

Important Dates

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees - Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 3:30 PM in the Director's Office.

Open Meeting

Patriot's Day - Monday, April 16, 2018. Library CLOSED.

Friends of the Dracut Library - Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30 pm. *All are welcome.*

UPCOMING - The Library will be CLOSED on Wednesday, MAY 2, 2018, so that the staff may participate in professional development.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

LibraryReads is the monthly nationwide library staff picks list for adult fiction and non-fiction. The goal of LibraryReads is to help connect librarians' favorite books to as many readers as possible, while drawing on the experience that public library staff has in helping to build word-of-mouth for new books, and the important role that libraries play in creating audiences for all kinds of books and authors.

LibraryReads represents the collective favorites of library staff around the country - the books we loved reading and cannot wait to share.

LibraryReads is designed to be inclusive and diverse, representing a broad range of reading tastes and showcasing a variety of new titles. Each month, LibraryReads is announced via email, on their website, and in a range of media outlets including *Publisher's Weekly*, *Booklist*, and the *NoveList* database that is offered free to our patrons. If you haven't

checked out Library Reads and you're looking for that next, great read, why not check out the selections for April 2018!

- **Curran, Kitty.** *My Lady's Choosing*
You are the plucky but penniless heroine in the center of eighteenth-century society, courtship season has begun, and your future is at hand. Will you flip forward fetchingly to find love with the bantering baronet Sir Benedict Granville? Or turn the page to true love with the hardworking, horse-loving highlander Captain Angus McTaggart?
 - **Jewell, Lisa.** *Then She was Gone*
Struggling to put her life back together a decade after her beloved teen daughter's disappearance, a divorced woman bonds with a charming single father whose young child eerily resembles the woman's own lost daughter.
 - **McAllister, Tom.** *How to Be Safe*
A teacher, still furious over the injustice of being suspended over
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- **Malerman, Josh.** *Unbury Carol*
A woman prone to secret temporary comas that make her appear to be dead receives protection from a redemption-seeking former lover who would save her from being buried alive by her fortune-hunting husband.
 - **Miller, Madeline.** *Circe*
A highly anticipated follow-up to the award-winning The Song of Achilles follows the banished witch daughter of Titans as she hones her powers and interacts with famous mythological beings before a conflict with



a so-called outburst, must deal with her town's relentless scrutiny and judgement after she is erroneously named as a suspect in a shooting at the school where she works.

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one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals.

- **Sittenfeld, Curtis.** *You Think It, I'll Say It* The best-selling author of *Eligible* presents a collection of 10 short stories that features both original pieces and two previously published in the *New Yorker*, including "The World Has Many Butterflies," in which married acquaintances play a strangely intimate game, with devastating consequences.
- **Swanson, Peter.** *All the Beautiful Lies* Devastated when his father commits suicide days before his college graduation, Harry returns to his home in Maine, where he is baffled by the increasingly sensual attentions of a mysterious woman and his own alluring stepmother, who he comes to realize are hiding dangerous secrets.
- **Waxman, Abby.** *Other People's Houses* An unwilling witness to the private lives of her fellow carpoolers resolves to stay uninvolved only to find herself navigating a moral minefield when she spots a neighbor having an extramarital affair that sends repercussions throughout four families.
- **Wamariya, Clementine.** *The Girl Who Smiled Beads: a Story of War and What Comes After* Traces the author's harrowing experiences as a young child during the Rwanda massacres and displacements, which separated her from her parents and forced the author and her older sister to endure six years as refugees in seven countries, foraging for survival and encountering unexpected acts of cruelty and kindness before she was granted asylum in a profoundly different America.

- Wolizer, Meg. ***The Female Persuasion*** A shy college freshman finds her perspectives transformed by a mentor activist at the center of the women's movement who challenges her to discover herself in ways that take her far from the traditional life she envisioned at the side of her boyfriend.

None of the above titles strike your fancy? You can always check out their archives at <http://libraryreads.org/archive/>

Happy Reading!

