Off the Shelf: The Official Newsletter of the Parker Library

Libraries’ Presidential Forum

Saturday, January 11th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

"Libraries are established centers for learning and advancement. We make up a national infrastructure to meet our nation’s most pressing needs, from providing universal broadband access to workforce development to homework assistance. Candidates for elected office should look to libraries to strengthen opportunity for everyone."

RSVPs are required for all who wish to attend this free event. Seating is limited, so sign up soon at Eventbrite.com/e/libraries-presidential-forum-tickets-83810767261

Location:
Concord City Hall
2 Prince Street
Concord, NH

Crafternoon: Chair Caning

Tuesday, January 14th
1:00 PM – 2:45 PM

Join Vicky McMahon* for a chair caning demonstration. Try a new experience! Get some hands-on time working on the seat of an antique rocker! This is your opportunity to try your hand at the venerable art of Caning!

Registration is required.

Space is limited to 10 participants. This is an Adult Program.

*Victoria J. McMahon is a Dracut resident who has practiced the art of caning for over 30 years.

New Year, New You
Exercise, Food, and Fat Loss Tips

Tuesday, January 14th
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Learn the principles of exercise and nutrition for fat loss, hear common fat-loss myths and discover how hormones affect fat loss. Eating the right foods at the right frequency works with the body’s natural physiology to help control hunger, raise energy, reduce cravings and improve disease prevention, as well as burn fat as fuel.

Sponsored by the Center for Community Health &
Wellness at Lowell General Hospital, and the Friends of Dracut Library.

You Are Enough: Tween | Teen | Adult Author Event with Jen Petro-Roy

Saturday
January 18th
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Ms. Petro-Roy is the author of novels P.S. I Miss You and Good Enough, as well as the non-fiction self-help book You Are Enough for young readers with disordered eating and body image problems. She is an eating disorder awareness advocate with important messages about self-esteem and fighting the media messages which contribute to disordered eating.

Ms. Petro-Roy will talk about her books, as well as discuss ways kids, tweens and teens can develop positive body image and self-worth in a world where they are constantly bombarded by "perfect" bodies on social media.

This program is designed for tweens and teens and parents of tweens/teens, but all ages are welcome to attend.

DEADLY PLEASURES MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, January 21st
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.

Join us this month as we discuss In the Woods, by Tana French.

For more information, contact Library Director, Nanci Milone Hill

Registration is encouraged, but not necessary.

SUMMARY: “As dusk approaches a small Dublin suburb in the summer of 1984, mothers begin to call their children home. But on this warm evening, three children do not return from the dark and silent woods. When the police arrive, they find only one of the children gripping a tree trunk in terror, wearing blood-filled sneakers, and unable to recall a single detail of the previous hours."

New! Wednesday AFTERNOON Book Group

Wednesday,
January 29th
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Join our new Afternoon Book Group for a lively discussion. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM in the Fireplace Room. Copies of the title to be discussed are available one month prior to each discussion. Ask for the Afternoon Book Group choice at the front Circulation desk.

In January, we will discuss The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant. For more information, contact Library Director, Nanci Milone Hill.

Registration is not necessary, but encouraged.

SUMMARY: "Addie Baum was born in 1900 to immigrant parents who were unprepared for and suspicious of America. Growing up in Boston, Addie's intelligence and curiosity take her to a world her parents can't imagine: a world of short skirts and new opportunities for women. From the one-room apartment she shared with her family, to the library group for girls she joins, to her first, disastrous love affair, Addie recalls her adventures with compassion for the naïve girl she was and a wicked sense of humor.

