

*Never apologize
for your reading
tastes.”*

- Betty Rosenberg

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Off the Shelf

Experience and research tell us that when a reader comes to the library, they have three things in their mind; the name of their favorite author, the question of whether or not their favorite author has a new book out; and, if they do, is it available to check-out. When the answer to either of those questions is no, the reader is stuck. What should he or she read next?

Over the course of last year, via a grant, the staff of the Dracut Library were trained in Readers' advisory services. Unlike most/librarian/reader transactions in the past, Readers' advisory services are reader-centered in that the readers' tastes, values, and desires determine which authors and titles are suggested. In order to get that information, the librarian must have a conversation with the reader. Since most people are pressed for time these days, we have designed an online reader survey in order to in order to deduce what kind of books you might like.

Everyone that fills out an online reader survey will receive five title recommendations based on the preferences that you listed in your survey. Readers will receive their recommendations either via email or in person at the library, within ten business days.

Currently there are four members of the staff that answer online reader surveys, with more being trained each month. We identify ourselves when we respond to you. It is our hope to start a relationship with our readers where we will fine-tune the recommendations that we make over time, establishing a relationship where you trust us and our recommendations.

Many readers (particularly fiction readers) are embarrassed by their reading preferences. There is no need to be. Your online profile will be used in the strictest of confidences, and we are not judging. To quote Betty Rosenberg, a prominent library science educator, *“Never apologize for your reading tastes.”*

I encourage you to look for the “To Be Read” logo on our



website, and to fill out a reader profile. Let's start talking about books!

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



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

We know that you love the programs, events, books, DVDs, etc. that we provide. But in the chaos of everyday life, we don't always take the time to share with one another. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) wants to make sure that libraries get some LOVE this Valentine's Day, so they've launched the #LibraryLove campaign.

Now through February 14th, stop by the library and fill out a Valentine at one of the public service desks. We will return completed cards to the MBLC who will, in turn, share them with our legislators. So, whether your love for the library was *written in the stars*, or whether we're *top in your book* --- now's the chance to let us know!



Meet the Staff... YoungOak Lim



Welcome to our new column: *Meet the Staff!* Each month, we will feature a different staff member. Make sure to say hello to them whenever you see them.

This month, we would like you to meet YoungOak Lim, our newest Adult Page. YoungOak grew up in South Korea and moved to the United States in 1990. She had taken courses in English while in South Korea.

Once in the U.S., she continued to learn the language through books, movies, and good friends. Libraries have always been YoungOak's sanctuaries and she has sought them out wherever she's gone.

Visiting the world through books, she would say to herself, "Where am I going to go today?"

Working at a library has been her dream job. She

wants to tell everyone, "Here's a good book. You can go to the places you dream about." She also wants to share that books and libraries are important tools for learning. They allow us to connect with each other no matter where we are.

We are thrilled that YoungOak is here ... and we are sure that you will be too. Make sure to say hello the next time that you see her at the Circulation Desk!

FRIENDS CORNER



February is *Friends of the Library Sign-Up Month*. Become a Friend during the month of February, or renew your membership, and be entered into a free drawing for a basket of goodies!

The Friends enhance the effectiveness of the Library by providing financial and volunteer support. This support makes possible educational and public service programs for adults, teens, and children, as well as museum passes, computer workstations, equipment, and furniture for the Library.

Friends meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the M.G. Parker Memorial Library conference room on the main level. Please note that there will be no February meeting.

The FODL is a publicly funded 501 C3 organization. Donors may deduct contributions only to the extent that their contributions are gifts with no considerations received.

Membership applications are available at the Library. Join today!

PJ FUNDRAISER

This year, the Friends of the Library are participating in the Bruins Pajama Drive. The PJ Drive provides new pajamas to children in need across Massachusetts.

The PJ drive is sponsored by the Boston Bruins, Cradles to Crayons, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), the Department of Children and Families, Freihofer's Bakery and Roche Bros.

The top three libraries will win prizes, which include a visit from a member of the Bruins, a visit from the Bruins Bear, and various Bruins related materials. Pajamas can be dropped off in the box in our front foyer, through March 15th.

Everyone that donates pajamas will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25.00 gift certificate to Mama's Restaurant in Dracut.



New Acquisitions

NEW FICTION ADDED - FEBRUARY 2017

Fantasy

- Brodsky, Jordanna Max. *Winter of the Gods*
- Brujold, Lois McMaster. *Penric and the Shaman*
- Kadrey, Richard. *The Wrong Dead Guy*

General Fiction

- Hepworth, Sally. *The Mother's Promise*
- Lipman, Elinor. *On Turpentine Lane*

Historical Fiction

- Blackwell, Elizabeth. *In the Shadow of Lakecrest*
- Heynes, Michiel. *The Typewriter's Tale*
- Hunter, Walker. *We're the Lucky Ones*
- Jenoff, Pam. *The Orphan's Tale*
- Lovett, Charlie. *The Lost Book of the Grail*
- Pears, Tim. *The Horseman*
- Rosson, Keith. *The Mercy of the Tide* [Alternative History]
- Ryan, Jennifer. *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir*
- Umansky, Ellen. *The Fortunate Ones*