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

Nanci Hill,
Library Director



All Things Sherlock



**Saturday, April 7th
1:00 PM**

Sherlock Holmes has been fascinating audiences for 130 years. Join Sherlockian expert Robert Fritsch, who will be our guide to 'All Things Sherlock'.

We will begin with the major players in the saga, Holmes himself, Watson and Conan Doyle. Highlights of the four novels and 56 short stories will be briefly examined, with emphasis on the women in Holmes life. But the story of Sherlock is so much more than the literary works and we will take a tour of it all!

This is a fast pace, interactive program and audience participation is encouraged. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions.

Registration is requested but not required.

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Author Event: Bruce Robert Coffin



**Wednesday, April 11th
6:30 PM**

Join us for an evening with Bruce Robert Coffin, a mystery/suspense author whose writing jumps off the page with authenticity because he has lived it!

The author of the Detective Byron Mysteries, Bruce Robert Coffin is a retired detective sergeant with more than twenty-seven years in law enforcement. At the time of his retirement, from the Portland, Maine police department, he supervised all homicide and violent crime investigations for Maine's largest city. Bruce also spent four years working counterterrorism with the FBI, where he earned the Director's Award, the highest honor a non-agent can receive.

After the Bruce's presentation there will be time for a Q&A and a book signing.

A limited amount of books will be available for purchase.

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Free Art Classes at the Library



**Saturday, April 14th
10:00 AM**

Calling all beginning painters! Take this opportunity to work with Artist, Claire Gagnon in a safe, comfortable environment and create your own impressionist painting. Using acrylic paint you will learn the basics using a still life for inspiration. All materials are free. Try this new experience and enjoy the process of discovery!

Claire Gagnon is an award-winning artist with over 20 years experience in acrylic painting. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Registration opens March 30th. You must be 18 or older to participate. NOTE: Residents of ALL towns can participate!

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dracut Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Deadly Pleasures Mystery Book Group



**Tuesday, April 17th
6:30 pm**

In April, we will be discussing CULINARY MYSTERIES

Below is a list of Culinary Mystery series with the first title in each of the series. Please read any title from the list, or any other Culinary Mystery.

- **Aames, Avery.** Cheese Shop series. [*The Long Quiche Goodbye*]
- **Adams, Ellery.** Charmed Pie Shoppe [*Pies and Prejudice*]
- **Adams, Riley.** Memphis Barbeque series [*Delicious and Suspicious*]
- **Adler, Rebecca.** Taste of Texas [*Here Today, Gone Tamale*]
- **Albert, Susan Wittig.** China Bayles series [*Thyme of Death*]
- **Alexander, Ellie.** Bakeshop mysteries [*Meet Your Baker*]
- **Andrew, Sally.** Tannie Maria novels [*Recipes for Love and Murder*]
- **Archer, Connie.** Soup Lovers [*A Spoonful of Murder*]
- **Archer, Winnie.** Bread Shop [*Kneaded to Death*]
- **Beck, Jessica.** Donut Shop series [*Glazed Murder*]
- **Bliss, Miranda.** Cooking Class [*Cooking Up Murder*]
- **Bond, Michael.** Monsieur Pamplemousse [*Monsieur Pamplemousse*]
- **Bradford, Laura.** Emergency Dessert Squad [*Eclair and Present Danger*]
- **Brady, Jacklyn.** Piece of Cake mysteries [*A Sheetcake Named Desire*]
- **Buckley, Julia.** Undercover Dish mysteries [*The Big Chili*]
- **Burdette, Lucy.** Key West Food Critic mysteries [*An Appetite for Murder*]
- **Campion, Alexander.** Capucini series. [*The Grave Gourmet*]
- **Carl, JoAnna.** Chocoholic series [*The Chocolate Cat Caper*]
- **Cates, Bailey.** Magical Bakery [*Brownies and Broomsticks*]
- **Celine, Marie.** Gourmet Pet Chef series [*Dishing Up Death*]
- **Childs, Laura.** Tea Shop mysteries [*Death by Darjeeling*]

