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# Off the Shelf

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Perhaps you have enjoyed the free issues of *Book Page* that we offer to our patrons each month. *Book Page* is chock full of book reviews, author reviews, and timely articles. If you have enjoyed that publication, take a look at our latest free offering, *IndiePicks*. *IndiePicks* is a book review publication that covers independent publishers and authors. Part of the Patomi Media Group, *IndiePicks* was founded in 2017 by publisher Naomi Blackburn.

The Goal of the publication is to celebrate the uniqueness

## MEET THE STAFF... CHRISTINE RADZICK



Some of you may remember Christine from when she worked at the library as an Adult Page. Well... she's back!

Christine was born and raised in Dracut and graduated from Dracut High School. She loves attending all of the town's annual events, like Old

and diversity of the independent publishing houses and those who have chosen the indie route to bring their books to the market.

*IndiePicks* is a recommended-only resource, so they only publish reviews of quality work that their reviewers think would fit into public library collections and that are appropriate for a wide audience of readers. Their reviewers and columnists are all librarians.

Not only are we adding *IndiePicks* to the selection of review sources that we use when choosing the titles we add to our collection, but we

Home Day and the tree lighting.

After working almost nine years working in our Circulation Department, due to clashing schedules, Christine took a year off to take care of her kindergartener. She's now back at the library. This time, she's bringing her ten plus years of experience working in daycare centers, to help Miss Penny with Children's Programming. As a Library Assistant, Christine also helps out in Reference and Young Adult services.

Christine lists her family as her greatest achievement. She has five beautiful children ranging in age from six to



are making copies of it available to you, the patrons, free of charge. Make sure you stop in and pick up your copy, as they are limited.

As always, I am available to meet and talk with you. This is *your* library and we want to hear what you think!

Nanci Milone Hill, Library Director

nineteen. She got married this past August, bringing her family to a total of eight.

Christine is currently reading *Darkness* by Karen Robards. She loves suspense and thrillers, as well as authors like Stephen King and Dean Koontz. Most of the time, however, you will catch her reading children's books or YA titles. She tried to read to her children every day as they grew up. She's happy to report that most of her children are now avid readers.

Make sure that you stop into either the Children's Room or the Reference Department to say hello to Christine and welcome her back!

## Holiday Music... Then and Now



**Tues, December 12th  
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

In her program *Holiday Music Then and Now*, highly acclaimed pianist/composer Deborah Wyndham shares

her own arrangements of various holiday pieces, both traditional and popular. With styles ranging from contemporary classical and jazz to ragtime, she plays holiday songs from both the far past and present, such as "Sleigh Ride," "Greensleeves" and more. She shares interesting facts about the song's beginning and composers.

Register online today at [dracutlibrary.org](http://dracutlibrary.org) to reserve your spot.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Dracut Library.

### Master Plan Survey



The Town of Dracut's Master Planning Committee is working on updating the Town's Master

Plan. In an effort to elicit community input, they have put together a community survey. Those with interest access may complete the survey online. Paper copies of the survey are available at both the Parker Library and the Council on Aging.

Please complete and return the survey by January 31, 2018. Completed paper surveys may be returned at the drop-boxes at Town Hall, the Library, or Council on Aging.

## New Acquisitions - November 2017

### NEW FICTION

#### Fantasy

- Chakraborty, S.A. *The City of Brass*
- Donaldson, Stephen R. *Seventh Decimate*
- Lang, Ruth Emmie. *Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance*
- Maaren, Kari. *Weave a Circle Round*
- Radford, Irene. *A Spoonful of Magic*
- Tanzer, Molly. *Creatures of Will and Temper*

#### General

- Diaz, Hernan. *In the Distance*
- Erdich, Louise. *Future Home of the Living God*

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- Evans, Richard Paul. *The Noel Diaries*
- Gekoski, Rick. *Darke*
- Hayes-McCoy, Felicity. *The Library at the Edge of the World*
- Keener, Jessica Brilliant. *Strangers in Budapest*
- Landers, Kirk. *Alone on the Shield*
- Silber, Joan. *Improvement*

