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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH

October is National Reading Group Month. Why not celebrate by joining one of our book groups, reading one of the recommended titles, from the Women's National Book Association [http://nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/] or checking out one of our Book Group Kits.

Happy Reading!

Nanci Milone Hill, Library Director

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

America's libraries are committed to promoting literacy and a love of reading with diverse collections, programs and services for all ages. In an increasingly digital world, our libraries are investing more in eBooks and downloadable media. And millions of people discover and explore new and favorite authors through both our digital and print collections.

But now one publisher has decided to limit readers' access to new eBook titles through their libraries.

Beginning November 1, 2019, Macmillan Publishers will allow libraries to purchase only one copy of each new eBook title for the first eight weeks after a book's release.

Readers cannot stay silent! We need your help!

This embargo would limit libraries' ability to provide access to information for all. It particularly harms library patrons with disabilities or learning Issues.

If you are a reader, visit http://ilovelibraries.org/

The American Library Association needs your help to ensure #eBooksForAll.

Please sign the petition [https://p2a.co/fgcQkzV] opposing Macmillan Publishers' library eBook embargo. The American Library Association knows that restricting library eBooks will negatively impact readers like you and will make it nearly impossible for libraries to fulfill their central mission – equitable access for all.

AUTHOR EVENT: Dead in Good Company

Saturday, October 5th
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Join editors John Harrison and Kim Nagy as they present Dead in Good Company, a book that
explores Mount Auburn Cemetery in words and stunning photography. The founders of Mount Auburn Cemetery created America’s first landscaped burial ground in 1831. Kim Nagy & John Harrison produced Dead in Good Company, the first book about “Sweet Auburn” that celebrates the Circle of Life.

Dead in Good Company is a collection of essays and poems by local and celebrity authors; it also includes photographs of migratory and resident wildlife. Mount Auburn Cemetery is one of New England’s Birding Hotspots.

Children’s books Skylar’s Great Adventure and Star Guy’s Great Adventure will also be presented.

There will be time for Q&A and books signings after the program. A limited number of books will be available for sale. Registration Requested but not Required

ASK A MUSLIM ANYTHING

Tuesday, October 8th 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM

Robert Azzi welcomes everyone! This is a rare opportunity to speak candidly and ask the questions you’ve been wishing you could have answers to about being a Muslim in today’s politically and emotionally charged world. Respectful dialogue will be the hallmark of the evening.

Bring your questions. Welcomed areas of interest include views on the geopolitics of the Middle East, Islam, on being Muslim in America, and issues of Conflict (i.e. terrorism) and Identity. Nothing is off the table! Registration Requested, but not required.

THE HAPPINESS PROJECT

Saturday, October 12th 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.

We will meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Meeting Room. New members are always welcome. Registration is required so that we can make sure to have enough copies to share.

Saturday, October 12: Pay Attention

Saturday, November 9: Keep a Contented Heart

Saturday, December 14: Boot Camp Perfect

DEADLY PLEASURES MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, October 15th 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 check-out approximately one month prior to each meeting, at the Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

Join us this evening for a discussion of Glass Houses by Louise Penny.
Author Presentations

Book Signings

Workshops

Booksellers & Exhibitors

Kids’ Events & Activities

Street Fair

Live Music

Scavenger Hunt on October 15th

One City | One Story

“This year’s story, written by Emerson MFA student Ciera Butch, contains relatable themes - including questions of identity, family, love, aging, and loss that will resonate with many readers.” - Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of Boston

Copies of the One City | One Story title, Yvonne, are available at the Dracut Library, free of charge, in both English and Spanish. Stop by to pick up yours today!

USING MILITARY RECORDS FOR GENEALOGY

Monday, October 21st
6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

Join Catherine Bence, the Parker’s Genealogy Librarian, for a workshop in Using Military Records for Genealogy.

The lecture will cover:

- Lists of Wars – Timeline and Types of Records Available
- What is Online and What is Not
- Where to Find Online Records
- Other Resources

There will be time for Q & A

Registration is requested (to ensure that we have enough handouts), but drop-ins are welcome.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT: THE HISTORY AND IMPACT OF HORROR FILM

Saturday, October 26th
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Join expert and horror buff, Frank Mandoza, for a walk through the chilling history of horror film.

Some films to be included are Dracula (1931), Frankenstein (1931), The Invisible Man (1933), The Wolf Man (1941), The House on Haunted Hill (1958), Night of the Living Dead (1968), The Amityville Horror (1979), The Shining (1980), and Poltergeist (1992).

There will be displays, handouts, and one lucky person will win a door prize! Bring a fiend...er... a friend!

Registration is requested, but not required.