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- **Churchill, Jill.** Jane Jeffrey [*Grime and Punishment*]
- **Clark, Mary Jane Behrends.** Wedding Cake mysteries [*To Have and to Kill*]
- **Cochran, Peg.** Gourmet de-Lite [*Allergic to Death*]
- **Conant-Park, Jessica.** Gourmet Girl [*Steamed*]
- **Cook, J.J.** Biscuit Bowl Food Truck [*Death on Eat Street*]
- **Corrigan, Maya.** Five Ingredient mysteries [*By Cook or by Crook*]
- **Coyle, Cleo.** Coffeehouse series [*On What Grounds*]
- **Crawford, Isis.** Simmons sisters [*A Catered Murder*]
- **Davidson, Diane Mott.** Goldy Bear [*Catering to Nobody*]
- **Davis, Krista.** Domestic Diva [*The Diva Runs out of Thyme*]
- **Day, Maddie.** Country store mysteries [*Flipped for Murder*]
- **Desmet, Christine.** Fudge Shop series [*First Degree Fudge*]
- **Fairbanks, Nancy.** Carolyn Blue mysteries [*Crime Brulee*]
- **Fluke, Joanne.** Hannah Swenson series [*Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder*]
- **Genova, Rosie.** Italian Kitchen series [*Murder and Marinara*]
- **Greenwood, Kerry.** Corrina Chapman [*Earthly Delights*]
- **Hampton, Nell.** Kennsington Palace Chef novels [*Kale to the Queen*]
- **Hardy, Susannah.** Greek to Me series [*Feta Attraction*]
- **Herbert, A.L. Mahalia** Watkins Soul Food mysteries [*Murder with Fried Chicken and Waffles*]
- **Hollis, Lee.** Hayley Powell Food and Cocktail mysteries [*Death of a Kitchen Diva*]
- **Hyzy, Julie A.** White House Chef series [*State of the Onion*]
- **Johnson, Claire M.** Mary Ryan series [*Beat Until Stiff*]
- **Karst, Leslie.** Sally Solari series [*Dying for a Taste*]
- **Kilpack, Josi S.** Sadie Hoffmiller [*Lemon Tart*]
- **King, Peter.** Gourmet Detective series [*The Gourmet Detective*]
- **Lamalle, Cecile.** Charly Poisson [*Appetite for Murder*]
- **Lane, Kelly.** Olive Gove series [*One Foot in the Grove*]
- **Laurence, Janet.** Darina Lisle mysteries [*A Deepe Coffyn*]
- **Lee, Elizabeth.** Nut House series [*A Tough Nut to Kill*]
- **Leeson, Gayle.** Down South Café series [*The Calamity Cafe*]
- **Logan, Kiley.** Ethnic Eats [*Irish Stewed*]
- **London, Colette.** Chocolate Whisperer series [*Criminal Confections*]
- **Lowell, Virginia.** Cookie Cutter Shop [*Cookie Dough or Die*]
- **MacInerny, Karen.** Gray Whale Inn [*Murder on the Rocks*]
- **Mayle, Peter.** Sam Levitt series [*The Vintage Caper*]
- **McKinlay, Jenn.** Cupcake Bakery mysteries [*Sprinkle with Murder*]
- **Myers, Ann.** Santa Fe Café [*Bread of the Dead*]
- **Myers, Tamar.** Magdalena Yoder Pennsylvania Dutch series [*Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth*]
- **Oust, Gail.** Piper Prescott [*Rosemary and Crime*]
- **Page, Katherine Hall.** Faith Fairchild series [*The Body in the Big Apple*]
- Pence, Joanne. Angie Amalfi [*Something's Cooking*]
- **Pickens, Cathy.** Southern Fried mysteries [*Southern Fried*]
- **Pike, Penny.** Food Festival mysteries [*Death of a Crabby Cook*]

Drumming Circle with Zelda Hotaling



**Saturday, April 21st
2:00 PM**

Join us in creating a Drumming Circle at The Parker Library! When connecting with the drum beat you will feel a heart-opening vibration. As we connect with the sound and vibration, Zelda will share how to use drums and rattles for fun and healing.

