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# SAVE THE DATE!

**RETIREMENT PARTY –** 



Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Please join us at the Retirement Party for our beloved Children's Librarian, **PENNY BERUBE** 

as we honor her 31 years of service to the Dracut community. All ages are welcome. Cake, Tea, and Coffee will be served.

In lieu of gifts, Miss Penny asks that donations be made to the Friends of the Dracut Library in Penny's name. All donations will be designated for Children's programming.



#### ALICE IS MISSING!



WONDERLAND SCAVENGER HUNT Wed, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> – Mon, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

Alice has tumbled down the rabbit hole again and landed in the Children's Room!

Look around the Children's room to see if you can find her meeting with one of the characters from Alice in Wonderland. When you do, tell the librarian at the desk who she is hiding with and get a sticker. Good luck!

#### PARKER WRITERS GROUP

#### Wed, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM

For the first time in two years, we have openings available for new members in the Parker Writers Group, beginning in September.

We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8:15 PM. Each session will consist of some conversation. followed by a period of reading and critiquing. We will end the session with a 20-minute writing exercise. Members will be given an assignment to work on prior to the following meeting. Please register on our website under Services - Events - Library calendar, or call Diane Annunziato for more information at 978-454-5474, extension 302.

#### GETTING THE MOST OUT OF AMERICANANCESTERS. COM



Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

Join Catherine Bence, the Parker's Genealogy Librarian, for a workshop on getting the most out of AmericanAncesters.com

In this workshop, you will be viewing New England Historical Genealogical Society and AmericanAncesters.com.

Participants will learn about:

Understanding the records available.

Search strategies specific to AmericanAncestors.com

Learning Resources

Please register online in order to ensure enough handouts.

Drop-ins are welcome.

#### A VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY TEA PARTY



Wed., Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Is it your birthday? Mine either! Come join us as we celebrate our Unbirthdays together. We will sing songs, read stories and enjoy a treat together. Feel free to wear your favorite party clothes if you like.

Registration is required for this event and will open a week before the event. This program is suitable for children ages 2-5, though siblings are always welcome.

As always, please email Miss Joan (jpowers@ dracutlibrary.org) well ahead of time with any allergies so we can keep our party safe for everyone.

#### THE HAPPINESS PROJECT



#### Saturday, Sept. 14 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Join us for a fun discussion every month! We will read a chapter of Gretchen Rubin's The Happiness Project each month and experiment with what changes we can make to bring more joy into our own lives. Over the summer, will meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the gazebo at Town Hall. New members are always welcome. Registration is required so that we can make sure to have enough copies of the book.

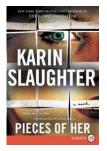
September 14<sup>th</sup> – Pursue a Passion

**October 12** – Pay Attention

November 9 – Keep a Contented Heart

**December 14** – Boot Camp Perfect

DEADLY PLEASURES MYSTERY BOOK GROUP



#### Tuesday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Deadly Pleasures is a Mystery Book Group that meets on the third Tuesday of the month, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Fireplace Room. Books to be discussed are available for checkout approximately one month prior to each meeting, at the Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome. Join us this evening for a discussion of Pieces of Her by Karin Slaugher.

#### SEPTEMBER NEW FICTION TITLES



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#### <u>Christian</u>

Coble, Colleen. Strands of Truth

Irvin, Kelly. *Mounts of Grace* [Amish of Big Sky Country, Bk. #1]

Johnson, Liz. *A Glitter of Gold* [Georgia Coast Romance, Bk. #2]

Wiseman, Beth. *Listening to Love* [Amish Journeys, Bk. #2]

Woodsmall, Cindy. A Christmas Haven

#### Fantasy

Abercrome, Joe. A Little Hatred [The Age of Madness, Bk. #1]

Coates, Ta-Nehisi. *The Water Dancer* 

Hewitt, Deborah. The Nightjar

Holt, Tom.An Ork on the Wild Side

Marillier, Jliet. *The Harp* of *Kings* [Warrior Bards, Bk. #1]

