

The reader Review

Summer 2016



STAFF PICKS:

Erin Recommends....

The Handmaid's Tale
~ Margaret Atwood

A dystopian novel set in the Republic of Gilead in the former United States after a revolution that replaced the President and Congress with a totalitarian and theocratic government. Women have very limited rights and assigned roles in society. An interesting look at power gone mad, it makes you want to get your passport ready to flee.

Rhonda Recommends...

She's Not There
~ Joy Fielding

This is a very good book. It's sad and happy both. It kept you wondering what was going on and who was telling the truth.

Sue Recommends...

Women's Murder Club
~ James Patterson

In addition to stand-alone books, I like to read books in a series. I have just finished reading the 14th book in the Women's Murder Club series by James Patterson titled "14th Deadly Sin", and am waiting for the most recent book titled "15th Affair". I find it interesting to follow the changes in the lives of the main characters. James Patterson writes some of the best action books.

Linda Recommends...

The Art of War
~ Stephen Coonts

Dare you to read this! So real it could very well happen. If not, it will make you stop and think, "What would I do?"

Here's what's happening at your library...

Summer is on us and we are feeling the heat! Everyone knows one of the best ways to cool off is with a good book in the comforts of home, or the free air conditioning of your library. We have many great new titles to choose from, as well as many awesome programs to attend.

We hope you'll join us as we *Read for the Win!* this summer. Our Summer Reading Program kicked off on June 9, but will continue through July. You may join us at any time. Children's programs are held every week, and you may register any time you are at the library. Readers will receive a prize for meeting weekly goals, as well as opportunities to win big prizes for attending our special weekly programs.

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.

So far, we've also had a family picnic, Games Day, a visit from a Fire Truck, and a BBQ Cook Off! We're not even half-way through! Other special programs we have planned include a visit to the library from the S.I. Miner's Mascots, musician Rick Rayburn, and much more.

In addition to great, fun, family activities, there will also be many opportunities to read and participate for prizes.

The library will also be providing free reading materials and incentives provided through a \$1,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Readers will also receive incentives from S.I. Miner's Baseball, Subway, and more. Be sure to ask the library staff for more details on how you can *Read for the Win!* Readers who attend our special weekly programs will be entered to win prizes including gift cards from Dairy Queen, Dollar General Store, and Krispy Kreme, day passes to The Hub, and more.

Adults are encouraged to participate in our Summer Reading Program as well. Adults can join in our BINGO! Game as well as enter to win Library Champion of the Week. The library also has a book club for adults that meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. In June, the Book Club discussed *A Painted House* by John Grisham, a story of a young boy in early 1950s Arkansas and his love of Cardinals baseball.

In July, the Book Club will discuss *The Luckiest Man: The Life and Death of Lou Gehrig* by Jonathan Eig on July 18 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend the discussion, even without reading the book. Refreshments will be served.

Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information on these or any programs, call the library at 982-2141.

Coming Up...

July 1 at 1 p.m. Musician Rick Rayburn performs a family concert at the library! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Outside, weather permitting.

July 7 at 1 p.m. S.I. Miner's Mascots at the library! Meet Lucky and Grounder for some great fun! Outside, weather permitting.

July 14 at 1 p.m. FREE Movie at the Marion Civic Center See *Space Jam*, starring Michael Jordan, Bugs Bunny and more. Rated PG. Snacks available for \$1 each.

July 15 at 1 p.m. Animal Tales Nature's Olympians. Live Exotic Animals from around the world! Get up close and personal learning about competitive creatures.

July 18 at 6 p.m. Book Club *for adults* Discussing *Luckiest Man: The Life and Death of Lou Gehrig* by Jonathan Eig. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book!

July 21 at 1 p.m. Make & Take Day! Make some great *Read for the Win* themed projects that you can take home.

July 28 at 1 p.m. Ice Cream Party! This is the final activity of the Summer Reading Program. Pick up your achievement certificates and eat some yummy Ice Cream!

Story Times continue all summer! For Preschoolers on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. For school age and up, Tuesdays at 4 p.m.