OCTOBER 2019 NEW FICTION

Christian Bale, Leigh. Her Amish Christmas Choice [Colorado Amish Courtship, Bk. #3]

Clipston, Amy. An Amish Christmas Bakery: Four Stories

Fisher, Suzanne Woods. Stitches in Time [Deacon’s Family, Bk. #2]

Fantasy

Armstrong, Kelley. Hex Life: Wicked New Tales of Witchery

Bardugo, Leigh. Ninth House

Goodkind, Terry. Wasteland [Children of d’Hara, Bk. #3]

French, Jonathan. The True Bastards [Lot Lands, Bk. #2]

Hackwith, A.J. The Library of the Unwritten [Hell’s Library, Bk. #1]

McGuire, Seanan. Laughter at the Academy

Smith, Luanne C. The Vine Witch [Vine Witch, Bk. #1]

General

Alharthi, Jokha. Celestial Bodies

Attenberg, Jami. All This Could Be Yours

Forbes, Curdella. A Tall History of Sugar

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Isaacs, Susan. *Takes One to Know One*

**Romance**

Beckerman, Hannah. *If Only I Could Tell You*

Black, Maggie K. *Christmas Witness Protection* [Protected Identities, Bk. #1]

Cabot, Meg. *No Judgments*

Colgen, Jenny. *Christmas at Rosie Hopkins’ Sweet Shop*

Crawford, Isis. *A Catered New Year’s Eve* [Mystery with Recipes, Bk. #14]

Hayes-McCoy, Felicity. *The Mistletoe Matchmaker* [Finfarran Peninsula, Bk. #3]

Hilderbrand, Elin. *What Happens in Paradise* [Paradise, Bk. #2]

Holdges, Cheris. *Tempted at Midnight*

Howard, Linda. *Loving Evangeline*

Howell, Hannah. *The Scotsman Who Swept Me Away* [Seven Brides, Seven Scotsmen, Bk. #3]

Kelly, Vanessa. *The Highlander’s Christmas Bride* [Clan Kendrick, Bk. #2]

London, Julia. *The Devil in the Saddle* [Princes of Texas, Bk. #2]

Macomber, Debbie. *A Mrs. Miracle Christmas*

Mallery, Susan. *Meant to Be Yours* [Happily, Inc. Bk. #5]

Mason, Debbie. *Christmas in Harmony Harbor* [Harmony Harbor, Bk. #9]

McKinlay, Jenn. *The Christmas Keeper* [Happily Ever After, Bk. #2]

Monroe, Mary. *Right Beside You*

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Smith, Sarah. *Faker*

Novak, Brenda. *Christmas in Silver Springs* [Silver Springs, Bk. #6]

Palmer, Diane. *Wyoming Heart*

Spencer, Minerva. *Scandalous* [Outcasts, Bk. #3]

Steel, Danielle. *Child’s Play*

Wilde, Lori. *The Christmas Dare* [Twilight, Texas, Bk. #10]

Wray, Sharon. *One Dark Wish* [Deadly Force, Bk. #2]

Wright, Julie. *Glass Slippers, Ever After, and Me*

Carr, Robyn. *Virgin River* [Virgin River, Bk. #1]

**Short Stories**

Doerr, Anthony, ed. *The Best American Short Stories 2019*

Hill, Joe. *Full Throttle: Stories*

Percy, Benjamin. *Suicide Woods: Stories*

Smith, Zadie. *Grand Union: Stories*

**Suspense | Thriller**

Banner, A.J. *The Poison Garden*

Barclay, Linwood. *Elevator Pitch*

Child, Lee. *Blue Moon* [Jack Reacher, Bk. #24]

Connolly, John. *A Book of Bones* [Charlie Parker, Bk. #17]

Cornwell, Patricia. *Quantum* [Captain Chase, Bk. #1]

DeMille, Nelson. *The Deserter*

Deutermann, P.T. *The Nugget* [WWII novels, Bk. #6]

French, Nicci. *The Lying Room*

Gerritsen, Tess. *The Shape of Night*

Grisham, John. *Guardians*

Khoury, Raymond. *Empire of Lies*

LeCarre, John. *Agent Running in the Field*

McPherson, Catroina. *Strangers at the Gate*

Oates, Joyce Carol. *Pursuit*

Woods, Stuart. *Stealth* [Stone Barrington, Bk. #51]
BOOKS ON CD — FICTION

Banner, A.J. *The Poison Garden*

Barclay, Linwood. *Elevator Pitch*

Chbosky, Stephen. *Imaginary Friend*

Child, Lee. *Blue Moon* [Jack Reacher, Bk. #24]

Clipston, Amy. *An Amish Christmas Bakery: Four Stories*

French, Nicci. *The Lying Room*

Gates, Eva. *Read and Buried* [Lighthouse Library, Bk. #6]

Howard, Linda. *Loving Evangaline*

Moyes, Jojo. *The Giver of Stars*

Smith, Luanne G. *The Vine Witch*

BOOKS ON CD — NONFICTION

Apple, Jacob B. *Who Says You’re Dead?: Medical & Ethical Dilemmas for the Curious and Concerned*