Ryan, Anthony. A Pilgrimage of Swords

#### <u>General</u>

Johnston, Scott. *Campusland* 

Millas, Jose. From the Shadows

#### Stridsberg, Sara. Valerie

Terry, Chris L. Black Card

#### Graphic Novels

Bongiovanni, Archie. Grease Bats

Grossman, Lev. The Magicians: Alice's Story

Moore, Kieron. Ambedkar: India's Crusader for Human Rights

Orwell, George. Animal Farm

#### <u>Historical</u>

Ramzipoor, E.R. The Ventriloguists

Truong, Monique. The Sweetest Fruits

#### <u>Horror</u>

Datlow, Ellen. *The Best Horror of the Year*, *Volume 11* 

Doolittle, Sean. Kill Monster



#### <u>Mystery | Detective</u>

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. Mycroft and Sherlock: The Empty Birdcage [Mycroft and Sherlock, Bk. #3]

Barz, Vivian. *Forgotten Bones* [Dead Remaining, Bk. #1]

Brightwell, Emily. *Mrs. Jeffries and the Alms of the Angel* [Mrs. Jeffries, Bk. #8]

Cleeves, Ann. *The Long Call* [Two Rivers, Bk. #1]

Cleverly, Barbara. Invitation to Die [Inspector Redfyre, Bk. #2]

Edwards, Martin. *Gallows Court* 

Green, Simon R. *Till* Sudden Death Do Us Part [Ishmael Jones, Bk. #7]

Jewell, A.B. The Man Who Wouldn't Die

Krueger, William Kent. This Tender Land

Morris, R.N. *The White Feather Killer* [Silas Quinn, Bk. #5]

Penny, Louise. *A Better Man* [Chief Inspector Gamach, Bk. #15] Perry, Anne. *Death in Focus* [Elena Standish, Bk. #1]

Pobi, Robert. *City of Windows* [Lucas Page, Bk. #1]

Sykes, S.D. *The Bone Fire* [Somershill Manor, Bk. #4]

#### Romance

Andrews, Ilona. Sapphire Flames [Hidden Legacy, Bk. #4]

Burns, Debbie. *Love at First Bark* [Rescue Me, Bk. #4]

Byrne, Kerrigan. How to Love a Duke in Ten Days [Devil You Know, BK. #1]

Fea, Caroline. *The Glass Woman* 

McFarlane, Mhairi. *Don't* You Forget About Me

McGoldrick, May. *Highland Jewel* [Royal Highlander, Bk. #2]

Putney, Mary Jo. *Once a Spy* [Rogues Redeemed, Bk. #4]

Ramsay, Hope. *Summer* on *Moonlight Bay* [Moonlight Bay, Bk. #2]

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#### Science Fiction

Montag, Kassandra. After the Flood

Muir, Tamsyn. Gideon the Ninth

Newtz, Annalee. The Future of Another Timeline

Pinsker, Sarah. A Song for a New Day

#### Short Stories

Parsons, Kimberly King. Black Like Me

#### Suspense | Thrillers

Barr, Nevada. What Rose Forgot

Frey, Rea. Because You're Mine

Lamanna, Gina. Pretty Guilty Women

Mann, Don. Seal Team Six: Hunt the Leopard [Thomas Crocker, Bk. #8]

Preston, Douglas. Old Bones

Shuker, Carl. A Mistake

Ware, Ruth. *The Turn of the Key* 

## SEPTEMBER NEW AUDIOBOOKS

Books on CD – Fiction

Barr, Nevada. What Rose Forgot

Cleeves, Ann. *The Long Call* [Two Rivers, Bk. #1]

Donoghue, Emma. Akin

Irvin, Kelly. *Mountains of Grace* [Amish of Big Sky Country, Bk. #1]

Penny, Louise. *A Better Man* [Chief Inspector Gamache, Bk. #15]

Preston, Douglas. Old Bones

#### Playaway - Fiction

Penny, Louise. A Better Man

## SEPTEMBER NEW NONFICTION



#### <u>Architecture</u>

Thompson, Boyce. Designing for Disaster: Domestic Architecture in the Era of Climate Change

