

Book Sale



Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

You may have noticed a new display case near the elevator on the first floor. This beauty was given to us by the Burlington Public Library and was picked up and delivered, by Ed Patenaude and his guys at the Dracut DPW. We're thankful to them for helping us out.

This new case will be used to display Staff Picks. Patrons frequently ask us what we're reading and what we've enjoyed. This is a way for us to offer you books that have become our favorites. Each month, two staff members will highlight their favorite titles on this display case. Each book will have a bookmark in it, indicating which staff member has designated it as a favorite. For the month of April, the Staff Picks have been chosen by our Assistant Director, Diane Annunziato and me.

I have enjoyed revisiting some of my favorite titles while putting together this display. I thought that I would share a few of them with you here, in this column. Make sure to visit

the display so that you can see Diane's favorites as well.

Abraham, Pearl. *The Romance Reader*

"In one of the most exciting debuts in years, Pearl Abraham--who grew up in a Hasidic community herself--presents the story of Rachel, a girl caught between the strictly controlled world of ultra Orthodox Judaism and the seductive yearnings of her own heart. Both a coming-of-age story and a brave, beautifully rendered expose of a hidden, insular world . . . heartrending."
[From the Publisher]

Barker, Emily Croy. *The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic*

"Only magic will set Nora Fischer free in an alternate fairy tale world that offers anything but 'happily ever after.' Illiterate women roam this world gone wrong, and men's spells hold the world in submission. When a mysterious magician teaches Nora the magic she needs to survive, a sudden doorway back to her world suddenly looks like one she may not want to go through."



[From the Publisher]

King, Cassandra. *The Same Sweet Girls*

"None of the Same Sweet Girls are really girls anymore and none of them have actually ever been that sweet. But this Spirited group of Southern women, who have been holding biannual reunions ever since they were together in college, are nothing short of compelling."
[From the Publisher]

Markovitz, Anouk. *I Am Forbidden*

"A novel spanning four decades, from pre-World War II Transylvania to contemporary New York, looks at the cause and effect of both belief and non-belief within the Jewish religion, in a tale that focuses on the relationship of two sisters within a Hasidic sect."
[From the Publisher]

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Rice, Anne. *The Witching Hour*

"Demonstrating, once again, her gift for spell-binding storytelling and the creation of legend, Anne Rice makes real for us a great dynasty of witches--a family given to poetry and to incest, to murder and to philosophy; a family that, over the ages, is itself haunted by a powerful, dangerous, and seductive being." [From the Publisher]

Samuel, Barbara.
The Goddesses of Kitchen Avenue

"46-year-old Trudy tries to put her life back together with the help of her friends on Kitchen Avenue in Pueblo, Colo. Trudy wants to forget Rick, who cheated on her for months before she found a series of incriminating e-mails, but she still loves him desperately and can't give up hope that they might get back together. With plenty of free time on her hands-her three children are mostly grown and her job as a university secretary is undemanding-she finds herself wondering whether it's too late to travel to Spain and study poetry, and got pregnant." [Publisher's Weekly]

things she planned to do before she married Rick

Tyler, Anne. *Digging to America*

"Two families, who would otherwise never have come together, meet by chance at the Baltimore airport-the Donaldsons, a very American couple, and the Yazdams, Maryam's fully assimilated son and his attractive Iranian American wife. Each couple is awaiting the arrival of an adopted infant daughter from Korea. After the babies from distant Asia are delivered, Bitsy Donaldson impulsively invites the Yazdams to celebrate with an "arrival party," an event that is repeated every year as the two families become more deeply intertwined. Even independent-minded Maryam is drawn in. But only up to a point."

[From the Publisher]

I hope that you enjoy the Staff Picks throughout the coming months.

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

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Native American Drums are here!



Libraries all over the world are beginning to collect and circulate "Libraries of Things." These collections give patrons access to a large spectrum of items.

Here in Dracut, the first items we've added to our Library of Things are three handmade, Native American Drums. These drums will become available for check-out on Saturday, April 28th.

We have three drums; two 14" and one 12" drum. Each family may have only one drum checked out at a time. You must be 18 years of age to check out one of our drums. Drums will be available only to Dracut residents through October 2018, and to all MVLC cardholders after that date.

Native American drums will circulate for two weeks and are not renewable.

They are holdable. Holds should be placed through our online catalog, the same way that you would place a hold on any other item. To find them in the catalog, do a keyword search for "Native American Drums." A full copy of the Borrowing Agreement is available on our website, under "Forms and Policies."