#### Graphic Novels

- Mignola, Michael. *The Visitor: How and Why He Stayed*
- Sikoryak, R. *The Unquotable Trump*
- Gibson, William. *William Gibson's Archangel*

#### Horror

- Fitch, Janet. *The Revolution of Marina M.*
- Silva, Samantha. *Mr. Dickens and His Carol*

#### Mystery

- Chance, Maia. *Gin and Panic*
- Clark, Mary Higgins. *Every Breath You Take*
- Crosby, Ellen.
- Early, Hank. *Heaven's Crooked Finger*
- Evanovich, Janet. *Hardcore Twenty-Four*
- Gerber, Daryl Wood. *A Deadly Eclair*
- Green, Layton. *Written in Blood*
- James, P.D. *Sleep No More: Six Murderous Tales*

- Lehane, Con. *Murder in the Manuscript Room*
- Littlejohn, Emily. *A Season to Lie*
- Stanley, Michael. *Dying to Live*
- Staub, Wendy Corsi. *Dead of Winter*
- Schofield, Douglas. *Killing Pace*
- Thomson, E.S. *Dark Asylum*

#### Romance

- Dailey, Janet. *Refuge Cove*
- Florand, Laura. *Trust Me*
- Galen, Shana. *Third Son's a Charm*
- Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia. *The Hostage Heart*
- Wilson, C.L. *The Sea King*
- Lerner, Rose. *A Taste of Honey*

Science Fiction

- Weir, Andy. *Artemis: a novel*

Short Stories

- Lansburgh, Matthew. *Outside is the Ocean*
- Penzler, Otto. *The Big Book of Rogues and Spies*

Suspense | Thrillers

- Arnaldur, Indriaason. *The Shadow District*
- Cameron, Marc. *Tom Clancy Power and Empire*
- Child, Lee. *The Midnight Line*
- Coonts, Stephen.
- Dolan, Harry. *The Man in the Crooked Hat*
- Graham, Heather. *American Drifter*
- Hawkins, Paula. *Into the Water*
- Koontz, Dean. *The Whispering Room*
- Oldham, Nick. *Headhunter*
- Roberts, Nora. *Year One*

**NEW LARGE PRINT**LP Fiction

- Allende, Isabel. *In the Midst of Winter*
- Clark, Mary Higgins. *Every Breath You Take*
- Cussler, Clive. *Typhoon Fury*
- Francis, Felix. *Pulse*
- Johansen, Iris. *Mind Game*
- Kingsbury, Michael. *In this Moment*
- McCall-Smith, Alexander. *The House of Unexpected Sisters*
- Michaels, Fern. *Winter Wishes*
- Sandford, John. *Deep Freeze*

- Taylor, Patrick. *An Irish Country Practice*
- Woods, Stuart. *Quick & Dirty*

LP Nonfiction

- Bush, Jenna. *Sisters First*
- Eyman, Scott. *Hank and Jim: the fifty-year friendship of Henry Fonda and James Stewart*
- Fager, Jeff. *Fifty Years of 60 Minutes*
- Jacobs, A.J. *It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree*

**NEW AUDIOBOOKS**Books on CD - Fiction

- Baldacci, David. *End Game*
- Child, Lee. *The Midnight Line: a Jack Reacher novel*
- Clancy, Tom. *Tom Clancy Power and Empire*
- Clark, Mary Higgins. *Every Breath You Take*
- Coonts, Stephen. *The Armageddon File*
- Cussler, Clive. *Typhoon Fury*
- Erdrich, Louise. *Future Home of the Living God*
- Evanovich, Janet. *Hardcore Twenty-Four*
- Evans, Richard Paul. *The Noel Diary*
- Graham, Heather. *American Drifter*
- Koontz, Dean. *The Whispering Room*
- McCall-Smith, Alexander. *The House of Unexpected Sisters*