JANUARY 2020 NEW FICTION

Christian Eason, Lynette. Collateral Damage
| Fantasy | Hurston, Zora Neale. Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick | Childs, Laura. Broken Bone China [Tea Shop Mystery, Bk. #20] | James, Miranda. Careless Whiskers [Cat in the Stacks, Bk. #12] |
| Colfer, Eoin. Highfire | Allende, Isabel. Long Petal of the Sea | Engberg, Katrine. The Tenant | Nellums, Eliza. All That's Bright and Gone |
| Harris, Charlaine. A Longer Fall [Gunnie Rose, Bk. #2] | Rose, M.J. Cartier’s Hope | Gaus, P.L. Broken English [Amish Country Mysteries, Bk. #2] | Nickson, Chris. The Hocus Girl [Simon Westow, Bk. #2] |
| General | Adams, Ellery. Book of Candlelight [Secret, Book & Scone Society, Bk. #3] | | |
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Balogue, Mary. *Someone to Remember*  
Bivald, Katerina. *Welcome to the Pine Away Motel and Cabins*  
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Childs, Laura. *Mumbo Gumbo Murder*  
Dodd, Christina. *Strangers She Knows*  
Eason, Lynnette. *Collateral Damage*  
Estes, Kelli. *Today We Go Home*  
Gray, Shelley Shepherd. *A Precious Gift*  
Johansen, Iris. *Hindsight*  
Krentz, Jayne Ann. *The Vanishing*  
Lefteri, Christy. *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*  
Michaels, Fern. *Cut and Run*  
O'Connor, Carlene. *The Christmas Cocoa Murder*  
Sands, Lynsay. *A Lady in Disguise*  
Scott, Caroline. *The Poppy Wife: A Novel of the Great War*  
Woods, Stuart. *Treason*  
Clayton, John. *Natural Rivals: John Muir, Gifford Pinchot, and the Creation of America's Public Lands*  
Karol, Jim. *Ultimate Memory Magic: The Transformative Program for Sharper Memory, Mental Clarity, and Greater Focus at Any Age*  
Straight, Susan. *In the Country of Women: A Memoir*  
Geist, Bill. *Lake of the Ozarks: My Surreal Summers in a Vanishing America*  
McCulloch, Gretchen. *Because Internet: Understanding the New Rules of Language*  
Januar 2020 NEW NONFICTION  
LP – Fiction  
LP – Nonfiction  
Biography | Autobiography  
Business | Economics  
Gender Studies
Health | Fitness

Wise, Nan. Why Good Sex Matters: Understanding the Neuroscience of Pleasure for a Smarter, Happier, and More Purpose-Filled Life

History

Chatelain, Marcia. Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America

Rosenau, William. Tonight We Bombed the U.S. Capital: The Explosive Story of M19, America’s First Female Terrorist Group

Siegel, Mona L. Peace on Our Terms: The Global Battle for Women’s Rights After the First World War

Taylor, Candacy. Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America

Law

Bergman, Paul. The Criminal Law Handbook: Know Your Rights, Survive the System

Poetry

Smith, Danez. Homie: Poems

Political Science

Chabon, Michael. Fight of the Century: Writers Reflect on 100 Years of Landmark ACLU Cases


Kristof, Nicholas D. Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope


Cooper, Keith. The Contact Paradox: Challenging Our Assumptions in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence


McConville, Mark. Failure to Launch: Why Your Twentysomething Hasn’t Grown Up... And What to Do About It

DECEMBER 2019 NEW DOWNLOADABLES

Jewell, Lisa. Family Upstairs

Maguire, Gregory. Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West

Martin, Alexa. Blitzed [The Playbook , Bk. #3]

Reid, Kiley. Such a Fun Age

Shepard, Sara. Reputation

Singh, Nalini. A Madness of Sunshine

Soule, Charles. Anyone

Winters, Rachel. Would Like to Meet

New Adult Fiction

Ebooks

Alvarez, Julia. Night Boat to Tangier

Belden, Emily. Husband Material

Ciment, Jill. The Body in Question
Colvin, Jeffrey. *Africaville*

Cook, Robin. *Genesis*

Coyle, Cleo. *Brewed Awakening* [Coffeehouse Mystery, Bk. #18]

Ellison, J.T. *Good Girls Lie*

Fisher, Tarryn. *The Wives*

Force, Marie. *Fatal Accusation* [Fatal, Bk. #15]

Greeley, Molly. *The Clergyman’s Wife: A Pride & Prejudice Novel*

Hess, Annette. *The German House*

Iyer, Lars. *Nietzsche and the Burbs*

Kantra, Virginia. *Meg and Jo*

Kelley, Pamela. *M. Nantucket White Christmas* [Plum Cove, Bk. #3]

Michaels, Fern. *A Snowy Little Christmas*

Nellums, Eliza. *All That’s Bright and Gone*

Olafsson, Olaf. *The Sacrament*

Perry, Anne. *A Christmas Gathering* [Christmas Story, Bk. #17]

