

Preview Shelf Articles 2017

Preview Shelf: December 2017

December 28, 2017



By Mary Rice

Did you receive a new e-device for Christmas? Need a hand getting started using it? CDPL will host a special holiday session of our Digital-Drop-In this Saturday, December 30, in the library's main lobby from 1-4 p.m. Our Digital Initiatives Librarian, Angela White, and technology assistant, Alex Hughes, will be available to provide technology assistance to our patrons. Can't make it on Saturday? We will continue hosting our Digital Drop-In at its normally-scheduled time, every Wednesday from 4-6 p.m.

Wellness Letter at CDPL

So, how healthy do you feel? Is the recent cold weather making you wonder if you and your family will contract the flu this year? Do you feel you make wise decisions regarding your health, or possibly your family's health? The Crawfordsville District Public Library has a wonderful resource that you might consider reviewing. The Wellness Letter, published by the University of California-Berkeley School of Public Health, is an 8-page monthly newsletter full of interesting and useful health information! In the latest edition, you can read about how the combination of your waist measurement and your height might be the single best clinical indicator of health risk. And did you know that about one-third of dementia cases might be potentially prevented by improving nine modifiable risk factors?

This latest edition also has an article concerning recent cardiovascular research on the association between alcohol and the cardiovascular system. What's nice about this newsletter, is that it is written for the average man or woman and not necessarily for only the medical professionals. So no need to get out your medical dictionary when reading this resource! But, if you'd like to look at a medical dictionary, we have those too!

Do you eat kosher foods? In this month's newsletter you can read several claims that have been made about kosher foods, and the reality behind those claims. So, is eating kosher beef going to protect you from mad cow disease? And what makes something qualify as kosher? You might be surprised to find out!

In each of the Wellness Letters you will find a page entitled, "Ask the Experts." The three questions asked in this particular issue are:

1. Does the temperature of the water matter when washing your hands?
2. Is moderate alcohol consumption good or bad for the brain?

3. Will the herbal remedy Myrtol 300 treat colds, as advertised?

If you aren't up on the latest in medical studies, each Wellness Letter includes a "Wellness Made Easy" section that briefly details and summarizes a few studies. This month's topics include the following:

1. Older people who consume a Mediterranean-style diet may reduce their risk of cognitive decline.
2. If you have sleep problems and often use a digital device during the hours before bedtime, see if it has a night mode setting and turn it on.
3. If you're watching your weight, don't overlook the calories from milk, cream, and sweeteners (including flavored syrups) that you add to your coffee or tea.
4. Postmenopausal women—especially those who are obese—may cut their risk of endometrial (uterine) cancer by losing weight.

There are a number of topics covered in each of the Wellness Letters. If you don't have a lot of time to read up on these types of questions, this is the newsletter for you! You can easily skim through this newsletter and look for topics that are of interest to you and your family. You will find the Wellness Letters in the second floor Reference Collection. Please ask for assistance locating these items at the Reference Desk.

December 21, 2017

Christopher Robin Writes About "The Enchanted Places"

A Memoir of Christopher Robin and Winnie-the-Pooh



By Dianne Combs, Reference & Local History Assistant

Having played "Poohsticks" for years with my children at Milligan Park, we were all delighted when we heard about the new film about Christopher Robin, "Goodbye Christopher Robin." My adult children will probably insist that I buy the DVD, since we may not see the movie together beforehand in the theater. Before I see it, though, I'll be sure to read "The Enchanted Places" by Christopher Milne, the real Christopher Robin, found in our biography section at CDPL (921 Milne, C.).

Imagine that your entire young life has been written about, illustrated, published, and loved by generations around the world. Imagine you are a young man, being accosted by fans throughout your life who want to know all about your precious bear, Winnie-the-Pooh. Christopher Milne, the real Christopher Robin, lived that life and wrote his memoir to share it with us: "The Enchanted Places." To an American reader, Christopher lived the quintessential English life. A home in London, with domestic servants, a cook, and a nanny. A regimented life where he "met"

with his parents during certain parts of the day, and spent the rest of his time in his nursery. He attended the local grammar school and then at about age nine, he left for boarding school. He could bear the trip to school because he and his father, A.A. Milne, could spend time talking without any interference.

The stories which acquainted us with Christopher's life were mostly written about the time the family spent living in Cotchford Farm, south of London. Here he and Nanny wandered hither and yon across the fields and through the woods, which we would later come to love as the "Hundred Acre Wood." There he would climb trees with his bear, Pooh, and sometimes settle in for a cosy time inside a hollowed out tree. From chapter 9: "So if anyone wonders why in the stories so much time seems to be spent in trees or up trees, the answer is that this, in real life, was how it was."

Many times throughout this memoir, I find that Christopher writes with the voice of his father. A soft, gentle voice, relating the tenderness and innocence of childhood. Personifying his toys, and his pets, bringing us into his circle of intimacy. Christopher describes his father several times as a man who had great feelings, but never let them show. His feelings came out in his writings. Christopher adored his father, and felt that his father relived his childhood while following along with, and writing about, his son's.

If you find you just must know more than this book relates about the Milne family, we also have the book "A.A. Milne: the Man Behind Pooh," (921 Milne, A. A.) by Ann Thwaite. If you are overcome with a childlike desire to re-read Milne's beloved stories, we have many to choose from in the Children's department. A collection of stories, "Winnie the Pooh," illustrated by E. H. Shepherd, is available online through our e-book provider OverDrive. Please contact the Reference staff at 362-2242 ext. 117 for more information or assistance with using OverDrive.

December 14, 2017



By Lynette Ziuchkovski, Reference & Local History Librarian

This time of year many of us hit the road to go see family and friends. Often times, this is with a car or van full of people of various interests and ages. It can be stressful, but let us at CDPL help entertain you and your van as you travel. The best part of digital items you check out is that they are free, you can check anywhere you have internet connection, and you don't have to worry with returning the item, or keeping track of it while traveling.

Hoopla Digital has a wide variety of movies, audiobooks, and music for just about everyone. Each card holder in your family can check out up to five items at one time ensuring that you will have enough media to keep you going all the way to Grandma's house and back!

Family friendly movie offerings include:

documentary of the making of "Hamilton" by Lin-Manuel Miranda called simply "Hamilton" for the family that loves Broadway.

“Igor” which is an animated movie about a little hunchback lab assistant who has dreams of becoming an evil scientist himself, and winning the “Evil Science Fair”.

Rather have a book be read to you, try these eAudiobooks:

“The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe” by C.S .Lewis. Travel with into the land of Narnia and discover what strength can be mustered when siblings work as a team.

“A Bear Called Paddington” by Michael Bond is the perfect travel companion. This bear is always up for an adventure and friendship.

“Wind in the Willows” by Kenneth Grahame is the eternal classic tale of friendship and adventure. The perfect mix of fast pace and slow motion; this is a classic for all ages.

Ready for some dancing in your seat, or singing along? Hoopla has Music. Try these:

“Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas” by MGM Studio Chorus includes all the songs from the classic book and animated movie.

“Charlie Brown Christmas” by Vince Guaraldi Trio is jazzy and fun with songs both adults and children will recognize and love.