Literary

- Coetzee, J.M. *Schooldays of Jesus*
- Drabble, Margaret. *The Dark Flood Rises*
- Eyre Ward, Amanda. *The Nearness of You*
- Fuller, Claire. *Swimming Lessons*
- Grossman, David. *A Horse Walks Into a Bar*
- Hogan, Ruth. *The Keeper of Lost Things*
- Lee Min Jin. *Pachinko*
- Lovett, Charlie. *The Lost Book of the Grail*
- Omotoso, Yewande. *The Woman Next Door*
- Pears, Tim. *The Horseman*
- Shepard, Sam. *The One Inside*
- Smith, Ali. *Autumn*
- Umansky, Ellen. *The Fortunate Ones*

Mystery

- Armstrong, Kelley. *A Darkness Absolute*
- Bldel, Sara. *The Lost Woman*
- Brody, Francis. *A Death in Dales*

- Coleman, Reed Farrel. *What You Break*
- Karst, Leslie. *A Measure for Murder*
- Kent, Kathleen. *The Dime*

Romance

- Andrews, V.C. *Broken Glass*
- Feehan, Christine. *Power Game*
- Grant, Donna. *The Protector*
- Harper, Karen. *Drowning Tides*
- Jio, Sarah. *Always*
- Kinsella, Sophie. *My Not So Perfect Life*
- Mallery, Susan. *A Million Little Things*
- Marion, Isaac. *The Burning World*

Short Stories

- Daltow, Ellen. *Black Feathers: Dark Avian Tales: An Anthology*

Suspense | Thrillers

- Black, Lisa. *Unpunished*
- Brundage, Elizabeth. *All Things Cease to Appear*
- Harper, Karen. *Drowning Tides*
- Herron, Mick. *Spook Street*

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- Kellerman, Jonathan. *Heartbreak Hotel*
- Mackintosh, Clare. *I See You*
- Rosson, Keith. *The Mercy of the Tide*
- Santiago, Mikel. *The Last Night at Tremore Beach*

NEW AUDIOBOOKS

Books on CD - Fiction

- Andrews, Donna. *The Penguin Who Knew Too Much*
- Beaton, M.C. *Death of a Ghost*
- Black, Lisa. *Unpunished*
- Davis, Krista. *Mission Impawsible*
- Drabble, Margaret. *The Dark Flood Rises*
- Hepworth, Sally. *The Mother's Promise*
- Kellerman, Jonathan. *Heartbreak Hotel*
- Lee, Min Jin. *Pachinko*
- Lipman, Elinor. *On Turpentine Lane*
- Lovett, Charlie. *The Lost Book of the Grail*
- McKinlay, Jenn. *Going, Going, Ganache*
- McKinlay, Jenn. *Sugar and Iced*

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Meier, Leslie. *St. Patrick's
Day Murder*

O'Connor, Carlene.
Murder at an Irish Wedding

Books on CD - Nonfiction

- Mishra, Pankaj. *Age of Anger: a History of the Present*
- Phelps, M. William. *Don't Tell a Soul*
- Tyson, Timothy B. *The Blood of Emmett Till*

NEW NONFICTION - ADDED FEBRUARY 2017

- Desmond, Matthew. *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*
- Frankel, Glenn. *High Noon: The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of an American Classic*
- Friedman, Barry. *Unwarranted: Policing without Permission*
- Gullit, Ruud. *How to Watch Soccer*
- Lee, Jen Grondahl. *Preventing Credit Card Fraud: a Complete Guide for Everyone from Merchants to Consumers*
- McConnell, Patricia B. *The Education of Will: a Mutual Memoir of a Woman and Her Dog*
- Millman, Lawrence. *At the End of the World: a*

*True Story of Murder in
the Arctic*

- Murphy, Elizabeth U. *How to Age-Proof Your Dog: the Art and Science of Successful Canine Aging*
- Orr, David. *You Too, Could Write a Poem*
- Rydell, Anders. *The Book Thieves: The Nazi Looting of Europe's Libraries and the Race to Return a Literary Inheritance*
- Saldana, Stephanie. *A Country Between: Making a Home Where Both Sides of Jerusalem Collide*
- Snyder, Mariza. *Smart Mom's Guide to Essential Oils*
- Sonenshein, Scott. *Stretch: Unlock the Power of Less -- and Achieve More Than You Ever Imagined*
- Spruill, Marjorie J. *Divided We Stand: the Battle Over Women's Rights and Family Values that Polarized American Politics*
- Stone, Geoffrey R. *Sex and the Constitution*
- Underwood, Kass. *May Cause Love: an Unexpected Journey of Enlightenment After Abortion*

MUSEUM PASS OF THE MONTH : MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

February vacation is just around the corner and we know that you don't want to be stuck in the house all week. Why not visit the Museum of Science using one of the library's museum passes!

Regular admission is \$25.00 per adult, \$20.00 per child, and \$21.00 per senior citizen. Our Museum of Science pass admits up to four (4) people at \$10.00 per person, paid at the museum. The pass does not cover special exhibits.

Use of our Museum passes is heavy during school vacations. Visit our website to reserve your copy.

Our museum passes are generously funded by the *Friends of Dracut Library*.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday March 8, 2017
at 4:30 pm. Director's
Office. Open Meeting.

President's Day

The Library will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents Day.

Late Opening

The Library will be closed from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 23rd,.