In the future, you can look forward to the ability to borrow ukuleles, sewing machines, a giant wooden puzzle, a bocci set, and more! Don't forget that we already circulate cake pans, a telescope, and Launchpads!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
5/9/18 at 4:30 PM in the Director's Office. *Open Meeting*

The Library will be CLOSED on Wed, 5/2/18 so that the staff may participate in professional development.

Last Saturday Open for season - May 19th

Memorial Day - CLOSED
Monday, May 28th.

AUTHOR VISIT: MICHAEL PONSOR

**Monday, May 14th
6:30 PM**

Ponsor's unique novels are told from the point of view of a sitting federal court judge. There is no doubt about the authenticity of these tales, as they are based on Michael Ponsor's own experiences as a United States District Court Judge in the western region of Massachusetts.

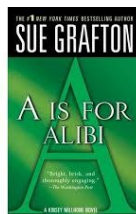
The Hanging Judge, first in the series, offers an unprecedented inside view of a federal death penalty case. *The One-Eyed Judge*, second in the series, covers the case of a respected academic arrested for possession of illicit material. As with life, both novels have unexpected complications.

One of the best parts of an evening with this author is the Q&A! Judge Ponsor is open to questions and discussion on many topics.

There will be a book signing following the program. Limited quantities of books will be available for sale. We will be meeting in the Fireplace Room.

DEADLY PLEASURES MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

We are a group of mystery readers that meet monthly to discuss mysteries. Alternating months, we either all read the same title, or all read within the same sub-genre.



On **May 15th**, we will meet at **6:30 PM** in the Fireplace Room, to discuss Sue Grafton's *A Is for Alibi*.

If you have any questions prior to that date, contact the Library Director, Nanci Milone Hill, at 978-454-5474, extension 301.

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DATABASE SPOTLIGHT

Small Business Resource Center is a comprehensive database that covers all aspects of starting and operating a business, including accounting, finance, human resources, management, marketing, tax, and more. It combines authoritative periodical and reference content to support prospective and current entrepreneurs as well as business students. Experience an easy-to-browse interface mapped to four key stages-plan, fund, start, and manage-to fit your research needs at any point in your business's development.

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TRUSTEES

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- Bragg, Rick. *The Best Cook in the World: Tales from My Mom-ma's Table*
- Charan, Ram. *The High-Potential Leader: How to Grow Fast, Take on New Responsibilities, and Make an Impact*
- Kessler, Ronald. *The Trump White House: Changing the Rules of the Game*
- Schechter, Harold. *Hell's Princess: the Mystery of Belle Gunness, Butcher of Men*
- Sher, Alison Lea. *The Millennial's Guide to Changing the World: a New Generation's Handbook to Being Yourself and Living with Purpose*
- Simpson, Stephen. *Defending Free Speech: Selected Commentary by the Ayn Rand Institute*
- Tate, Sheila. *Lady in Red: an Intimate Portrait of Nancy Reagan*
- Thompson, Laura. *Agatha Christie: a Mysterious Life*
- Wamariya, Cleman-tine. *The Girl Who Smiled Beads: a Story of War and What Comes After*

Playaways - Fiction

- Andrews, Mary Kay. *The High Tide Club*
- Koontz, Dean. *The Crooked Staircase*
- Pronzini, Bill. *Give-A-Damn Jones*

NONFICTION

Autobiography | Biography

- Ashcraft, Tami Oldham. *Adrift*
- Baker, Jess. *Land-whale: On Turning Insults into Nick-names, Why Body Image is Hard, and How Diets Can Kiss My Ass*
- Clapper, James R. *Facts and Fears: Hard Truths from a Life in Intelligence*
- Itzkoff, Dave. *Robin*
- Kennedy, Robert F. *RFK: His Words for Our Times*
- Linder, Lorin. *Birds of Feather: a True Story of Hope and the Healing Powers of Animals*
- Pataki, Allison. *Beauty in the Broken Places: a Memoir of Love, Faith, and Resilience*
- Pollan, Michael. *How to Change Your Mind*
- Marwan, Hisham. *Brothers of the Gun*
- McCain, John. *The Restless Wave: Good Times, Just Causes, Great Fights, and Other Appreciations*
- McFaul, Michael. *From Cold War to Hot Peace: the Inside Story of Russia and America*
- Moore, Darnell L. *No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black & Free in America*

Business | Economics

- Kofman, Fred. *The Meaning Revolution: the Power of Transcendent Leadership*

Cooking

- Bailey, Clare. *The Clever Gut Diet Cookbook*
- Comerford, Hope. *Fix-It and Forget-It Slow Cooker Crowd Pleasers for the*
- Le Caisne, Arthur. *Secrets of the Butcher: How to Select, Cut, Prepare, and Cook Every Type of Meat*
- Myers, Amy D. *The Autoimmune Solution Cookbook*
- Sarno, Chad. *The Wicked Healthy Cookbook: Free. From. Animals*
- Sernaglia, Carlo. *Margaritaville: the Cookbook*
- Theasby, Ian. *Bosh!: Simple Recipes* Amazing Food* All Plants*