Pyle, Nathan W. *Strange Planet*

Reid, Kiley. *Such a Fun Age*

Ross, Barbara. *Sealed Off*

Schine, Cathleen. *The Grammarians*

Shaw, L. C. *The Network*

Shemilt, Jane. *The Playground*

Singh, Nalini. *A Madness of Sunshine*

Tomas, Sandine. *Santa’s Last Gift*

Tursten, Helene. *Winter Grave*

Walters, Damien Angelica. *The Dead Girls Club*

Williams, Beatriz. *The Wicked Redhead: A Wicked City Novel*

Williams, Niall. *This is Happiness*

Winters, Rachel. *Would Like to Meet*

Woods, Sherryl. *Winter’s Proposal*

*New Adult Nonfiction Audiobooks*

Andrews, Julie. *Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years*


Crawford, Robyn. *A Song for You: My Life with Whitney Houston*

Daniels, Anthony. *I Am C-3PO: The Inside Story of a Star Wars Life*

DeFede, Jim. *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland*

Haley, Nikki R. *With All Due Respect: Defending America with Grit and Grace*


Munroe, Randall. *How To: Absurd Scientific Advice for Common Real World Problems*

Simon, Carly. *Touched by the Sun: My Friendship with Jackie*

Smith, Patti. *Acid for the Children: A Memoir*

Spiegel, Renia. *Renia’s Diary: A Holocaust Journal*

Thunberg, Greta. *No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference*

Weller, Sheila. *Carrie Fisher: A Life on the Edge*

West, Lindy. *The Witches Are Coming*

*New Adult Nonfiction Ebooks*

Brokaw, Tom. *The Fall of Richard Nixon: A Reporter Remembers Watergate*

Chang, Joanne. *Pastry Love: A Baker’s Journal of Favorite Recipes*

Fogg, B.J. *Tiny Habits: The Small Changes that Change Everything*

Frankel, Adam. *The Survivors: A Story of War, Inheritance, and Healing*
Fung, Jason. *The Obesity Code Cookbook: Recipes to Help You Manage Insulin, Lose Weight, and Improve Your Health*

Jones, Brian Jay. *Becoming Dr. Seuss: Theodor Geisel and the Making of an American Imagination*

Kilmeade, Brian. *Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers: The Texas Victory That Changed American History*

Lemay, Mimi. *What We Will Become: A Mother, a Son, and a Journey of Transformation*

Madix, Ariana. *Fancy AF Cocktails: Drink Recipes from a Couple of Professional Drinkers*

Matzen, Robert. *Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II*

McCord, Catherine. *Smoothie Project: The 28-Day Plan to Feel Happy and Healthy No Matter Your Age*

Moore, Charles. *Margaret Thatcher: Herself Alone: The Authorized Biography*

Moorer, Allison. *Blood: A Memoir*

Nieschlag, Lisa. *New York Christmas Baking*

Ray, Rachael. *Rachael Ray 50: Memories and Meals from a Sweet and Savory Life*

Richo, David. *Triggers: How We Can Stop Reacting and Start Healing*

Simpson, Glenn. *Crime in Progress: Inside the Steele Dossier and the Fusion GPS Investigation of Donald Trump*

Takei, George. *They Called Us Enemy*

Wright, Ian. *Brilliant Maps for Curious Minds: 100 New Ways to See the World*

Adeyemi, Tomi. *Children of Virtue and Vengeance [Legacy of Orisha, Bk. #2]*

Green, John. *Paper Towns*


Peirce, Lincoln. *Big Nate Audio Collection [Big Nate, Bks. #1-4]*

Peirce, Lincoln. *Big Nate Audio Collection [Big Nate, Bks. #5-8]*

Sepetys, Ruta. *Ashes in the Snow*

Firkins, Jacqueline. *Hearts, Strings, and Other Breakable Things*

Flett, Julie. *Birdsong*

Lord, Cynthia. *Because of the Rabbit*

Pilkey, Dav. *Fetch-22 [Dog Man, Bk. #8]*

Zoboi, Ibi. *My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich*

Wohlleben, Peter. *Can You Hear the Trees Talking?: Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest*

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New YA and Children’s Non-Fiction Ebooks

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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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**Important Dates**

**January Dates**

**New Year’s Holiday** - The Library will close at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 31st and remain closed through Wednesday, January 1st. We will re-open at 8:30 am on Thursday, January 2nd.

**Board of Library Trustees Monthly Meeting** - Wednesday, January 8th at 4:00 PM in the Director’s Office. Open Meeting. All are welcome.

**Friends of the Dracut Library Regular Monthly Meeting** – Wednesday, February 26th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Meets in the Library Meeting Room. New and Interested Members are Always Welcome.