“African Christmas: Christmas Favorites with an African Beat” that is upbeat and peppy. Great to dance to, and sing along with.

Need a book to read when here, there, or everywhere? Here are some favorites in eBook:

“The Polar Express” by Chris Van Allsburg with a full cast of readers composed by Rob Kapilow.

“The Diary of a Wimpy Kid” series by Jeff Kinney is a favorite of readers in the intermediate ages. Part comic book with lots of pictures, part novel this book series is a hit for reluctant readers.

“Moana” by Alessandro Ferrari is a comic book that will be a hit for anyone that has an adventurous heart and a desire to explore.

“Baby Blues: Gross!” by Jerry Scott and Rick Kirkman is a comic book for all ages, but especially the adults who will get the humor that while the kids enjoy the pictures.

Have questions about Hoopla, our e-book, e-audio, downloadable music and streaming video provider? Or maybe you have questions about OverDrive, our newest e-book service with an additional 32,000 popular e-book titles for our patrons. Please call our reference desk staff at 765-362-2242 ext. 117 for more information on these or other library services. Happy Holidays from CDPL!

December 7, 2017

A Christmas Gala



By Angela White, Digital Initiatives Librarian

In July, we here at CDPL took a chance and held a ballroom dancing event and it was an absolute blast. We had so much fun, in fact, we are doing it again! This time we're celebrating the Christmas season with a bit of beauty, fun, and the warmth of our community.

So strap on your dancing shoes and start practicing your best dance moves because the Crawfordsville District Public Library along with the Masonic Temple is holding its second ballroom dance fundraiser. Again, the generous instructors at local dance studio, Dancing Raine Studios, have offered to donate their time and skill to give a lesson and help us host this exciting ballroom dance fundraiser. You can learn more about Dancing Raine at their website: www.dancingraine.com.

Now don't fret, you do not need any ballroom experience or even a partner to attend. Ballroom dance does require a bit of movement on the floor so your shoes are important. Ballroom dance shoes or any leather bottomed or felt bottomed shoes will fit the bill nicely. We are going a little bit fancier this time: longer dresses and suits. Just make sure you can move in your clothes. In addition to social dancing, guests will enjoy light refreshments, good music, and champagne.

The event will be held at the beautiful Masonic Temple on Friday, December 15, 2017. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing Raine instructors will give a dance lesson from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Then the dance floor will open up from 8-10 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door and are currently available for sale at two locations for your convenience: at the circulation desk in the library, and at Dancing Raine Studios at their new Crawfordsville location, 119 2. Washington St. Suite 200, here in Crawfordsville. Please call the library's reference desk for more information at 765-362-2242 ext. 117.

All proceeds go to fund adult programming at the library. Please join us for a splendid evening of dance and holiday cheer.

December 1, 2017



By Jessica Mondy, Reference & Local History Assistant

“Always winter, but never Christmas.” This tragic concept was created by C.S. Lewis in his renowned children's book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. The magical land of Narnia was under the control of a brutal ruler known as the White Witch, who had crafted a spell ensuring that the citizens of Narnia would never get to enjoy the wonderful season of Christmas during her reign. If you've read the book, you know that it all works out by the end of the story, and that the people of Narnia are saved from the Witch and get their beloved Christmas holiday season back.

Thankfully, here at the Crawfordsville District Public Library, only a twist on Lewis's quote is true. We have to endure the often troublesome season of Winter once a year, but our collection of Christmas-themed items is available to check out all year long! Our Christmas and Holiday collection of items is located on the second floor of the library. The collection contains items

such as non-fiction books, large print books, fiction titles, audiobooks, music CDs, and DVDs. Many family favorites, like Elf, Home Alone, Miracle on 34th Street, and The Nativity Story, are part of our Christmas movie collection. Ever wonder what our most popular Christmas DVD is? It's It's a Wonderful Life with our highest circulation — 116 borrows during its time at CDPL. A Christmas Story has 108 borrows; The Nativity Story has 96; and White Christmas has had 77 borrows since purchased.

Our Christmas book collection includes The 12 Days of Christmas Cookbook (641.5 Twe), Candy Cane Murder (FIC Can), and Merry Christmas, Alex Cross (FIC Pat v. 19), among many others. Any of these items can help you celebrate the Christmas spirit all year long! Along with these items upstairs, there is a similar section in the Children's Department (located on the first floor) filled with Christmas-themed movies and books for all ages. For the next few weeks, there will be a Christmas book display on the 2nd floor, showcasing some of these items to help you prepare for the upcoming holiday season. Please stop by the library to check out the display!

In addition to our physical resources, you can also use your library card to access Christmas items in our newest e-content resource, Overdrive. A quick search showed that there were 661 Christmas results. These include movies, e-books, and e-audiobooks that you can download and enjoy instantly from your own home! If you need help learning how to use Overdrive, please visit the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor of the library, and our Reference Staff will be happy to assist you. Hoopla, another CDPL e-content resource, has a great collection of Christmas music and other holiday items. Come visit the library to get into the Christmas spirit, and stay there long after December 25, using the items in our Christmas collection.

Have questions about the library's Christmas materials or other resources? Please call our Reference Desk at 765-362-2242 ext. 117 for more information. We look forward to helping you find what you need at CDPL this Christmas season.

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November 23, 2017



By Dianne Combs, Reference & Local History Assistant

Okay, all you girls who loved Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" books, raise your hands if you would like to know more about Laura's life from a book that keeps you interested even as an adult. We recently added "The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder," by Marta McDowell, to our new non-fiction shelf (813.52), and it is filled with maps, plant drawings, family photographs, Garth Williams' beloved original illustrations, and many other visual delights that will add to your enjoyment of this book.

Chapter one starts with young Laura, and her family's farming experiences in the woods of Wisconsin. Just reading the description of the back-breaking work of clearing the land, hunting

for meat, keeping the cows, and the garden growing is exhausting. The work involved for Pa was unending, and the contribution made by Caroline and the girls was not without measure.

“Farmer Boy,” the second in the “Little House” series, is the topic of the second chapter.

Laura’s love, Almanzo, grew up near the small northern New York town of Malone, on a farm extending south from the St. Lawrence River. He learned much of his farming skills from his father, but also from the schooling he received in town. Potatoes, pumpkins, corn, apples, and other kitchen vegetables grown on the farm kept the family eating throughout the year. The author recounts the story of Almanzo’s mother, Angeline, in growing, processing, dyeing, weaving, and sewing together his suit for school.

Having lived in Kansas once, I completely understand the quote from “Little House on the Prairie,” describing their time in that state –“The land the you couldn’t see the end of.” Working in the CDPL Local History department, I did some digging around using our on-site library Ancestry.com access, and found the Ingalls family in the 1870 Census of Rutland Township, Montgomery County, Kansas. I have to tell you, I was giggling like a little fourth-grader when I found it! I also found that their next-door neighbor was Dr. Tann, described in this book, who lived with his parents, and was probably a former slave. Living on the Kansas prairie, Laura acquired a love for wild flowers that would follow her throughout her life.