#### Biography | Autobiography

Acki, Steve. Blue: The Color of Noise

Austin, Nefertiti. *Motherhood So White* 

Broom, Sarah M. The Yellow House

Carlson, Erin. Queen Meryl: The Iconic Roles, Heroic Deeds, and Legendary Life of Meryl Streep

Denhollander, Rachel. *What Is a Girl Worth?* 

Ford, Clyde W. Think Black: A Memoir

Gorsuch, Neil. A Republic, if You Can Keep It

Ingraham, Christopher. If You Lived Here, You'd Be Home By Now: Why We Traded the Commuting Life for a Little House on the Prairie

Nayeri, Dina. The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell You

Perry, Imani. Breathe: A Letter to My Sons

Smith, Patti. Year of the Monkey

Vigil, Tammy R. Melania & Michelle: First Ladies in a New Era

#### Business | Economics

Bonnell, Sunny. *Rare Breed* 

Smith, Brad. Tools and Weapons: The Promise and the Peril of the Digital Age

Thomas, Dana. Fashionopolis: The Price of Fast Fashion and the Future of Clothes

#### **Computers**

Marcus, Gary. Rebooting A.I.: Building Artificial Intelligence We Can Trust

#### Cooking

Chaplin, Amy. Whole Food Cooking Every Day

Flay, Bobby. In Bobby's Kitchen: Big Flavors, Bold Cooking Every Night

Gray, Annie. Downton Abbey Cookbook

Leonti, Adam. Flour Lab: An At-Home Guide to Baking with Freshly Milled Grains

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Orkin, Ivan. Japanese Recipes from a Chef, Father, Eater, and Lifelong Outsider

Pelzel, Rachel. Unami Bomb: 25 Vegetarian Recipes that Explode with Flavor

#### Crafts | Hobbies

Stump, Magaret. Adorable Beasts: 30 Pin Loom Animals, 4 Playscapes

#### Education

Frazier, Liz. Beyond Piggy Banks and Lemonade Stands

Tough, Paul. The Year's that Matter Most: How College Makes or Breaks Us

#### Essays

Cusk, Rachel. *Coventry: Essays* 

Jamison, Leslie. *Make It Scream, Make It Burn* 

Solomon, Andrew. *About* Us

#### Family | Relationships

Heffernan, Lisa. Grown and Flown: How to Support Your Teen, Stay Close as a Family, and Raise Independent Adults

Payne, Kim John. Being at your Best When Your Kids are at Their Worst

Naumburg, Carla, PhD. How to Stop Losing Your Sh\*t with Your Kids

#### Health | Wellness

Gunter, Jen. The Vagina Bible: The Vulva and the Vagina – Separating the Myth from the Medicine

Nyambi, Mandi. Fresh Face: Simple Routines for Beautiful Glowing Skin, Every Day

Van De Car, Nikki. Wellness Witch: Healing Potions, Soothing Spells, and Empowering Rituals for Magical Self-Care

#### **History**

Duncan, Dayton. Country Music: An Illustrated History

Perkins, Anne Gardiner. Yale Needs Women: How the First Group of Girls Rewrote the Rules of an Ivy League Giant

Graff, Garrett M. The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11

Walvin, James. Freedom: The Overthrowing of the Slave Empires

#### House | Home

Michaels, Melissa. But Where Do I Put the Couch?

#### Law

Minow, Martha. When Should Law Forgive?

#### <u>LGBTQIA</u>

Gonzales, Kathryn. Trans+: Love, Sex, Romance, and Being You

#### Life Sciences

Natterson-Horowitz, Barbara. Wildhood: The Epic Journey from Adolescence to Adulthood in Humans and Other Animals

#### **Mathematics**

Woo, Eddie. It's a Numberful World: How Math is Hiding Everywhere

#### Performing Arts

Austerlitz, Saul. Generation Friends: An Inside Look at the Show that Defined a Television Era

Marriott, Emma. Downton Abbey: The Official Film Companion

#### Photography

New York Times. Bill Cunningham: On the Street: Five Decades of Iconic Photography

Ruffner, Howard. *Moments of Truth: A Photographer's Experience of Kent State* 1970