Burroughs, Augusten. *Toil & Trouble: A Memoir*

George-Warren, Holly. *Janis: Her Life and Music*

Horowitz, Alexandra. *Our Dogs, Ourselves: The Story of Our Singular Bond*

John, Elton. *Me*

Mann, William J. *The Contender: The Story of Marlon Brando*

Moore, Demi. *Inside Out: A Memoir*

O’Reilly, Bill. *The United States of Trump: How the President Really Sees America*

Rice, Susan. *Tough Love: My Story of Things Worth Fighting For*

PLAYAWAY — FICTION

French, Nicci. *The Lying Room*

Moyes, Jojo. *The Giver of Stars*

OCTOBER 2019 NEW LARGE PRINT

Andrews, Donna. *Owl Be Home for Christmas* [Meg Langslow, Bk. #26]

Archer, Jeffrey. *Nothing Ventured* [William Warwick, Bk. #1]

Barr, Nevada. *What Rose Forgot*

Carlson, Melody. *Christmas in Winter Hill*

Castillo, Linda. *Shamed* [Kate Burkholder, Bk. #11]

Chevalier, Tracy. *A Single Thread*

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

Cussler, Clive. *Titanic Secret* [Isaac Bell, Bk. #11]

Devereaux, Jude. *Met Her Match*

Graham, Heather. *The Stalking* [Krewe of Hunters, Bk. #29]

Johnson, Craig. *Land of Wolves* [Longmire, Bk. #15]

King, Stephen. *The Institute*

Michaels, Fern. *Spirit of the Season*

Myers, Randy Susan. *Waisted*

Perry, Anne. *Death in Focus* [Elena Standish, Bk. #1]

Peterson, Tracie. *What Comes My Way* [Bookstone Brides, Bk. #3]

Woodsmall, Cindy. *A Christmas Haven: An Amish Christmas Romance*

Horowitz, Anthony. *Our Dogs, Ourselves: The Story of a Singular Bond*

Meeks, Marika. *Incredibull Stella: How the Love of a Pit Bull Rescued a Family*

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Biography | Autobiography
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Brodeur, Adrienne. Wild Game: My Mother, Her Lover, and Me
Burroughs, Augusten. Toil & Trouble
Dutta, Sunil. Stealing Green Mangoes: Two Brothers, Two Fates, One Indian Childhood
Fox, Amaryllis. Life Undercover: Coming of Age in the CIA
George-Warren, Holly. Janis: Her Life and Music
Mann, William. The Contender: The Story of Marlon Brando
Mitchell, Pat. Becoming a Dangerous Woman: Embracing Risk to Change the World
Morris, Edmund. Edison

Craft | Hobbies
Tan, Tony. Hong Kong Food City

Essays
Brum, Elaine. The Collector of Leftover Souls: Field Notes on Brazil's Everyday Insurrections

Family | Relationships
American Academy of Pediatrics. Caring For Your School-Age Child: Ages 5-12
Schulte, Elaine E., MD, Mph. Caring For Your Adopted Child: An Essential Guide for Parents

Cooking
America's Test Kitchen. America's Test Kitchen: The Twentieth Anniversary TV Show Cookbook: Best-Ever Recipes from the Most Successful Cooking Show on TV

Film
Schneider, Steven Jay. 1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die [Revised]

Gardening
Wallington, Jack. Wild about Weeds: Garden Design with Rebel Plants

Health | Fitness
McDougall, Christopher. Running with Sherman: The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero
Zeide, Anna. Canned: The Rise and Fall of Consumer Confidence in the American Food Industry

History

Brokhausen, Nick. Whispers in the Tall Grass

Buccola, Nicholas. The Fire Is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate Over Race in America

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DK. Man-Made Wonders of the World

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### Life Sciences
- Bryson, Bill. *The Body: A Guide for Occupants*

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- Raza, Azra. *The First Cell: The Human Cost of Pursuing Cancer to the Last*

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- Schiller, David. *Guitar: The World's Most Seductive Instrument*

### Photography
- Stavrinides, Liz. *Extraordinary Dogs: Stories from Search and Rescue Dogs, Comfort Dogs, and Other Canine Heroes*
- Yarrow, David. *David Yarrow Photography: Americas, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Europe*

### Political Science
- Stengel, Richard. *Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation & What We Can Do About It*

### Religion
- Butnick, Stephanie. *The New Jewish Encyclopedia*
- Smith, James K.A. *On the Road with Saint Augustine: A Real-World Spirituality for Restless Hearts*

### Self-Help

### Travel
- Theroux, Paul. *On the Plain of Snakes: A Mexican Journey*

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**Important Dates**

- **Columbus Day** – Monday, October 14th. Library Closed.

- **Monthly Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees** – Wednesday, October 8th at 4:00 PM in the Director’s Office

- **Friends of the Dracut Library Monthly Meeting** – Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.

- **Friends Annual Fall Raffle** – Wednesday, October 23rd through Saturday, November 2nd. Tickets are 4 for $1.00 and 25 for $5.00. Tickets will be on sale in the Library lobby.