Throughout this book, McDowell keeps us close to the earth that the Ingalls and Wilders were so passionate about. Beautiful photographs and illustrations bring Laura and her families close to us as we read through their lives. Several appendices provide information to help you grow your own “Little House” garden.

If rereading the “Little House” books interests you, these books are available in multiple copies in our children’s department, along with several being online on Overdrive, our digital download resource. Several biographies of Laura Ingalls Wilder are also available in the CDPL collection. Are you interested in knowing more about your own pioneer family? At CDPL, you have free access to Ancestry and Heritage Quest where you can search for census records, birth and death records, and other significant information. We also have many local resources, including newspapers, both online and on microfilm. Our reference department staff is eager to help you become acquainted with our local history resources. Please stop by the second floor reference desk, or call 765-362-2242 ext. 117 for more information.

November 16, 2017



By Lynette Ziuchkovski, Reference & Local History Librarian

Tis the Season to create some Joy! With a little time before the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year’s, now is the time of year to do some warm and cozy indoor crafts that can bring joy to friends, family, and gatherings.

Check out your favorite holiday music from Hoopla, mine is the “Charlie Brown Christmas” by Vince Guaraldi Trio. You can borrow up to five at anytime, and replay them during your parties, or while you create your gifts.

“Creative Cardmaking: A Complete Guide” by Mary Jo McGraw (745. 5941 Cre) is a wonderful book that offers step-by-step instructions on how to make your own greeting cards. I have loads of coloring books that are for adults that include pictures and inspirational words, and after going through this book I now have a purpose for my coloring! The instructions are easy to follow and there are many stencils and patterns for cards, shadow boxes, and stationery paper. The tools needed for many of the projects are items that you may have around your house like glue, glitter, X-acto knives, and construction paper. One of my favorite ideas from this book includes taking photocopies of family photos, sealing them with clear glue and designing frames around the image to create a very personal greeting card.

Maybe you are more creative with a crochet needle and some yarn. “Literary Yarns: Crochet Projects Inspired by Classic Books” by Cindy Wang (746.43 Wan) are perfect stocking stuffer-sized creations from books we all know. The Frankenstein Monster is an adorable little thing that even includes instructions on how to create the little neck bolts! Fans of the video game Little Big Planet will love these little “sack people” of the Wizard of Oz characters that even includes a tiny Toto.

“Fast Polymer Clay: Speedy Techniques and Projects for Crafters in a Hurry” by Sue Heaser (731.42 Hea) is like an instruction book for adults who miss playing with playdough. Polymer clay does need to be baked in an oven to harden, and following the instructions in this book you can create anything from picture frames (for the designs you create with the “Creative Cardmaking”), ornaments, refrigerator magnets, jewelry, place settings, and a snowman that will not melt. Templates are in the back that can be photocopied.

Looking for stunning ideas for the jewelry lover in your family? Find inspiration, and instructions, in “Creative Beading: The Best Projects from a year of Bead & Button Magazine” (745.594 Cre). This book is for the advanced beader with most of the projects calling for a variety of beads that result in marvels that any person would be proud to wear. If you are just beginning your journey into beading perhaps the eBook (available from e-book provider, Overdrive) “The Complete Photo Guide to Beading” by Robin Atkins is more your pace. Great for beginners, this book is filled with photos and easy to understand instructions. Have questions about using OverDrive? Please give us a call at 765-362-2242 ext. 117.

Happy Holidays from CDPL!

November 9, 2017

What’s a plant-based diet anyway?



By Angela White

“Eat food. Not too much. Mostly Plants.”

~Michael Pollan

Heart disease. Type 2 diabetes. Chronic autoimmune diseases. Obesity. These are a few of the major health concerns plaguing our country and community today. In response to those threats to our health, we are looking to get healthy again but navigating new diets and fads can be overwhelming.

Maybe you’ve watched some documentaries like Forks Over Knives, Fast Food Nation, and Food, Inc. so you are interested in learning about a plant-based diet. So what does it mean to eat a plant-based diet?

A whole-food, plant-based diet is centered on whole, unrefined, or minimally refined plants. It’s a diet based on fruits, vegetables, tubers, whole grains, and legumes; and it excludes or minimizes meat (including chicken and fish), dairy products, and eggs, as well as highly refined foods like bleached flour, refined sugar, and oil.

Switching to a plant-based diet won’t mean you’re automatically super healthy. You can eat non-dairy ice cream and frozen veggie pizza every day, but that doesn’t mean you’re any healthier. Technically, Oreos do not contain animal products but can hardly be called “healthy”. There are plenty of plant-based junk foods out there, so if you want to reap the benefits of a plant-based diet, you need to commit to focusing your diet on healthy, whole foods.

Deciding what your plant-based diet consists of will make transitioning easier because having guidelines you set yourself makes turning down foods that don’t fit in your plant-based diet less difficult. You will need to decide if meat is off the table for good or maybe just fewer nights a week. What about cheese or eggs?

As with any new habit, it’s easier if you have people who help you stick to it. Find friends who are willing to try new plant-based dishes with you, or who are open to going to restaurants that have plant-based options. You should also check out Facebook and Meetup to see if there are any local plant-based groups in your area (try terms like “vegan” and “vegetarian”). Groups like these will help you expand your support network and give you a wealth of knowledge to tap into as you continue on your plant-based diet.

Here at the library, we want to help you expand your support network and learn more about this popular eating style. Please join us for a new program called Plant-Based Living: The Pros and Cons of a Plant-based Diet on Thursday November 16th at 6pm. We will be joined by Monica Nagele, Registered Dietitian, with the Purdue Extension to learn the ins and out of a plant-based lifestyle that includes a meal for taste-testing! She can answer any diet-related questions that you

may have about plant-based eating. Call the library at 765-362-2242 ext. 117 today to register your spot. Attendance is capped at 15 participants, so please call soon.

November 2, 2017

Preparing the Family for Deployment
Getting Ready for Your Soldier's Deployment
Gearing Up for Military Deployment



By Dianne Combs

Maybe your family is a many-generational military family. Perhaps you or your spouse served. You know all of Grandpa's war stories. But nothing prepares you for that moment when you send your own child to the military. Maybe he or she has been yearning to "Go Army" for years, or like our son, who came home out of the blue with the enlistment papers already signed. I had been a National Guard daughter and wife for years, staying home with the house, the kids, the disasters, the bills, and the grocery shopping. Boot camp was hard, but really didn't prepare us for what's about to happen when our son gets sent "on rotation" to a far-away post soon. Here at the library, we have many resources to guide you through your soldier's deployment. Most of these helpful books have a Red Cross symbol on the label.

"Mom's Field Guide—What You need to Know to Make It Through Your Loved One's Military Deployment," by Sandy Doell (355.12 Doe) is a practical book for guiding you through deployment. The first chapter is about mail and foods that may be easily sent outside the states. A neighbor's son returned from overseas recently and I asked what was hard to get — "CANDY!" he exclaimed. The next topic is "To Do Before Deployment." Make sure that your soldier has his financial affairs in order. Checking account? Credit cards? Debit cards? Power of attorney? Bill payments? Get all this squared away before deployment. What to do with vehicles? Our soldier's car will sit at home. In my spot. In the garage. Because I love him. Know that your soldier will write a will before leaving. Chapter 6 is about the all-important — Staying Informed! Do I listen to the news all day every day, or wait for a rehash from my spouse? The book wraps up by discussing ways to get support for your family on the homefront during deployment. There is a great checklist in the back for filling care packages. The Blue Star Mothers frequently have a collection point at the library for anyone wanting to help fill boxes for our local military. Have questions about the Blue Star Mothers? Please call Chapter President Gayle Sosbe at 362-5713.