#### Political Science

Campbell, Josh. Crossfire Hurricane: Inside Donald Trump's War on the FBI

German, Mike. Disrupt, Discredit and Divide: How the New FBI Damages Democracy

Kuttner, Robert. The Stakes: 2020 and the Survival of American Democracy

Garcia, Malcolm J. The Fruit of All My Grief

Poniewozik, James. Audience of One: Donald Trump, Television, and the Fracturing of America

Weiss, Bari. How to Fight Anti-Semitism

Zirin, James D. Plaintiff in Chief: A Portrait of Donald Trump in 3,500 Lawsuits

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Psychology



Cavanaugh, Sarah Rose, PhD. Hivemind: The New Science of Tribalism in Our Divided World

Gladwell, Malcolm. Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know

Hartmann, Thom. *ADHD: A Hunter in a Farmer's World* 

Westhoff, Ben. Fentanyl, Inc.: How Rogue Chemists Are Creating the Deadliest Wave of the Opioid Epidemic

#### **Religion**

Deng, Rebecca. What They Meant for Evil: How a Lost Girl of Sudan Found Healing, Peace, and Purpose in the Midst of Suffering

Dumwich, Gerina. Herbal Magick: A Guide to Herbal Enchantments, Folklore, and Divination

Grimassi, Raven. What We Knew in the Night: Reawakening the Heart of Witchcraft

Lucado, Max. How Happiness Happens: Finding Lasting Joy in a World of Comparison, Disappointment, and Unmet Expectations

Whitaker, Kathryn. *Live Big, Love Bigger: Getting Real with BBQ, Sweet Tea, and a Whole Lotta Jesus* 

#### <u>Science</u>

Carroll, Sean. Something Deeply Hidden: Quantum Worlds and the Emergence of Spacetime

#### <u>Self-Help</u>

Casey, Karen. 20 Things I Know for Sure: Principles for Cultivating a Peaceful Life

Charanza, Laura. Ugly Love: a Survivors Story of Narcissistic Abuse

Chen, Miguel. The Death of You: A Book for Anyone Who Might Not Live Forever

Cline, Elizabeth L. The Conscious Closet: The Revolutionary Guide to Looking Good While Doing Good Gehart, Diane R. Mindfulness for Chocolate Lovers: A Lighthearted Way to Stress Less and Savor More Each Day

Parker, Toni, PhD. Wake Up Before Your Wake Up Call: The Five Pillars for Deeper Love, Joy, and Connection in Midlife

Salmansohn, Karen. Instant Calm: 2-Minute Meditations to Create a Lifetime of Happy

#### Social Sciences

Doughty, Gaitlin. *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs? Big Questions from Tiny Mortals About Death* 

Eltahawy, Mona. *The Seven Necessary Sins for Women and Girls* 

Hankir, Zahra. Our Women on the Ground: Essays by Arab Women Reporting from the Arab World

King, Charles. Gods of the Upper Air: How a Circle of Renegade Anthropologists Reinvented Race, Sex, and Gender in the Twentieth Century

Plank, Liz. For the Love of Men: A New Vision for Mindful Masculinity Ralph, Laurence. *The Torture Letters: Reckoning with Police Violence* 

Seidman, Rachel F. Speaking of Feminism: Today's Activists on the Past, Present, and Future of the U.S. Women's Movement

Sollee, Kristin J. Cat Call: Reclaiming the Feral Feminine (an Untamed History of the Cat Archetype in Myth and Magic

#### True Crime

Clark, Jerry. On the Lam: A History of Hunting Fugitives in America

Payne, Doris. Diamond Doris: The True Story of the World's Most Notorious Jewel Thief

#### SEPTEMBER LARGE PRINT

#### LP Fiction

Box, C.J. The Bitterroots

Brooks, Terry. *The Stiehl Assassin* 

Coleman, Reed Farrel. Robert B. Parker's The Bitterest Pill

Coontz, Stephen. The Russia Account

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Dailey, Janet. Texas Forever

