

**An original idea. That can't be too hard. The library must be full of them. - Stephen Fry**

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# Off the Shelf

## From the Desk of the Library Director

Last month, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting, which was held in Boston from January 8th - 12th. During the conference, the association's *Libraries Transform* Initiative was unveiled. The *Libraries Transform* Campaign is designed to increase public awareness of the value, impact and services provided by libraries and library professionals. The overlying idea is that libraries today are less about what they have for people and more about what they do for and with people. This shift in perception is important as we move forward and begin to work on our new long-range plan. Why do libraries matter to **you**?

How has the library improved your life? If we haven't - how can we? We are listening.

As we begin thinking about the future of libraries and, in particular, this library, there are some known trends that we should keep in mind. The ALA Center for the Future of Libraries has targeted several trends as relevant to libraries and librarianship. We'll examine two of these trends over the course of the next several monthly newsletters.

**Aging Advances** - Since 1950, the United States population aged 65 and older has been increasing (as a percentage of the total population) from 8.1% in 1950 to 12.8% in 2009 - and could increase further to 20.2% by 2050.



An increasing life expectancy will require adequate retirement income and access to health care for aging adults. Adults may continue to work past traditional retirement ages. For libraries, this could mean a change in the profile of their users, especially in academic, medical and special libraries, and in the profile of librarians and library professionals.

**Connected Learning** - Connected learning takes advantage of the vast amount of digital and

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## 2016 Reading Challenge

Join the Parker Library in 2016 for our **16 in 16 Challenge!**

Commit to reading any 16 books during 2016. Record the books that you read here, including the title and author (and a little something about the

book, if you want - no spoilers though!). At the end of 2016, everyone that has completed 16 books will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50.00 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

Spread the word - invite your friends to join!

*This program is sponsored by the Friends of Dracut*

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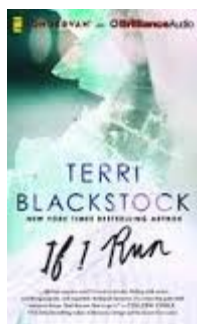


**Perhaps no place  
in any  
community is so  
totally**

**democratic as  
the town library.**

**The only  
entrance  
requirement is  
interest**

Lady Bird Johnson



## From the Desk of the Director - continued

social media available on the internet and the connectedness of today's culture. It capitalizes on research that has shown that students achieve higher-order learning outcomes when their work is focused on topics that are personally interesting and relevant to them. Connected learning happens across learning networks including

school, home, libraries and community centers. Connected learning also supports the idea that learners achieve best when learning is reinforced and supported in multiple settings, providing opportunities for libraries to engage other institutions as partners in connected learning environments.

As always, I am open to your questions, concerns, and suggestions. You can find me in the Library, phone me at 978-454-5474, or email me at [nhill@mvlc.org](mailto:nhill@mvlc.org). This is your library. The staff and I look forward to serving you .

Nanci Hill, Library  
Director

## February 2016 - New Adult Fiction Titles

- Adelman, Michelle. *Piece of Mind*
- Archer, Jeffrey. *Cometh the Hour*
- Barron, Stephanie. *Jane and the Waterloo Map*
- Barton, Fiona. *The Widow*
- Beaton, M.C. *Death of a Nurse*
- Bjork, Samuel. *I'm Traveling Alone*
- Blackstock, Terri. *If I Run*
- Brodsky, Jordanna Max. *The Immortals*
- Blaedel, Sara. *The Killing Forest*
- Cabot, Meg. *Remembrance*
- Camilleri, Andrea. *Montalbano's First Case*
- Case, Alison. *Nelly Dean*
- Chapman, Vanetta. *Joshua's Mission*
- Chee, Alexander. *Queen of Night*
- Dams, Jeanne M. *Blood Will Tell*
- De Kerangal, Maylis. *The Heart*
- Edwards, Martin. *Murder at the Manor: a Country House Mystery*
- Eisler, Barry. *The God's Eye View*
- Fielding, Joy. *She's Not There*
- Fluke, Joanne. *Wedding Cake Murder*
- Gardner, Lisa. *Find Her*
- Greenwood, T. *Where I Lost Her*
- Goldberg, Paul. *The Yid*
- Gudenkauf, Heather. *Missing Pieces*
- Harrington, Stephen. *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln*
- Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia. *One Under: a Bill Slider Mystery*