In "Home Fires Burning," (355 Hou) Karen Houppert recalls her year-long contact with five wives at Ft. Drum in New York during their husbands' deployments. Gritty and real, this book brings to the reader the struggles, loneliness, and sacrifices experienced by these women in a very truthful manner. It is a hard read, but for the family at home, this book helps you to see in real terms what your military family is dealing with.

"Operation Military Family" by Michael Schindler (355.132 Sch), "A Handbook for Family &

Friends of Service Members,” a PBS publication (355.12 Han), and “Women in the Line of Fire,” by Erin Solaro (355.0082), are just some of the resources available at CDPL to help your family prepare for a loved one’s military deployment.

Need help finding these resources, or have other questions? Please ask at the second floor reference desk, or call 765-362-2242 ext. 117 for more information.

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October 26, 2017



By Jessica Mondy, Reference & Local History Assistant

Do you have a favorite author? Most of us do. We love these writers because they thrill us, educate us, and inspire us through their craft. Personally, my favorite author is Stephen King. I was lucky enough to see him in person a couple of weeks ago on his most recent book tour. Hearing King speak, plus the many appearances his works have made on the big screen in recent months have reignited my passion for his writing. At CDPL we have many Stephen King items in our collection, including fiction books, audiobooks, nonfiction books, and large-print books. In addition to these print materials, which can be checked out with a library card, Stephen King is also heavily featured in our online resources. Because of my longstanding appreciation for his writing, I decided to use King as a test subject in three of our eContent databases to get a better understanding of how they worked. By entering Stephen King into the search databases of Zinio, Overdrive, and Hoopla, I learned how to navigate these databases, and was rewarded with a huge variety of materials about my favorite author.

Using Zinio, our e-magazine collection, I was able to find multiple articles and interviews with Stephen King. To access these articles, I clicked the link for “Article Search” and typed in Stephen King. This instantly took me to all the items they have containing his name in their database. When I found an article that looked interesting, I clicked the link that says “Read Full Issue” which added the magazine to my collection. I read several interesting articles featuring King using Zinio’s easy to navigate e-Reader.

In our newest online e-content service, Overdrive, the search box is located at the top right of the screen. Typing Stephen King into the box yielded 90 results, some of which are available in eBook format and some of which are audiobook format. When using Overdrive, you will notice that some books are “Available Now” in which case you can check them out to your account right away. If an item says “Place a Hold” you can get in line to check out the item. Overdrive tells you how many people are in line ahead of you, and also gives you an estimate about how long your wait will be. If you don’t want to wait for a popular title by King, you can click “Available Now” to instantly check out an item by this author.

Hoopla, another CDPL e-content service, also has ebooks and audiobooks by King available for download, in addition to a few of his movies. These items can be instantly added to your account. Hoopla has no limit on how many people can check out a certain item, which means no waiting in line for a book or movie you want! It does, however, limit your items to 5 downloads a month. While using the database, there is a large number in the upper left corner, letting you know how many downloads you still have available that month.

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October 19, 2017



By Lynette Ziuchkovski, Reference and Local History Librarian

Gumption isn't a word you hear often, but it is a driving force in what has made this town, and country the great wonder they are. The Merriam – Webster dictionary defines gumption as a person displaying initiative, common sense, horse sense, or enterprise. Recently I read three books that help illustrate initiative, common sense, enterprise, and yes, gumption.

“Gumption: Relighting the Torch of Freedom With America’s Gutsiest Troublemakers”

Who else but Nick Offerman would see what Benjamin Franklin, Carol Burnett, Wendell Berry, Frederick Olmsted, Yoko Ono, and Willie Nelson all had/have in common. Dedicating a chapter to each of the listed and some I haven't listed, Offerman explains how sometimes you have to make your own way. Done with humor, each life is described in an enlightening and uplifting fashion that is also compassionate.

“Let’s Pretend This Never Happened” by Jenny Lawson

When someone is dealing with anxiety and depression it is easy to lose sight of the bigger picture of life and to get sucked into a dark place. It takes a lot of drive and initiative to even get out of the bed, much less out the door. Jenny not only makes it out the door, but she takes us along with her with her quick wit, sarcastic humor, and odd but supportive family. Sure to make you laugh out loud at some of the absurdity of it all, but in the end, this book will help you see that with a little love and support even the darkest of days can have a little touch of gray.

“Rabbit” by Patricia Williams, aka Ms. Pat

In addition to gumption and initiative, a person needs dreams to make it big in the world. Ms. Pat describes her hard upbringing living in poverty and learning from the bad influences around her how to steal and hustle. However, she dreamed of providing a better life for her family and self.

She explains in a very raw and open manner the life changes she had to make in separating herself from a life of crime to a life as a comedian. Feeling as though she had no other choice, she left the area she grew up in to move to Indianapolis to find her new life. Having grown up in an area of Eastern Kentucky (same region mentioned in the book *Hillbilly Elegy*) that was riddled with extreme poverty I can understand the feeling of needing to escape and get away from your current environment to improve your life.

Come find a little of yourself in the pages of these and many of the “my life” stories at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. If you prefer e-books, don’t forget to check some out with our free e-content services, Hoopla and OverDrive. If you’d like help learning to use them, please come by the library’s second floor reference desk for assistance, or attend our Digital Drop In, held Wednesday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. in the library’s main lobby. Call 765-362-2242 ext. 117 for more information.

October 12, 2017

The Digital Drop-in



By Angela White

Hello again from the tech department of Crawfordsville District Public Library. I am very excited to remind all of our patrons about our technology education service, the Digital Drop-in. We’ve all had issues with technology but surviving in today’s world without our gadgets is nearly impossible. But who can afford private computer lessons or the hourly rate of a Geek Squad member? Well, your library wants to help.

Patent CDPL staff will be available in the library’s main lobby every Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm to work with you one-on-one to answer your tech questions.

Whether it’s:

- basic computing skills like using the mouse or finding out what a browser is
- troubleshooting an issue with your smartphone, laptop, or e-Reader
- opening an email account
- making a Craig’s List post
- changing your Facebook security settings
- learning how to use your iPad or tablet
- format an Excel spreadsheet
- how to Google
- getting your photos off your phone or digital camera

- filling out online job applications
- downloading free books, music, movies and magazines to your device or computer
- using all the free electronic resources available through CDPL

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October 5, 2017



By Lynette Ziuchkovski, Reference & Local History Librarian

Winter is coming, and with the cold weather out comes my yarn and knitting needles.