Please bring any drums or rattles, if you have them. They will be provided for anyone who does not have them. This will be a heart-opening and playful experience for all.

Zelda Hotaling, raised in the Native American traditions of the Mohawk people, is from the Kahnawaka Reservation in Canada.

Zelda uses Crystal Bowls, Drums and Rattles to promote healing through sound vibration.

This program is for Adults and Teens. Registration is required.

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NEW ACQUISITIONS FICTION

Christian

- Lewis, Beverly. *The Road Home*
- Snelling, Lauraine. *A Breath of Hope*

Fantasy

- Carew, Leo. *The Wolf*
- Camp, Brian. *The City of Lost Fortunes*

General

- Cohen, Iris Martin. *The Little Clan*
- Hyde, Elizabeth. *Go Ask Fannie*
- Mayes, Frances. *Women in Sunlight*
- McCall-Smith, Alexander. *The Good Pilot Peter Woodhouse*
- Moore, Christopher. *Noir*

GLBT

- Leigh, Garret. *Soul to Keep*

Historical

- Frazier, Charles. *Varina*
- Sharratt, Mary. *Ecstasy: a novel*

Mystery

- Albert, Susan Wittig. *Queen Anne's Lace*

- Beaufort, Simon. *Mind of a Killer*
- Cameron, Stella. *Whisper the Dead*
- Chance, Maia. *Bad Neighbors*
- Chapman, Julia. *Date with Malice*
- Cleeves, Ann. *The Glass Room*
- Cleland, Jane K. *Antique Blues*
- Coyle, Cleo. *Shot in the Dark*
- Deaver, Jeffrey. *The Cutting Edge*
- Duncan, Elizabeth J. *The Marmalade Murders*
- Grimes, Martha. *Knowledge*
- Harris, C.S. *Why Kill the Innocent?*
- Hillerman, Anne. *Cave of Bones*
- Kerr, Philip. *Greeks Bearing Gifts*
- McKeveatt, G.A. *Hide and Sneak*
- Miller, Derek B. *American by Day*
- Oldham, Nick. *Bad Cops*
- Perry, Anne. *Twenty-one Days*
- Ross, Ann. B. *Miss Julia Raises the Roof*
- Shelton, Paige. *Lost Books and Old Bones*
- Slaughter, Karin. *The Good Daughter*

- Hannon, Irene. *Pelican Point*
- Laurens, Stephanie. *The Designs of Lord Randolph Cavanaugh*
- Thayer, Nancy. *A Nantucket Wedding*
- Ward, J.R. *Thief*

Short Stories

- Shriver, Lionel. *Property: Stories Between Two Novellas*
- Sittenfeld, Curtis. *You Think It, I'll Say It*

Suspense | Thriller

- Baldacci, David. *The Fallen*
- Clark, Mary Higgins. *I've Got My Eyes on You*
- Coulter, Catherine. *The Sixth Day*
- Dodd, Christina. *Dead Girl Running*
- Hooper, Kay. *Hold Back the Dark*
- Johansen, Iris. *Shattered Mirror*
- Nesbo, Jo. *MacBeth*
- Palmer, Michael. *First Family*
- Patterson, James. *The 17th Suspect*
- Sandford, John. *Twisted Prey*
- Scottoline, Lisa. *After Anna*
- Swanson, Pete. *All the Beautiful Lies*
- Woods, Stuart. *Shoot First*

Romance

- Carr, Robyn. *The Family Gathering*
- Dickey, Eric Jerome. *Bad Men and Wicked Women*