New Summer Reads

July

Bay of Sighs – Nora Roberts
Make Me Love You – Johanna Lindsey
Night and Day – Iris Johansen
Magic – Danielle Steel
Deadly Fate – Heather Graham
The Innocents – Ace Atkins
Someone Always Knows – Marcia Muller
Unforgiven – Mary Balogh
White Fern – V.C. Andrews

August

Sting – Sandra Brown
Curious Minds – Janet Evanovich
Frost Line – Linda Howard
Insidious – Catherine Coulter
Smooth Operator – Stuart Woods
Sweet Tomorrows – Debbie Macomber
The Jealous Kind – James Lee Burke
Family Tree – Susan Wiggs
Always a Cowboy – Linda Lael Miller
Crash and Burn – Fern Michaels
Damaged – Lisa Scottoline
Rushing Waters – Danielle Steel
Liar's Key – Carla Neggers
Sunday Kind of Love – Dorothy Garlock
The Second Half – Lauraine Snelling
Texas Tall – Janet Dailey
Guide Me Home – Kim Vogel Sawyer

September

Apprentice in Death – J. D. Robb
Home – Harlan Coben
Woman of God – James Patterson
Downfall – J.A. Jance
Pirate – Clive Cussler
Denim and Lace – Diana Palmer
Christmas Caramel Murder – Joanne Fluke
Darkest Journey – Heather Graham
Pushing Up Daisies – M.C. Beaton
The Wish – Beverly Lewis
A Love Transformed – Tracie Peterson

Happening @ Crab Orchard Library Double Strawberry Shortcake

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. Meets the third Monday at 6 p.m. Refreshments are served.

Creal Springs Parade

Look for the library's float in the Creal Springs Wonder Water Reunion Parade on September 24.

Halloween Monster Mash

We're working on some plans to celebrate Halloween at your library. Plans are preliminary, so it's too early to make an announcement of the exact date and time. If you have suggestions for activities, please see Linda or Erin.

eBooks and eAudios

Have you tried our downloadable eBooks or eAudios? With the summer travel season on us, this is a great time to give them a try. All you need is your library card number and PIN, and the free 3M Cloud app.

Visit our website at www.craborchardlibrary.com and click on eBooks to be directed to the 3M Cloud library site. Download the appropriate app for your device as explained on the site. It's free and can be downloaded to multiple devices.

When you login, be sure to select Illinois Heartland Library System as your library.

You'll have access to over 26,000 items – and that number grows every week.

If you have any questions, call the library at 982-2141. Happy eReading!

Changes are Coming...

Cosmetic changes, anyway. Your library has been awarded a \$35,000 Construction Mini-Grant from the Illinois State Library to improve the appearance and structural integrity of the building. Work will include replacing carpet, painting the interior, siding the exterior, and more.

Please be patient with us as we improve to serve you better. We will try to make these changes with as little interruption to service as possible. However, some disruption to services may be necessary. We will do our best to make sure the end results are worth the small inconveniences.

Look for changes to begin in the next few months and conclude in 2017.

From the cookbook *The Deen Bros.: Take It Easy: Quick and Affordable Meals The Whole Family Will Love* by Jamie and Bobby Deen. Available at your library.

Serves 6 to 8

Ingredients:

1 pint strawberries, washed and hulled
2 tablespoons sugar
1½ cups heavy cream
3 tablespoons strawberry jam, softened
One 9-inch store-bought pound cake loaf

1. In a bowl, gently mix the strawberries and sugar and let sit at room temperature for at least 15 minutes and up to 1 hour.

2. Using an electric mixer, whip the cream just until it thickens. Add the strawberry jam and continue to whip until soft peaks form, 30 seconds to 1 minute more.

3. Slice the pound cake into 1-inch-thick pieces. Place 2 cake slices on each serving plate. Divide the strawberries among the plates, spooning them onto the middle of the pound cake. Top each serving with a generous dollop of the strawberry cream.

"The English call dessert pudding. I call pudding breakfast, lunch, and dinner." – Jamie Deen

We Want Your Recipes!

The library will be producing our first fundraising cookbook this fall. We hope you'll share your favorite recipes with us for inclusion in the book. We hope to have the book ready for purchase in time for the holidays. To have your recipe included in our cookbook, please see Rhonda or Erin for details.

Donations Welcome

Your donations are welcome at the library, both materials and monetary. We accept gently used books in good condition. We will do our best to use them in our collection, or sell them to help add to the collection. For more information, see Erin.

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.

Author Spotlight! Richard Paul Evans

- Author of the #1 Best Seller *The Christmas Box*.
- Has written thirty-one bestselling books including twenty-five novels and children's books.
- There are more than twenty million of his books in print world-wide, and translated into twenty-four languages.
- He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Mothers Book Award and the *Romantic Times* Best Women's Novel of the Year Award.
- Founder of The Christmas Box House, a charity devoted to providing shelter and services to abused and neglected children.
- He lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, with his wife, Keri, their five children and their grandchildren.

Sources:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Paul_Evans
<http://authors.simonandschuster.com/Richard-Paul-Evans/706373>

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