Essays

- Sedaris, David. *Calypso*

For a complete list of all Nonfiction titles due to arrive in May 2018, please visit us online and click on the link for the May 2018 newsletter.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

FICTION

Comics | Graphic Novels

- Avillez, Joana. *D C-t!*
- Bendis, Brian Michael. *Jessica Jones: Avenger*
- Bendis, Brian Michael. *Jessica Jones, 2: The Secret of Maria Hill*
- Bendis, Brian Michael. *Jessica Jones, v. 1: Alias*
- Bendis, Brian Michael. *Jessica Jones Vol 2: Alias*
- Bendis, Brian Michael. *Jessica Jones Vol 4: Alias*
- Bendis, Brian Michael. *Jessica Jones Vol. 3: Return of the Purple Man*
- Bunn, Cullen. *The Fearless Defenders, Vol. 2:*
- Coates, Ta-Nahisi. *Black Panther, A Nation Under Our Feet, Book 1*
- Coates, Ta-Nahisi. *Black Panther, A Nation Under Our Feet, Book 3*
- Gaiman, Neil. *Shadows (American Gods)*
- Gooch, Chris. *Bottled*
- Glass, Adam. *Luke Cage: Avenger*
- King, Tom. *Batman Vol. 5: Rules of Engagement (Rebirth)*
- Kominsky-Crumb, Aline. *Love that Bunch*

- Kraft, David Anthony. *Marvel Masterworks: The Defenders, Vol. 6*
- Kupperman, Michael. *All the Answers*
- McGregor, Don. *Black Panther, Book 2: A Nation Under Our Feet*
- McLauren, Marc. *Luke Cage. N.V. 1, Second Chances*
- Mignola, Mike. *Hellboy Omnibus Volume 1: Seed of Destruction*
- Pingru, Rao. *Our Story: a Memoir of Love and Life in China*
- Snyder, Scott. *Dark Days: The Dark Days: the Road to Metal*
- Walker, David F. *Luke Cage, Vol 2: Caged!*
- Walker, David F. *Luke Cage: Sins of the Father*

Fantasy

- Harris, Joanne M. *The Testament of Loki*
- Holmberg, Charlie N. *The Plastic Magician*
- Kenyan, Sherrilyn. *Death Doesn't Bargain(Deadman's Cross, #2)*
- Kuing, R.F. *Poppy War*
- Lawhead, Steve. *In the Region of the Summer Stars*

General

- Connolly, John. *He*
- Duchovny, David. *Miss Subways*
- Francis, Wendy. *The Summer Sail*
- Hayworth, Sarah. *The Cactus*
- McCauley, Stephen. *My Ex-Life*
- Munroe, Mary Alice. *Beach House Reunion*
- Ondaatje, Michael. *Warlight*
- Palahniuk, Chuck. *Adjustment Day*

Historical

- Buckley, Chris. *Judge Hunter*
- Pears, Tim. *The Wanderers*
- Weir, Alison. *Jane Seymour, the Haunted Queen*

Mystery

- Brown, Rita Mae. *Probable Claws (Mrs. Murphy, #27)*
- Fletcher, Jessica. *Murder She Wrote: A Date with Murder (Murder She Wrote, #47)*
- Flower, Amanda. *Flowers and Foul Play (Magic Garden, #1)*
- Haines, Carolyn. *Charmed Bones (Sarah Booth Delaney, #18)*
- McPherson, Catriona. *Scot Free*

- Page, Nora. *Better off Read (Bookmobile, #1)*
- Parker, Robert B. *Robert B. Parker's Old Black Magic (Spencer, #46)*
- Patterson, James. *Princess (Private, #14)*
- Pozsch, Oliver. *The Council of Twelve (Hangman's Daughter, #7)*
- Street, Karen Lee. *Edgar Allen Poe and the Jewel of Peru (Poe and Dupin, #2)*
- Thompson, Victoria. *Murder on Union Square (Gaslight, #21)*

Romance

- Andrews, Mary Kay. *High Tide Club*
- Clark, Mindy Starns. *The Amish Quilter (Women of Lancaster County, #5)*
- Clipston, Amy. *Room on the Porch Swing (Amish Homestead, #2)*
- Denton, Laura. *Hurricane Season*
- Evans, Richard Paul. *Forgotten Road*
- Ganshert, Katie. *No One Ever Asked*
- Kingsbury, Karen. *To the Moon and Back (Baxter Family, #3)*