LARGE PRINTLP Fiction

- Albert, Susan Wittig. *Queen Ann's Lace*
- Baldacci, David. *The Fallen*
- Carroll, James. *The Cloister*
- Coulter, Catherine. *Enigma*
- Coulter, Catherine. *The Sixth Day*
- Deaver, Jeffery. *The Cutting Edge*
- Frazier, Charles. *Varina*
- Harper, Karen. *Shallow Grave*
- Hillerman, Anne. *Cave of Bones*
- Kerr, Philip. *Greeks Bearing Gifts*
- Leon, Donna. *The Temptation of Forgiveness*
- Mayes, Frances. *Women in Sunlight*
- Moore, Christopher. *Noir*
- Patterson, James. *Red Alert*
- Perry, Anne. *Twenty-one Days*
- Pronzini, Bill. *The Bag of Tricks Affair*
- Quick, Amanda. *The Girl Who Knew Too Much*
- Quindlen, Anna. *Alternate Side*
- Riley, Lucinda. *The Pearl Sisters: CeCe's Story*
- Sawyer, Kim Vogel. *Beneath a Prairie Moon*
- Scottoline, Lisa. *After Anna*

- Spillane, Mickey. *The Bloody Spurr*
- Washburn, Livia J. *The Great Chili Kill-Off*
- Woodhouse, Kimberly. *The Mayflower Bride*

LP Nonfiction

- Woods, Stuart. *Indecent Exposure*
- Albright, Madeleine. *Fascism: a Warning*
- Bastianich, Lydia Mat-
ticchio. *My American
Dream: a Life of Love,
Family, and Food*
- Honey, Michael K. *To
the Promised Land:
Martin Luther King and
the Fight for Economic
Justice*
- Kessler, Ronald. *Inside the Trump
White House: Chang-
ing the Rules of the
Game*
- McCain, John. *The
Restless Wave: Good
Times, Just Causes,
Great Fights and other
Appreciations*
- Shriver, Maria. *I've
Been Thinking: Reflec-
tions, Prayers and
Meditations for a
Meaningful Life*
- Smart, Elizabeth. *Where There's Hope:
Healing, Moving For-
ward, and Never Giv-
ing Up*
- Tate, Sheila. *The Lady
in Red: an Intimate
Portrait of Nancy
Reagan.*
- White, James. *Enduring Vietnam*
- Young, Kevin. *Bunk:
the Rise of Hoaxes,*

AUDIOBOOKSBooks on CD - Fiction

- Baldacci, David. *The Fallen*
- Clark, Mary Higgins. *I've Got My Eyes on You*
- Cleeves, Anne. *The Glass Room*
- Coulter, Cathe-
rine. *The Sixth Day*
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- Johansen, Iris. *Shattered Mirror*
- Mayes, Frances. *Women in Sunlight*
- Nesbo, Jo. *Macbeth*
- Sandford, John. *Twisted Prey*
- Scottoline, Lisa. *After Anna*
- Woods, Stuart. *Shoot First*

Playaways - Fiction

- Hooper, Kay. *Hold Back the Dark*
- Scottoline, Lisa. *After Anna*
- Woods, Stuart. *Shoot First*

NONFICTIONBusiness & Economics

- Elad, Joel. *Linkedin for Dummies*

Biography & Autobiog-
raphy

- Jamison, Leslie. *The*

Recovering: Intoxication
and It's Aftermat

- McNamara, Eileen. *Eunice: the Kennedy
Who Changed the
World*
- Michaelis, Arno. *The Gift of Our
Wounds: a Sikh and a
Former White Suprem-
acist Find Forgiveness
After Hate*
- Morten, Andrew. *Meghan: a Hollywood
Princess*
- Richards, Cecile. *Make Trouble: Stand-
ing Up, Speaking Out,
and Finding the Cour-
age -- to Lead My Life*
- Schechter, Harold. *Hell's Princess: the
Mystery of Belle Gun-
ness, Butcher of Men*

Cooking

- Cavallari, Kristin. *True
Roots: a Mindful Kitch-
en with More than 100
Recipes Free of Glu-
ten, Dairy, and Refined
Sugar*
- Morales, Natalie. *At
Home with Natalie:
Simple Recipes for
Healthy Living from My
Family's Kitchen
to Yours*

Family & Relationships

- Coles, Joanna. *Love
Rules: How to Find a
Real Relationship in a
Digital World*

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