Beginning knitters will love *Stitchionary: The Ultimate Stitch Dictionary* from the Editors of *Vogue Knitting Magazine* (746.432 Vog). Each pattern is shown knitted out, and pictured in a high resolution picture so that you can easily see (without doing it yourself) what the pattern will look like in a small sample. Seed stitch, sugar cubes, basketweave, and waffle rib are just a few of the pattern stitches pictured, and to a new knitter many of these sound odd so the pictures help show why each pattern is called as such. Each pattern is described in easy to follow instructions. Advanced knitters will find new patterns to play with as well in this book.

Seasoned knitters, and new beginners will find Lily Chin's *Knitting Tips & Tricks: Shortcuts and Techniques Every Knitter Should Know* (746.432 Chi) very helpful. There are easy to follow directions on how to get out of common mistakes, how to follow and adjust patterns to fit you, and how to avoid some common mistakes.

Brave New Knits: 26 Projects and Personalities from the Knitting Blogosphere (746.432 Tur) by Julie Turjoman is a vibrant and fashionable book of projects and ideas, including classic

cardigans with a new twist in the decorative new cable designs. Patterns inspired by pop culture like the “Johnny Rotten” jacket will make an impression for sure when entering a room. Peppered throughout the book are vignettes of various knitwear designer blogs complete with the blog address so if you feel so inspired by the designer you can subscribe to their blog. Lace Flower pin design is a pattern I have only seen done in crochet. It was so exciting to see an old design done in a new way to create a pin that can be worn as a hair clip or as a brooch on your dress jacket.

Come on in and check out our large selection of knitting books and prepare for the coming winter. For knitters who prefer e-books, our new OverDrive service provides an impressive variety of knitting-related titles accessible for nearly all e-devices including Kindle Paperwhite. To utilize the OverDrive service, a patron must have a current library card (cards expire every 12 months) and must know their password for their library account. Please visit the circulation department on the first floor of the library to renew your library card or reset your library password. If you know your card is current and have your library password, and you need assistance with setting up your new OverDrive account, please contact the library’s reference desk at 765-362-2242 ext. 117. We’ll be glad to help.

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September 28, 2017



By Dianne Combs, Reference and Local History Assistant

Okay, you have just received the news of a diagnosis no one wants to hear. Someone you love has dementia. You’ve noticed the signs, but maybe didn’t want to think about it. Or, you have no clue where to go from here. Come to CDPL and find a great collection of books on caring for the dementia and Alzheimer’s patient. Maybe you’ll even want a book on how to care for yourself or other caregivers.

“Thoughtful Dementia Care: Understanding the Dementia Experience” by Jennifer Ghent-Fuller, approaches the topic head-on. She addresses each chapter topic with explanations of its meaning, and then presents many short anecdotes to help explain how that topic is manifested with the patient. “Short Term Memory Loss and Its Impact” discusses multi-tasking activities, such as cooking and hobbies, and how dementia may affect that activity. One story notes that a husband was asked during dinner to weed alongside the house afterwards. He immediately got up and started weeding, forgetting that he was in the middle of a meal. Repetitive questioning can become a great frustration for those involved in dementia care. Several suggestions for dealing with this issue are highlighted, giving caregivers ways to “think outside the box” to give relief to themselves and to calm the questioner.

A very common aspect of dementia is long term memory loss. The loved one begins remembering their life as a child, and may start asking to speak to loved ones who no longer live.

This can be terrifying for the person, since they will never get to see “mother” or “father.” They may forget who the caregiver is, or other family members. They may not remember that parents or siblings may have died. The author relates a story about a woman who remembers that her husband fished everyday. She would call out for him, and the family would tell her that he was out fishing, and this relieved her anxiety. The dementia patient may continue to have “retrograde amnesia,” and remember things that no one else does about their early life. This can also be frustrating because the person may forget skills such as using a car door, or the phone. Forgetting what a mirror is may cause great distress. Dealing with the person where they are at the moment and working with them there can alleviate frustration for all.

Other books that may be helpful are: “The 36-Hour Day—A Family Guide to Caring for People Who have Alzheimer’s Disease, Related Dementias, and Memory Loss,” by Nancy Mace and Peter Rabins; “A Loving Approach to Dementia Care,” by Laura Wayman; and “Connecting Through Music with People with Dementia,” by Robin Rio.

If you are unable to get to the library, there are several books available on Hoopla, such as “Alzheimer’s Answer Book,” by Marwan Sabbagh, and “Alzheimer’s Disease, a Holistic Approach,” by Michelle Deetken, PhD. Our new e-book service, OverDrive, also offers many additional resources on the subject. You will find the link to OverDrive on the library’s web site at www.cdpl.lib.in.us Please call the Reference staff at 362-2242 ext. 117 if you have questions.

September 21, 2017



By Alex Hughes

In an age where technology seems to grow more complicated by the day, it is understatedly difficult to keep up. It is truly a relief to see an e-book service offered that is useable by all, regardless of “tech savviness,” and such a service is now available to you! While CDPL has offered numerous ways to read on your electronic devices in the past, we are excited to announce our latest and most convenient addition to our eContent: OverDrive.

OverDrive is our most user-friendly and multifaceted electronic reading resource yet. With over 57 libraries statewide contributing to the eCollection, there is undoubtedly something for everyone. There are currently 32,000 eBook titles, 4,800 audiobook titles, and 700 videos available to be streamed and enjoyed, for leisure or education, and those numbers are only growing. One of OverDrive’s most exciting features is its ability to be utilized on nearly all electronic devices. While other eBook services CDPL has offered have worked solely with smartphones and Kindle Fires, OverDrive can be used on all Kindles and wireless devices, and it’s easier than ever! Yes, that’s right; Kindle Paperwhite users can now use our library ebooks!

You can start using OverDrive through CDPL today, by downloading OverDrive’s app, Libby, through the App Store, (iDevice,) Play Store, (Android devices,) or Amazon Appstore, (Kindle Fire.) If you don’t have a device compatible with apps, you needn’t worry! Simply bring your

device in with you to the library, and you can receive either written or verbal instruction from any of CDPL's staff on the 2nd floor – we'll be waiting!

One final detail – the OverDrive service does require entering your current CDPL library card barcode number, and the password you selected for your library account. Keep in mind that all CDPL cards expire after 12 months from the date of issue. If your library card is expired, you will need to renew it in person before you will be able to use OverDrive. If you can't remember your password for your library account, please stop by our circulation desk, and we can reset it for you. If you have any questions about your renewing your card, please call 362-2242 option 1 to speak to a circulation department staff member.

We hope you'll enjoy this new service, now offered in addition to our very popular e-content service, hoopla. Happy Reading!

September 14, 2017



By Karen Record

The Youth Services Department offers many activities and programs for all ages. We wanted to let you know what we offer for ages 12-18. Every month there is a reading challenge, a hands-on activity, and a book club.

The reading challenges begin on the first day of each month and end on the last day of the month. September's reading challenge is a scratch-off ticket. Scratch off the prize space and choose three areas on the ticket to scratch off to see how long you should read. After you have read for the specified amount of time come to the library and retrieve your prize. You can do a different ticket every week. October's reading is a candy corn challenge. You will receive a candy corn cut-out. You will read three books and list the titles and authors on each part of the corn. Then come in to receive the prize. November's reading challenge is a punch card. For each 15 minutes you read, you can punch out or mark out the time on the card. Once the card is finished, come in for the prize. December's reading challenge is a naughty/nice list. Read three books and put the titles on the naughty (wasn't your cup of tea) or nice (loved it) side. Bring the list to the library for your prize.