Dekker, Ted. *The Girl Behind the Red Rope* 

Donoghue, Emma. Akin

Feehan, Christine. Dark Illusion

Gray, Shelley Shepherd. *The Loyal One* 

Gregory, Phillippa. *Tidelands* 

Grunenwald, Jill. Reading Behind Bars: A Memoir of Literature, Law, and Life as a Prison Librarian

Higgins, Kristan, Life and Other Inconveniences

Meier, Leslie. Haunted House Murder

Michaels, Fern. Hot Shot

Penny, Louise. A Better Man

Webber, Heather. *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* 

Wiseman, Beth. Listening to Love

Woods, Stuart. *Contraband* 

#### LP Nonfiction

Pirro, Jeanine. Deranged, Devious, and Determined: The Left's Radical Plan to Remake America

#### SEPTEMBER 2019 DOWNLOADABLES



Downloadable eBooks and Audiobooks

New Adult Fiction Audiobooks

Cleeves, Ann. *The Long Call*: [Two Rivers, Bk., # 1]

Cruz, Angie; Peña, Coral. *Dominicana*:

DeLuca, Jen. Well Met

Miranda, Megan. The Last House Guest

Prescott, Lara. The Secrets We Keep

Robb, J. D. *Vendetta in Death* [In Death, Bk. #49]

New Adult Fiction eBooks

Cleeves, Ann. *The Long Call* [Two Rivers, Bk. #1] Cruz, Angie. Dominicana

DeLuca, Jen. Well Met

Dunmore, Evie. *Bringing Down the Duke* [League of Extraordinary Women Bk. #1]

Koepp, David. Cold Storage

Krueger, William Kent. This Tender Land

Montag, Kassandra. *After the Flood* 

Prescott, Lara. The Secrets We Kept

Robb, J. D. Vendetta in Death [In Death, Bk. #49]

Sveistrup, Soren. The Chestnut Man

#### New Adult Nonfiction Audiobooks'

Abramson, Seth. Proof of Conspiracy: How Trump's International Collusion Is Threatening American Democracy

Brackett, Marc. Permission to Feel: Unlocking the Power of Emotions to Help Our Kids, Ourselves, and Our Society Thrive

#### New Adult Nonfiction eBooks

Munroe, Randall. How to: Absurd Scientific Advice for Common Read-World Problems

Nayeri, Dina. The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell You

Tumarkin, Maria. Axiomatic

New YA and Children's Fiction Audiobooks

Young, Adrienne. *The Girl the Sea Gave Back* 



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## Corporate Membership is Easy... and Rewarding!

Through Corporate support, the Friends fund programs that are educational, recreational, and informational. Last fiscal year, the Friends sponsored 410 programs that were attended by 6,179 residents of all ages. Past programs have included story times, summer reading, author talks, Dracut Reads, and Books in Bloom. In addition to sponsoring events. the Friends of Dracut Library offer free and discounted museum passes to the community.

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Corporate members receive a monthly newsletter to display at your place of business.

#### **Important Dates**



Labor Day – Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Library Closed.

Fall Schedule – Begins on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Schedule as follows:

Retirement Party = for Penny Berube. All welcome. Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 Mondays 8:30-8:30 Tuesdays 8:30-8:30 Wednesdays 8:30-8:30 Thursdays 8:30-4:30 Fridays 8:30-4:30 Saturdays 8:30-4:30

Miss Penny's Last Day – Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 830 pm

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees – Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Director's Office. Open Meeting.

Columbus Day – Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Library Closed.

#### MEET OUR NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN



We are proud to announce that our former Children's Assistant, Joan Powers, has been chosen as our next Children's Librarian.

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This means that you'll get to see Miss Joan even more than usual, as she'll now be with us full time!

Joan lives right here in Dracut with her husband, two children, and three dogs. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Valparaiso University, and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Boston University. For the past few years, she has been working in Child Care, both in centers and privately.

Some of Joan's favorite authors include John Steinbeck, Orson Scott Card, Anne Rice, and Stephen King. Her favorite children's book is *Make Way for Ducklings,* though Mo Willems' *Elephant and Piggie* are a close second.

Please help us make her feel welcome in her new role at the Parker.

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