Playaways - Fiction

- Bradford, Barbara Taylor. *Secrets of*

Cavendon

- Graham, Heather. *American Drifter*
- Roberts, Nora. *Year One*

**NEW NONFICTION**Autobiography & Biography

- Archibald, Brett. *Alone: Lost Overboard in the Indian Ocean*
- Bannos, Pamela. *Vivian Maier: a Photographer's Life and Afterlife*
- Biggers, Jeff. *The Trials of a Scold: the Incredible True Story of Writer Anne Royall.*
- Chernow, Ron. *Grant*
- Eig, Jonathan. *Ali: a Life*
- Fraser, Caroline. *Prairie Fires: the American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*
- Matsuhisa, Nobu. *Nobu: a Memoir*
- Murad, Nadia. *The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against the Islamic State*

Cooking

- Beramendi, Rolando. *Autentico: Cooking Italian the Authentic Way*

Health & Fitness

- Carver, Catherine. *Immune: How Your Body Defends and Protects You*
- T. Shaun. *T Is for Transformation: Unleash the 7 Superpowers to Help You Dig Deeper, Feel Stronger, & Live Your Best Life*

History

- Dawson, Kate Winkler. *Death in the Air: the True Story of a Serial Killer, the Great London Smog, and the Strangling of a City*
- Doggett, Peter. *Electric Shock: From the Gramophone to the iPhone - 125 Years of Pop Music*
- Fraser, Rebecca. *The Mayflower: the families, the voyage, and the founding of America*
- Gibler, John. *I Couldn't Even Imagine that they Would Kill Us: an Oral History of the Attacks Against the Students of Ayotzinapa*
- Shorto, Russell. *Revolution Song: a Story of American Freedom*

Language Arts

- Tan, Amy. *Where the Past Begins: a Writer's Memoir*

Nature

- Goodell, Jeff. *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World*

Political Science

- Ingraham, Laura. *Billionaire at the Barricades: the Populist Revolution from Reagan to Trump*

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## TRUSTEES

Eric Jackson, Chair  
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### Religion

- Aslan, Reza. *God: a Human History*

### Self-Help

- Gains, Chip. *Capital Gains: Smart Things I Learned Doing Stupid Stuff*
- Moore, Thomas. *Ageless Soul: : the Lifelong Journey Toward Meaning and Joy*

### Social Science

- Blachor, Devorah. *The Feminist's Guide to Raising a Little Princess: How to Raise a Girl Who's Authentic, Joyful, and Fearless -- Even if She Refuses to Wear Anything But a Pink Tutu*
- Carlson, Gretchen. *Be Fierce: Stop Harassment and Take Your Power Back*
- Drinan, Carla. H. *The War on Kids: How American Juvenile Justice Lost It's Way*
- Harris, Malcolm. *Kids These Days: Human Capital and the Making of Millennials.*
- Young, Kevin. *Bunk: The True Story of Hoaxes, Hucksters, Humbug, Plagiarists, Forgeries and Phonies.*

## SENSORY PLAY TIME

Bring your child ages 6 - 36 months to our new Sensory Play Time. Let them explore the feel, sight, sound and smell of things in their world in a safe manner. *No registration is needed.*

Sensory Play Time meets on Monday, November 20th from 10:30 am to 11:00 am, Monday, November 27th from 10:30 am to 11:00 am, and Monday, December 4th from 10:30 am to 11:00 am.



## GENEALOGY 101: 30 MINUTES, ONE QUESTION



We are now offering one-on-one Genealogy assistance with Reference and Genealogy Librarian, Cathy Bence.

Bring one simple question and have a 30-minute consultation at the library to help further your journey.

Assistance includes help researching a family question; suggestions looking beyond basic online resources (ie: searching by name in Ancestry.com); help determining what's online and where to go next.

Registration is required. To sign up visit our website at [www.dracutlibrary.org](http://www.dracutlibrary.org)

You will be contacted by Cathy by email one week prior to your consultation. Please be prepared to reply with your research question.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Thanksgiving Holiday

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, Friday, November 24th, and Saturday, November 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

### Late Opening

The Library will be closed from 8:30 am to 10:00 am on Friday, December 1st due to the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium's Legislative Breakfast.

### Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday December 13, 2017 at 4:30 pm. Director's Office. Open Meeting.

### Monthly Meeting of the Friends of Dracut Library

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.