

The

Reader Review

FALL 2017



Erin Recommends....

Stupid Fast

~ Geoff Herbach

Felton Reinstein has a growth spurt. He's no longer small and fidgety. Now he's huge. His whole life changes when he joins the football team and meets a beautiful, talented girl. At the same time, his mother takes to drinking and staying in bed. His little brother's eccentricities increase as his mother becomes less available. Felton has a lot on his mind and that makes for an interesting read.

Rhonda Recommends...

Refuge Cove

~ Janet Dailey

I recommend *Refuge Cove* by Janet Dailey. The book tells of a woman answering a mail order bride ad. When she gets to the cove and marries the guy, she finds out he's very abusive and a drug dealer. She's on the run from him when she meets a pilot. He rescues her. It tells about her trying to outrun the guy and how she brought him to justice. A very good book!

Sue Recommends...

Craig & Fred: A Marine, a stray dog, and how they rescued each other

~Craig Grossi

The title pretty much explains what this book is about. A very interesting look into what some of our military personnel go through when they're overseas.

Julie Recommends....

Mix It Up! and Press Here

~Herve Tullet

I recommend two books by Herve Tullet for children-*Mix It Up!* and *Press Here*. Both books are fun, interactive and a joy to read to children as they are filled with whimsy, color and playful surprises.

News and Happenings at the Crab Orchard Public Library

Have you ever wanted to participate in a painting class like the very popular wine and painting classes? We're offering our own version (without the wine) on Saturday, February 24th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Local artist and former Crab Orchard Public Library District library director Lola Morris will instruct participants on painting a beautiful beach scene. All skill levels are welcome, and all supplies will be provided along with some light refreshments.

Pre-registration is required along with a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies. The deadline to register and pay is February 19th. For more information, see Julie.



We Come to You

Did you know we offer weekly Book Stops in the communities of Pittsburg and Creal Springs? Julie brings a variety of materials to the city halls in those communities once a week. Anyone can drop in to check out the selections she brings, or she can bring your requests to you.

If you would like to place a hold on an item for her to bring, just call the library at 982-2141 or place your hold online at www.craborchardlibrary.com with your library card number and PIN. When you are notified the item has arrived at the library, just let the staff know you would like to pick it up at a Book Stop. Julie will bring it to you on the next Book Stop date.

You can stop by and see Julie in Pittsburg on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and Creal Springs on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Trivia Night!

March 3rd
6:30 p.m.

Join us for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night. We are celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with a fun filled night of trivia! We'll ask a variety of questions on a broad range of topics. Bring a team or come alone. Doors Open at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10/per person. Mulligans available for \$10/per team. Door prizes and prizes for best table theme and décor. Held at Crab Orchard United Methodist Church. More info? Call the library 982-2141.

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 Julie and explore the joys of reading!

Monday Muse

Mondays at 1 p.m.

Adults can join 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

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 wear comfortable clothes. All are welcome!

Monthly Book Club

Third Monday of the month at 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

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.

Upcoming titles include *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare on February 12th; *The Magic of Ordinary Days* by Ann Howard Creel on March 19th; *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf on April 16th; and *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate on May 21st.

Paint with Us!

Saturday, February 24th, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Local artist and former library director Lola Morris will instruct us as we create a beautiful beach scene. All are welcome! \$5 per person for the cost of supplies. Class size limited. Pre-registration and payment required. Deadline to register is February 19th. See Julie for more information.

Trivia Night

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Play begins at 6:30 p.m.

At Crab Orchard United Methodist Church

It's Dr. Seuss's birthday and we are going to celebrate! Prizes for best team décor/theme. Door Prizes. Fun questions on a variety of topics. \$10 per person. Come alone or as a team. Mulligans an additional \$10. All welcome!

Baked Ziti

From *The Classic Slow Cooker: Best Loved Family Recipes to Make Fast and Cook Slow* by Judy Hannemann

Serves 6/Cook Time: 4 to 6 hours on low

1 container (15 ounces) ricotta cheese

1 egg

½ teaspoon Italian seasonings

1 bag (16 ounces) shredded Italian cheese blend (divided)

1 cup water

2 jars (24 ounces each) pasta sauce

1 pound dry ziti pasta

1. Coat the inside of slow cooker with cooking spray.
2. In bowl, combine ricotta, egg, Italian seasonings, and ½ the bag of cheese. Set aside.
3. In large bowl, combine water, 1 jar of sauce, and pasta. Put ¼ of the pasta in the bottom of the slow cooker. Layer half the ricotta mixture over the pasta, dropping by the spoonful and then using the back of spoon to smooth into an even layer. Top with half the remaining jar of sauce and then the other half of ricotta mixture. Put the rest of the pasta on top. Pour the remaining sauce over that. Use the remaining cheese to sprinkle over the top.
4. Cook on low heat for 4 to 6 hours.
5. Serve directly from slow cooker.

Note: For a meat option, add ½ pound cooked ground meat and ½ pound cooked Italian sausage into the sauce before layering.

Author's note: Recipe courtesy of www.mycatholickitchen.com

Have you liked the Crab Orchard Public Library's Facebook page yet? Library staff shares updates, news, events, and interesting information several times a week via this page. For the most up to date program information, updates on any weather closing or delays, and more, be sure to visit our page often or follow us.



New Books for Winter and Spring

January 2018

Promise Not to Tell by Jayne Ann Krentz

Fall from Grace by Danielle Steel

Dark in Death by J.D. Robb

All American Murder by James Patterson

Getaway by Nora Roberts

Sisters Like Us by Susan Mallery

Looking for a Hero by Debbie Macomber

February 2018

Raspberry Danish Murder by Joanne Fluke

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

Look for Me by Lisa Gardner

I Heard a Romantic Story by Lee Child

The Bad Daughter by Joy Fielding

Murder Beyond the Grave by

James Patterson

Once Again by Nora Roberts

Shallow Grave by Karen Harper

Blake by Diana Palmer

March 2018

The Woman Left Behind by Linda Howard

The Disappeared by C. J. Box

As You Wish by Jude Deveraux

Sweet Vengeance by Fern Michaels

Red Alert by James Patterson

Duel to the Death by J. A. Jance

If I Live by Terri Blackstock

A Dangerous Game by Heather Graham

Accidental Heroes by Danielle Steel

The Flight Attendant by Chris Bohjalian

A Mother's Love by Nora Roberts

April 2018

The Fallen by David Baldacci

17th Suspect by James Patterson

Twisted Prey by John Sandford

The Sixth Day by Catherine Coulter

After Anna by Lisa Scottoline

Shattered Mirror by Iris Johansen

Hold Back the Dark by Kay Hooper

The Cutting Edge by Jeffrey Deaver

Author Spotlight: John Sandford

- John Sandford is a pseudonym for author and journalist John Roswell Camp.
- He is the author of 40 best-selling novels, three young adult books, a science-fiction thriller, and two non-fiction works.
- He is the principal financial backer of the Beth-Shean Valley Archeological Project in the Jordan River Valley of Israel.
- He is deeply interested in art (painting), photography, and reading about history.
- His books have been translated into most European and Middle Eastern languages, as well as Korean and Japanese.

Source: <http://www.johnsandford.org/author.html>

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday Noon to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays

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