- Higashino, Keigo. *A Midsummer's Equation*
- Holt, Anne. *The Lion's Mouth*
- Jackson, Joshilyn. *The Opposite of Everyone*
- Jacobson, Howard. *Shylock Is My Name*
- Kang, Han. *The Vegetarian*
- Kellerman, Jonathan. *Breakdown: an Alex Delaware novel*
- Kelman, Stephen. *Man on Fire*
- Khan, Ausma Zehanat. *The Language of Secrets*
- Lansdale, Joe R. *Honky Tonk Samurai*
- Lupton, Rosamund. *The Quality of Silence*
- Macomber, Debbie. *A Girl's Guide to Moving On*
- Mallery, Susan. *The Friends We Keep*
- Margolin, Phillip. *Violent Crimes*
- Martel, Yann. *The High Mountains of Portugal*
- McHale, Celeste Fletcher. *The Secret to Hummingbird Cake*
- McKillip, Patricia A. *Kingfisher*
- Molesini, Andrea. *Not All Bastards are from Vienna*
- Montes, Ralph. *Perfect Days*
- Munaweera, Nayomi. *What Lies Between Us*
- Nesbo, Jo. *Midnight Sun*
- Patterson, James. *NYPD Red 4*
- Pears, Iain. *Arcadia*
- Robb, J.D. *Brotherhood in Death*
- Ruff, Matt. *Lovecraft Country*
- Murphy, Shirley Rousseau. *Cat Shout for Joy*
- Sanderson, Brandon. *Calmity*
- Smith, Alexander McCall. *The Revolving Door of Life*
- Spencer, Sally. *Thicker than Water*
- Steel, Daniel. *Blue*
- Tripp, Dawn. *Georgia*
- Todd, Charles. *No Shred of Evidence*

- Van Praag, Menna. *The Witches of Cambridge*
- Wallace, Matt. *Envy of Angels*
- Wallace, Matt. *Lustlocked*



### Oscar Fever Film Festival

Join us for our second annual Oscar Fever Film Festival. Bring your own snacks. We will supply bottles of water. Registration is appreciated but not required.

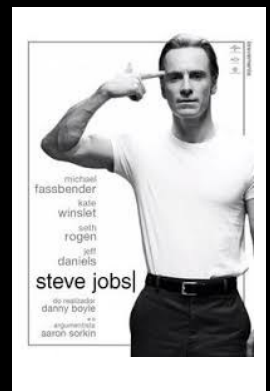
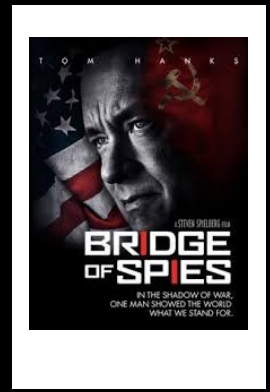
All showings are on Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- February 6th **The Martian** Rated PG-13

- February 13th **Bridge of Spies** Rated PG-13

- February 20th **Steve Jobs** Rated R

- February 27th **Mad Max: Fury Road** Rated R



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## January 2016 - New Adult Nonfiction Titles

- Amato, Paula. *The Pregnancy Encyclopedia*
- Andrews, John. *The World in Conflict*
- Brooks, John. *The Girl Behind the Door*
- Bryan, Franklin. *The Last Safe Investment*
- Buckley, Gail L. *The Black Calhouns*
- Busbee, Jay. *Earnhardt Nation*
- Canessa, Roberto. *I Had to Survive*
- Cotterell, Arthur. *Bali: a Cultural History*
- Doland, Erin Rooney. *Never too Busy to Cure Clutter*
- Frail, Nicole. *Little White Book of Wedding Planning Wisdom*
- Goodman, Ruth. *How to be a Tudor*
- Halloran, Bob. *White Devil: the True Story of the First White Asian Crime Boss*
- Hazzard, Kevin. *A Thousand Naked Strangers*
- Jameson, Marni. *Downsizing the Family Home*
- Jennings, Chris. *Paradise Now*
- Kalb, Claudia. *Andy Warhol was a Hoarder*
- Katz, Matt. *American Governor: Chris Christie*
- Keene, Meg. *A Practical Wedding Planner*
- King-Miller, Lindsay. *Ask a Queer Chick*
- Kotb, Hoda. *Where We Belong*
- Lewis, Matt K. *Too Dumb to Fail*
- Marquis, Sarah. *Wild by Nature*
- Moore, Colten. *Catching the Sky*
- Newman, Wendy. *121 First Dates*
- Norland, Rob. *The Lovers: Afghanistan's Romeo and Juliet*
- Olen, Helaine. *The Index Card: Why Personal Finance Doesn't Have to Be Complicated*
- Osborne, Peter Dr. *No Grain, No Pain*
- Pendergast, Stephanie. *Pelvic Pain Explained*
- Peters, Justin. *The Idealist*
- Petty, M. *Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs*
- Porter, Bill. *The Silk Road*
- Porter, Tony. *Breaking out of the Man Box*
- Quinn, Jane. *How to Make Your Money Last*
- Roberts, Randy. *Blood brothers*
- Sanders, Eli. *While the City Slept*
- Stanford, Peter. *Judas: the Most Hated Name in History*
- Shatner, William. *Leonard: My Fifty-Year Friendship*
- Taylor, Kimball. *The Coyote's Bicycle*
- Wathey, John C. *The Illusion of God's Presence*
- Weir, Alison. *The Lost Tudor Princess*
- Weisberg, Jacob. *Ronald Reagan*
- Whitehouse, David. *Into the Heart of Our World.*
- Wood, Levison. *Walking the Nile*
- Ziering, Amy. *The Hunting Ground*