- Quick, Amanda. *The Other Lady Vanishes*
- Roberts, Nora. *Shelter in Place*
- Seel, Danielle. *The Cast*
- Warren, Susan. *May. Storm Front*
- Wax, Wendy. *Best Beach Ever*

Science Fiction

- Asher, Neal. *The Soldier: Rise of the Jain, Book One*
- Davenport, Emily. *Medussa Uploaded* (Medussa, #1)
- Older, Daniel Jose. *Last Shot* (Star Wars: Han and Lando, #1)
- Scalzi, John. *Head On* (Lock In, #2)

Suspense | Thrillers

- Bell, Ted. *Overkill* (Alex Hawke, #10)
- Bond, Larry. *Arctic Gambit*
- Cussler, Clive. *Gray Ghost*
- Dekker, Ted. *The 49th Mystery*
- Graham, Heather. *Fade to Black*
- Koontz, Dean. *Crooked Staircase*
- Ware, Ruth. *Death of Mrs. Westaway*

Westerns

- Pronzini, Bill. *Give-A-Damn Jones*

LARGE PRINT

Large Print Fiction

- Andrews, Mary Kay. *High Tide Club*
- Canadeo, Anne. *Knit to Kill*
- Carr, Robin. *Family Gathering*
- Erkhart, Peggy. *Murder, She Knit*
- Evans, Richard Paul. *The Broken Road*
- Evans, Richard Paul. *The Forgotten Road*
- Frank, Dorothea Benton. *By Invitation Only*
- Johansen, Iris. *Shattered Mirror*
- Laurens, Stephanie. *The Designs of Lord Randolph Cavanaugh*
- Palmer, Michael. *The First Family*
- Parker, Robert B. *Robert Parker's Old Black Magic*
- Patterson, James. *The 17th Suspect*
- Quick, Amanda. *The Other Lady Vanishes*
- Sandford, John. *Twisted Prey*
- Smith, Alexander McCall. *The Good Pilot Peter Woodhouse*
- Steel, Danielle. *The Cast*
- Weir, Alison. *Jane Seymour, the Haunted Queen*

Large Print Nonfiction

- Kennedy, Robert F. *American Values: Lessons I Learned from*

My Family

- Fox, Emily Jane. *Born Trump: Inside America's First Family*
- Zheutlin, Peter. *Rescued: What Second-Chance Dogs Teach Us About Living with Purpose, Loving with Abandon, and Finding Joy in the Little Things*

AUDIOBOOKS

Books on CD - Fiction

- Albert, Susan Wittig. *The Darling Dahlias and the Unlucky Clover*
- Andrews, Donna. *Stork Raving Mad*
- Andrews, Mary Kay. *High Tide Club*
- Cass, Laurie. *Cat with a Clue*
- Clipston, Amy. *Room on the Porch Swing*
- Craig, Christie. *Divorced, Desperate and Dangerous*
- Craig, Christie. *Divorced, Desperate and Dating*
- Craig, Christie. *Divorced, Desperate and Dead*
- Craig, Christie. *Divorced, Desperate and Deceived*
- Graham, Heather. *Fade to Black*
- Griffith, Nicola. *So Lucky*
- Kenyon, Sherrilyn. *Death Doesn't Bargain: a Deadman's Cross novel*

- Kingsbury, Karen. *To the Moon and Back*
- Koontz, Dean. *Dark Rivers of the Heart*
- Koontz, Dean. *Fear Nothing*
- Koontz, Dean. *Intensity*
- Lackey, Mercedes. *Arrow's Flight*
- L'Engle, Madeleine. *Certain Women*
- L'Engle, Madeleine. *The Small Rain*
- Meyerson, Amy. *The Bookshop of Yesterdays*
- Patterson, James. *Princess*
- Phillips, Caryl. *A View of the Empire at Sunset*
- Pilcher, Rosamunde. *The Blue Bedroom and Other Stories*
- Pilcher, Rosamunde. *The Day of the Storm*
- Pilcher, Rosamunde. *Flowers in the Rain & Other Stories*
- Pilcher, Rosamunde. *Wild Mountain Thyme*
- Quick, Amanda. *The Other Lady Vanishes*
- Robert, Katee. *The Surviving Girls*
- Roberts, Nora. *Shelter in Place*

Books on CD - Nonfiction

- Albright, Madeleine. *Fascism: a Warning*
- Arnaz, Desi. *A Book*
- Ball, Lucy. *Love, Lucy*
- Bastianich, Lidia Matticchio. *My American Dream: a Life of Love, Family, and Food*

