary.com