The hands-on activity is the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. We do ask that you sign up for these activities so we know how many materials to purchase. October's hands-on activity is making items from duct tape. Come make a belt, sandals, a basketball hoop, or a visor to mention just a few. November's hands-on activity will be decorating gingerbread houses. The houses will be put on display in the Youth Services area. December's hands-on activity will be book-inspired decorations.

The book club meets the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. However, that time is negotiable depending on the schedules of those participating. The teen will need to come get the book we are reading each month so they can participate in the discussion and activities for that

book. September's book is "Flipped" by Wendelin Van Draanen. October's book is "The Seventh Most Important Thing" by Shelley Pearsall. November's book is "Fish in a Tree" by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. December's book is "Miracle on 49th Street" by Mike Lupica. All the activities are listed on our website (cdpl.lib.in.us), on a flyer in the Youth Services area, or you can call to ask questions (or register for any of the above) at 362-2242 ext. 115. We hope to see you at some of our activities just for ages 12-18!

September 7, 2017



By Lynette Ziuchkovski, Reference & Local History Librarian

Did you know that when a cat purrs, it is also increasing its own bone density and ability to heal? Petting your dog can and does lower your blood pressure.

If you suffer from deipnophobia (fear of making small talk over dinner), knowing some random trivia can help!

I am a socially awkward adult. Often mistaken for an introvert, shy, and to make the impression even more complete – I am a soft talker. However, I find myself put in social situations on a daily basis. Whether I am at work, church, store, or out in the community I often find myself face to face with complete strangers. The person makes eye contact and there is an expectant look of someone who wants to begin a conversation. YIKES! I have read books about how to make conversations and how build charisma, but what do you start the conversation about? What if this person isn't a fan of your favorite author, television show, or music? What can you possibly base any kind of conversation on? My go-to answer is Trivia.

Early on I discovered I had a good memory and would remember odd facts from various places, books, or movies just to name a few of the sources of this wealth of useful knowledge. This knowledge has proven very useful in getting me through some very awkward social interactions and produced a good friend or two out of the interaction; just by knowing some trivia.

Best of all, since moving to Crawfordsville this wealth of useful knowledge comes in handy with the many nights of Trivia here. Every Monday at Wings Etc. starting at 7 p.m., one Thursday a month at Backstep Brewing Company starting at 7 p.m., and Geeks Who Drink events at various times and locations are just some of the Trivial Pursuits here in Crawfordsville. So if you find yourself being awkward with strangers, or if you want to win at a trivia competition try some of these sources at the library:

- "Cats Are Capable of Mind Control: and 1,000+ uberfacts You Never Knew You Needed to Know" by Kris Sanchez
- "Numberoids: Any Number of Things You Didn't Know . . . And Some You Did" by Donough O'Brien and Anthony Weldon.

- “The Trivia Lover’s Guide to the World: Geography for the Lost and Found” by Gary Fuller.
- “Timeless Trivia” DVD set.

If you see me out at a Trivia event, good luck and game on!

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August 31, 2017



By Jessica Mondy, Reference & Local History Assistant

Who doesn’t love movies? Everyone has their favorite stars, directors, classic films, and movie genres. And of course, the movie industry has well supported all these varying interests for decades. At CDPL, we have a variety of nonfiction books that dig into what makes the movie industry the way it is. We currently have several titles on our new shelf that cover a wide range of interests. These four titles, in addition to the many movie-themed books we already own, are fascinating ways to learn a little more about an industry we all love.

The Art of Rogue One by Josh Kushins

Few movie franchises have achieved the same level of success as Star Wars. In 2016, the brains behind the space opera created an anthology film, titled *Star Wars: Rogue One*. *The Art of Rogue One* is a beautifully illustrated book showcasing how the creators of *Rogue One* designed the movie’s stunning costumes, settings, and characters. Anyone interested in learning about movie costuming, set design, or *Rogue One* in particular should come check out *The Art of Rogue One* (Call Number 791.43 Kus) on our new nonfiction bookshelf, located on the second floor of the library.

To Pixar and Beyond by Lawrence Levy

Have you ever wondered what determines a movie studio’s success or failure? In *To Pixar and Beyond*, Lawrence Levy tells the story of his work with Steve Jobs to make the animated film studio a success, against all odds. The book discusses the early days of Pixar and some of the struggles the company faced along the way. If you’re interested in learning about what allowed Pixar to succeed, when so many entertainment companies flounder, check out *To Pixar and Beyond* (Call Number 791.43 Lev) on the new nonfiction shelf today!

Opening Wednesday at a Theater or Drive-In Near You by Charles Taylor

In the 1970s, a great deal of classic movies were made. Some of these titles include *The Godfather*, *Jaws*, and *Star Wars*. But the 70s also had a wealth of B-movies that told the story of post-Vietnam America. Charles Taylor, a member of the National Society of Film Critics, has written *Opening Wednesday at a Theater or Drive-In Near You* to shed a light on some of these more forgotten movies of the 1970s. To learn more about lesser known movies of the 70s, check out *Opening Wednesday* (Call Number 791.43 Tay), available in the new nonfiction collection.

The Alfred Hitchcock Encyclopedia by Stephen Whitty

Despite the amount of time that has passed since his era in movies, Alfred Hitchcock remains one of the most well-recognized names in the world of directing. In *The Alfred Hitchcock Encyclopedia*, Stephen Whitty provides a detailed overview of the director's body of work. The encyclopedia contains entries about actors, locations, allusions to other works, and a variety of other categories relating to Hitchcock's films. If you're interested in reading up on one of the most well known directors of all time, check out *The Alfred Hitchcock Encyclopedia* (Call Number 791.43 Whi) today!

If the book you're looking for has already been borrowed, please ask for help placing a hold request. Library staff will let you know when the book is returned and is waiting for you, making your time at the library most efficient. Please stop by the library, or call library staff at 362-2242 for assistance.

August 24, 2017



By Kathy Brown, CMMC Business Manager

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County celebrated its 10-year anniversary this summer. A division of the Crawfordsville District Public Library, the museum is housed in Indiana's first Carnegie Library building. The building opened in July 1902 and served as the library for over 100 years. In the fall of 2005, after the new library opened across the street, renovations began on the old building, turning it into a museum dedicated to our county's history, culture, art and science.

Many changes took place while the building was being renovated. The Herman-Davis building addition next door was demolished (the lot is now the Chase Bank parking lot); stairs were added back onto the front of the Carnegie; the original vaulted ceiling was exposed upstairs and a new drop ceiling was installed downstairs; new heating, cooling, windows and accessible restrooms were all installed; and a new entrance lobby was constructed.

After 18 months of planning and renovations, the Carnegie Museum was dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 9, 2007.

