

The reader Review

Spring 2016



QUARTERLY STAFF PICKS:

Erin Recommends....

Gods in Alabama

~ Joshilyn Jackson

A very engaging story about family and our perceptions of others. Arlene intends to never return to her hometown in Alabama, but after ten years she has to go back to face old guilt, long-time family disagreements, and the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a class mate.

Linda Recommends...

Find Her

~ Lisa Gardner

Flora Dane is kidnapped. She survives 472 days of horror and is free. But she is not the person her mother and brother remember. Putting herself in danger to help another victim, she finds herself called a vigilante and puts herself in the sights of another mad man.

Rhonda Recommends...

A Girl's Guide to Moving on

~ Debbie Macomber

This is a very good book that tells of a wonderful relationship between a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. Even though her son divorced her daughter-in-law, they stayed very close. Also tells how they both moved on after divorces.

Sue Recommends...

Christmas Jars

~ Jason F. Wright

This book is a good read for any time of the year. An amazing story about how one kindness leads to another and how lives are changed in the process. It's not "just another Christmas story". It reminds one of *Pay It Forward* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Richard Paul Evans made the comment, "I believe the Christmas Jars tradition will change lives." I've started to work on my Christmas Jar.

Your library has something for everyone!

Spring is finally here and the birds are singing. We're celebrating at your library with new books, new activities, and so much more!

Join us as we celebrate National Library Week from April 10 to 16. This week, we will offer a Food for Fines program. Patrons can donate canned goods in lieu of fines. Collected items will be donated to an area food pantry. Please help those in need, and have a library card free from fines.

Your library will also hold an Open House to celebrate National Library Week. Join us on Thursday, April 14, from noon to 2 p.m. for refreshments. Learn about what's new at the library including our new Cloud Library for eBooks and audiobooks.

Lesley Zavadiuk from the Illinois Heartland Library System will be on hand to share infor-

mation on how to use the new Cloud Library, as well as a variety of devices. Lesley will bring many devices with her, so if you're on the fence about downloadables and eReading devices, this is a great opportunity to learn about what's out there.

Your library will hold a Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Used books will be available for sale, as well as fresh baked goods. Weather permitting, the sale will be on the library's lawn. In case of rain, the sale will be moved inside the library.

If you are interested in donating books for the sale, please see staff for more information. Donations will be accepted during the week prior to the sale.

The library's Book Club continues to meet each month to discuss a new selection, as well as a variety of topics. Upcoming discussions include *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, and *The Painted House* by John Grisham.

Summer will be here shortly and we have many great activities planned for all members of the family. The library's regular weekly Story Times will continue, and additional activities will be held including special weekly events.

The program kicks off on June 9 with a Family Picnic to be held at the Center Baptist Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library will serve up hot dogs, chips, drinks and games! All are welcome to join us.

This year's theme is *Read for the Win!* and the library will have many great programs for the family including *Nature's Olympians: Animal Athletes* with our friends from Animal Tales featuring live, exotic wildlife from all over the world on July 15 at 1 p.m.

Other special programs include a visit to the library from the S.I. Miner's Mascots, musician Rick Rayburn, and much more. There will also be many opportunities to read and participate for prizes. More details to come. Stay tuned and happy reading!



New Releases for Spring!

April

The Obsession – Nora Roberts
The Lost Mile – David Baldacci
Extreme Prey – John Sanford
As Time Goes By – Mary Higgins Clark
Most Wanted – Lisa Scottoline
The 14th Colony – Steve Berry
Hide Away – Iris Johansen
Fast and Loose – Fern Michaels

May

Only Beloved – Mary Balogh
The Emperor's Revenge – Clive Cussler
The Girl from Summer Hill – Jude Deveraux
The Apartment – Danielle Steel
Haunted Destiny – Heather Graham
Traces of Guilt – Dee Henderson
15th Affair – James Patterson
The Scandal – John Grisham

June

Foreign Agent – Brad Thor
Dishonorable Intentions – Stuart Woods
The Pursuit – Janet Evanovich
Defender – Diana Palmer
End of Watch – Stephen King
Ghosts of War – Brad Taylor
The Charmers – Elizabeth Adler
Adam's Image – Debbie Macomber

Author Spotlight! Danielle Steel

- Has written ninety-seven novels, seventeen children's books, four works of non-fiction, and one book of poetry.
 - Every one of her books is a best seller.
 - Has sold over 650 million copies of her books internationally.
 - She has been published in sixty-nine countries and forty-three languages.
 - She is the mother of nine children.
- Source: <http://daniellesteel.com/about-danielle/>

Danielle Steel books are made available at COPL through the *Adopt an Author* program. To *Adopt an Author* of your choice, contact a staff member about donating to your library.