In June 2007, we had high hopes for the future of the museum. And now, ten years later, we have realized those hopes and many more. Over the last ten years, the Carnegie Museum has:

- Hosted 3 national traveling exhibits, 10 state traveling exhibits, and over 20 locally-curated exhibits,
- Grown from 1300 visitors in 2007 to over 6400 visitors in 2016,
- Increased our membership count to 282 active members,

- Been awarded the 2008 Award of Merit for our Middle School Curator Project by the American Association for State and Local History,
- Been awarded the 2015 Outstanding Historical Organization Award by the Indiana Historical Society, and
- Become part of the ASTC Passport Program, which allows museum members to gain free admission to over 300 science centers and museums around the world. While the exhibits in the Carnegie Museum focus on our county's history, we also appeal to guests outside our local area. While approximately 71% of our guests live in Montgomery County, an additional 14% are from elsewhere in Indiana, 12% visit from out of state, and 1% visit from other countries. We consistently hear positive feedback from our visitors, and we're proud to promote Montgomery County to our out-of-town guests. If you would like to support our efforts to preserve our county's history, we encourage you to become a member of the Friends of the Carnegie. Members receive a 10% discount on many items in our gift shop, our quarterly newsletter, and special invitations to our events. Members also gain access to the Association of Science & Technology Centers (ASTC) Passport Program. With the Passport Program, our members are able to gain free admission to more than 300 participating science centers and museums around the world. The program applies to participating centers outside a 90 mile radius of Crawfordsville (and your residence, if you are not local), but there are many wonderful facilities within a day's drive (including the Field Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago) and even more to explore as you venture further away. You can download a list of participating programs at the ASTC website: <http://astc.org/passport/>. To become a member of the Friends of the Carnegie, you can visit the museum, call us at 765-362-4618, or go to our website: www.cdpl.lib.in.us/services/carnegie. We are open year-round, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. We'd love to have you visit us.

August 17, 2017



By Dianne Combs

On Monday, August 21, many North Americans will get to witness a great sky event — a total eclipse of the sun!! Here in Montgomery County, we will see a partial eclipse. The eclipse will start about 12:57 p.m., maximum eclipse will be viewable about 2:24 p.m., and will be over about 3:48 p.m. At its maximum in our local area, the eclipse will be 91%. You may come to the pavilion near the parking lot of CDPL from 1-3 p.m. for safe viewing of the eclipse. A limited number of eclipse glasses will be available for use at the event.

Wouldn't this be a great time to brush up on your astronomy skills? Introduce your children and grandchildren to skywatching? Walk down memory lane, remembering great American achievements in space? Many graduates of Crawfordsville High School were introduced to skywatching by their science teacher, Mr. Combs, and he has had many of them stop him to talk about how they enjoyed it then, and enjoy it now with their children. At CDPL, we have several

books on space and astronomy that will engage and instruct you on the wonders of space.

“Starwatch: A Month by Month Guide to the Night Sky,” by Robin Kerrod is an easy to read and use book filled with illustrations and sky charts. It is meant to be shared by parents and children, or anyone with great interest but little general knowledge of the night sky. There is a general introduction to the moon, planets, and stars. Then the fun begins! Using the maps in the book and the removable “Planisphere” in the back pocket of the book, readers are able to decipher the sky and stars month by month.

For someone with a little more interest in constellations, there is “The New Patterns in the Sky: Myths and Legends of the Stars,” by Julius Staal. Inside are stories from around the world, along with the star diagrams necessary to find the constellation discussed.

“Your Ticket to the Universe: A Guide to Exploring The Cosmos,” by K. Arcand and M. Watzke is a beautiful book that is illustrated with photos taken with many different NASA instruments.

“Wonders of the Universe,” by B.Cox and A.Cohen is another highly illustrated/diagrammed book for the interested learner.

If you grew up during the Apollo era, and want to relive all the space and moon shots, then “Apollo: The Epic Journey to the Moon, 1963-1972,” by D. Reynolds celebrates the 50th anniversary of the moon program. “Mask of the Sun: The Science, History, and Forgotten Lore of Eclipses,” by J. Dvorak is a bit more informative with stories about the history of watching the sun and moon.

“Hidden Figures,” a recently released movie about African-American women in the Apollo program, is available on DVD, audio ebook, and book at CDPL. “The Inexplicable Universe: Unsolved Mysteries,” is available in nonfiction DVD as a Great Courses package. Also, at CDPL, we still have a few postcard-sized safe eclipse projection viewers available at the circulation and reference desks, but you might have to hurry to get one — they’re going fast. Please stop in to the library soon to see all the materials, programs, and services we have to offer you!

August 10, 2017



By Jodie Wilson

A local resident recently mentioned that, years ago, he had borrowed a book on dog training from the library. Unfortunately, however, it wasn’t one of those inspiring uses of library materials most librarians wish for. In this case, the dog ate the training book! Clearly, the training book failed to achieve the desired outcome for the borrower.

So, let’s hope that today’s library collection of materials will be much more successful for our patrons. I can personally report that one of our newest materials on dog training is very helpful, and also quite entertaining. “Welcome Home: Ultimate Guide for All Newly-Adopted Puppies & Dogs,” is a new DVD in the library collection. Paul Owens, the trainer on the video, also known

as the “Original Dog Whisperer,” has been training dogs for over 40 years, and using positive training techniques for about 30 years.

A few weeks ago, we added a Beagle puppy to our family. We were certainly hoping to housebreak the little guy, but hadn't really thought about training to commands. Then, we watched the video. Owens is a very appealing gentleman with great experience with dogs, and his results are swift. It is inspiring to watch his progress with untrained puppies, and it's hard to resist his enthusiasm.

So after seeing his results, we felt inspired to try to train our dog beyond housebreaking. It has gone very smoothly for us. In just a few weeks, the commands our puppy follows have made our lives so much easier. He doesn't jump anymore, and although the puppy-biting hasn't improved quite yet, the sit-stay-come-lie down commands help so much in handling him. The small investment in time has been very worthwhile, and we're looking forward to more training to come.

Although there are many You-tube videos by trainers online, I found some of them to be very irritating given their constant promotion of the company that pays the costs of the video creation. After watching about 4 short online videos on specific subjects, I decided to stick with the broader approach of dog training DVDs so I wouldn't have to sit through all of the commercials. Thankfully, CDPL has a variety of helpful DVDs for dog training. The Natural: Dog Training Method with Joe Ardis Horn (DVD 636.7 Nat), Drool School Family Dog Training (DVD 636.7 Dro), and Dogs for Dummies (DVD 636.7 Dog) will also help you learn general information and how to successfully add a happy, healthy canine member to your family.

But there's even more to find in the collection! “Dogs: Man's Best Friend” collection by PBS Explorer (DVD 636.7 Dog) will reveal new information on 4 discs, including “How Smart are Animals?,” “Dogs Decoded,” “Through a Dog's Eyes” and “Dogs and More Dogs.” CDPL also has the “Dog Whisperer” with Cesar Millan (DVD 636.7 Dog).

Turning to books, we have Zak George's 2016 release, “Dog Training Revolution: The Complete Guide to Raising the Perfect Pet with Love,” (636.7 Geo) , “Team Dog: How to Train Your Dog the Navy Seal Way,” by Mike Ritland (636.7 Rit) and “How to Behave so Your Dog Behaves,” by Sophia Yin (636.7 Yin). Browsing the dog section of the library's stacks will give you plenty of options for your reading, including materials on dog breeds, and even pet grooming.