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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 Mrs. 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 Mrs. 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. Bring your projects for questions and help.

Monthly Book Club

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. Title suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

Upcoming Dates and Selections:

April 18, 6 p.m., *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

May 16, 6 p.m., *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

June 20, 6 p.m., *A Painted House* by John Grisham

National Library Week

Celebrate libraries April 10 to 16! We're offering Food for Fines this week. Donate canned goods in lieu of fines. Details to come. See staff for more information.

Open House

April 14, Noon to 2 p.m.

Visit your library during this come and go event to see what's new and different. Learn about our new Cloud Library for downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, or just visit with staff. Refreshments will be served. All welcome!

Cloud Library Launch Event

April 14, Noon to 2 p.m.

Learn about our new Cloud Library and try out some eReader devices. Lesley Zavadiuk from the Illinois Heartland Library System will demonstrate the new system and several devices. All are welcome to attend.

Book and Bake Sale

May 7, 8 am to Noon

Used books and fresh baked goods will be available for sale on the library's lawn. In case of rain, the sale will be inside. Donations are welcome the week prior to the sale. Please see staff for details.

Summer Reading Kickoff Picnic

June 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Held at Center Baptist Church*

Kick off the Summer Reading Program with us at the family picnic! There will be games and free food (hot dogs, chips, and drinks). Program registration will begin that day and continue throughout the summer. Special programs will continue all summer. Hope to see you there!

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.

Deviled Eggs

Just in time for spring and summer picnics, enjoy this recipe for Deviled Eggs courtesy of The Pioneer Woman, Ree Drummond.

1 dozen eggs	2 tsp chopped pickles
¼ cup mayo	1 tsp pickle juice
1 tsp yellow mustard	1 tsp white vinegar
Hot Sauce	Salt and pepper
Paprika, for sprinkling	

Fill a large pot with enough water to cover the eggs, then bring to a boil. Using a slotted spoon, gently lower the eggs into the boiling water. Cover and let simmer for 10 minutes. Remove the eggs from the heat and run under cold water until completely cooled.

Peel the eggs, cut in half, and scoop out the yolks into a medium bowl. Add the mayo, mustard, pickles, pickle juice, sugar, vinegar, hot sauce, and salt and pepper to taste, and mix with a fork until well combined.

Use a small spoon to fill each egg white half with a generous teaspoon of filling. Lightly sprinkle with paprika to garnish.

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ree-drummond/deviled-eggs-recipe.html>

eBooks! We've got eBooks!

We are happy to announce that we have chosen the Cloud Library as our exclusive platform for eBooks and downloadable audiobooks!

If you are already using the Cloud Library, you know that it is very easy to use. For those of you who are new to the Cloud Library, please visit ebook.3m.com to get set up or grab our general how-to brochure. We think you will love it.

If you have been using Southern Illinois Libraries on the Go (Overdrive), please be aware that this service will be discontinued on April 1. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause.

The Cloud Library is a free app that includes thousands of electronic titles for all ages and links up to your online library account. Patrons can read, browse, and borrow at home or on the go. The Cloud Library is compatible with many devices including: Apple devices, Android tablets and phones, Kindle Fires, PCs and Macs (transfer to your Nook or Kobo eReader).

The set-up is simple – download the app, log in one time with your library card and pin, and you are set to read or listen to your favorite eBooks and downloadable audiobooks anytime, anywhere. Check out up to five titles at a time, and keep them for up to 21 days, when the items automatically expire from your account. No late fees!

Please be advised that the Kindle Fire works with the Cloud Library, but basic Kindles do not. You may have another device, such as a smart phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer that you can use to access the Cloud Library.

It's very easy to sign up for and use the Cloud Library, but if you find that you need a little help, simply stop in or contact the library for one-on-one assistance.

You can look forward to an expanded selection of eBooks and downloadable audiobooks all in one easy-to-use place!

Join us on April 14th from noon to 2 p.m. to learn about the Cloud Library with Lesley Zavadiuk from the Illinois Heartland Library System. Lesley will bring several different devices for eReading for a "Technology Petting Zoo". Bring your own devices too and learn how to use them with the Cloud Library. All are welcome!

The Cloud Library is live now, so give it a try. Happy reading and listening!