Have questions about the library's collection of pet-related materials? Please call us at 362-2242 ext. 117, or stop by CDPL soon! We'd be happy to help you. You will find the adult non-fiction collection, including pet information, on the library's second floor.

August 3, 2017



By Dianne Combes

My husband and I are loyal Tom Clancy readers. Last week my husband, Bill, got home with the newest Clancy book, “Point of Contact,” and attacked it with his usual fervor. I snatched it away a couple of days later, and had a wonderful read. As any Clancy reader knows, Tom passed away in 2013. However, his series live on through the pens of several authors. The author of this work is Mike Maden, holder of a Ph.D in political science focused on conflict and technology in international relations.

In the beginning, Jack Ryan Jr., Ding, Dom, Adara, and Midas take part in an operation that will cause them to either “freeze or drown.” It is a dark and stormy night, so, of course, they are trying to assault an abandoned oil rig in the frozen North Sea in order to retrieve some kidnapped oil workers. Ryan and the team experience several misadventures, but eventually complete their mission.

The story carries on with Ryan and another Hendley Corporation man, Paul Brown, a forensic accountant, being sent to Singapore to do a thorough vetting of Dalfan Technologies before it is merged with an American defense contractor. This action is at the request of a U. S. Senator, Weston Rhodes. Brown has no idea that Ryan is not just a Hendley Corporation financial analyst, and Ryan works hard to keep it that way. Ryan also has no idea that Brown has secrets of his own. Neither know the dark secret behind Senator Rhodes’ request.

Before they fly to Singapore, Senator Rhodes hands Brown a USB drive with the instruction that he is to install it onto a computer that has access to the Dalfan mainframe, without anyone, not even his boss at Hendley Associates knowing that he is doing it. The Senator claims he has been tasked by the CIA to gather intel on Chinese involvement in the business. However, this lie will add to the drama of Brown’s mission as he continues to find ways to break into the Dalfan system.

Upon their arrival in Singapore, Ryan and Brown meet up with the children of the head of Dalfan Corporation, Lian and Yong Fairchild. Lian settles them into a house, and then takes them on a tour of the company headquarters. Both men are concerned about the tight security measures taken, for their own separate reasons. Brown tests out the system by trying to sneak in a fake USB drive. He quickly finds that he must find another way to sneak in Senator Rhodes’ USB drive.

Ryan and Brown find themselves in several “fixes” throughout this story. Ryan comes out nearly unscathed every time, while Brown fights to the end.

“Point of Contact” is available in regular and large print. Another Mike Maden title we have is “Blue Warrior.” CDPL also has many Tom Clancy novels, both in regular and large print, along with “Shadow Recruit” on DVD.

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July 27, 2017

Back to School



By Jessica Mondy

Once again, back to school season is upon us! CDPL has many wonderful resources for parents, teachers, and students of all ages to prepare for the transition to the new school year. We have many new titles tailored to specific educational needs, and two in particular caught my eye.

In the midst of shopping for new clothes and supplies, yearly physicals at the doctor, and settling into a new routine, it is easy for parents to feel overwhelmed. During this busy time of year, the last thing a parent wants to have to worry about is not getting along with their children's teachers. Robert Ward, a Los Angeles based English teacher with twenty-plus years of experience, has written a book full of advice for parents who want to be on the same team as the teachers responsible for educating their children. The book contains such chapters as, "Motivation is Always the Answer," "The Parent's Perspective," "The Teacher's Perspective," and "Diffusing Conflicts between Parents and Teachers." Ward's advice boils down to the concept of students having four basic needs: "Firmness, which provides safety and structure; Fairness, which fosters the students' needs of community and recognition; Fascination, which delivers the students' needs of purpose and passion; and Facilitation, which furnishes the students' needs of strategic, differentiated assistance and feedback." He suggests that when these needs are met both at school and in the home, children will thrive.

If you are a parent who is looking for mutual respect with your child's teacher in order to accomplish the shared goals of raising and educating a successful citizen of society, check out Robert Ward's *A Teacher's Inside Advice to Parents: How Children Thrive with Leadership, Love, Laughter, and Learning* today! It can be found on the new nonfiction shelf, with the call number 371.19 War. Don't hesitate to ask at the reference desk if you need assistance locating this title!

The second back to school book on my radar is titled *Getting In by Standing Out: The New Rules for Admission to America's Best Colleges* by Dr. Deborah Bedor, CEO of College Admission Central, and advisor to pre-college students for the past twenty-five years. The process for college admissions is stressful for any applicant. In the past, there have been a large variety of guides to essay application questions, along with books about other admission advice. This book combines the two, and offers suggestions to strengthen application essays, and how to stand out among thousands of college applicants. Bedor recommends highlighting your personal interests as well as academic achievements. Colleges today are interested in accepting well-rounded students to their programs. Good grades and high test scores will always be important to admissions boards, but they also want to know what makes a student unique among a sea of other high academic achievers.

This book is a quick read, at under 200 pages, with clearly labeled sections. If you or someone you know is applying to college this year, I highly recommend checking out this book. You can find it on the new nonfiction shelf, at 378.1 Bed.

The library's collection has a wide variety of other education-related resources, with those materials intended for children located in our children's department, and those resources intended for adults and older children located on the library's second floor. Our staff would love to help you find what you're looking for, so please stop in soon!

July 20, 2017

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”



By Jodie Wilson

Choosing a career is a very important life decision, but is one we can change throughout our lives. Changes may involve additional education, or relocation for training, but the most important step is to first carefully study and consider possibilities to determine if the outcome will be worth the time, money, and effort invested. To make it easier for students just beginning to plan their careers, or those residents considering a career change later in life, CDPL has a large number of useful resources.

The Career Information Center set located in the library's second floor reference collection (REF 331.7 CAR) includes multiple volumes examining careers by type. Each volume features an overview of careers, and includes related jobs. For example, in Health Science, the information includes job summaries from Acupuncturists to Urologists, with median pay, growth rates for the career field, and the educational level required. Summaries include job duties, work environment, what education is necessary to work in the field, and the job outlook. Job demands are summarized to help candidates decide if the given career would be a good match for their skills, talents, and personality.

Another resource in the library's reference collection is the Occupational Outlook Handbook. This 2016-2017 resource discusses each career field with duties, work environment, work schedules, training, important qualities, pay, job prospects and contacts for more information. When deciding such an expensive step as seeking specialized education, it is wise to view many different resources about the same career area to be certain that what you're reading accurately reports the opportunities and rewards available with the specified degree or program.

Our new 2017 College Blue Book reference set provides listings of colleges with descriptions including enrollment numbers, faculty ratios, fees, entrance requirements, and community environment. Degrees offered by each college are listed, and also degrees offered by subject, listing all schools to offer that specific area of study sorted by state. A separate volume lists all the schools offering occupational training with details. The final two volumes list scholarships,

fellowships, grants, and loans as well as details on distance learning programs. A similar resource, “College Handbook” by College Board, may be checked out and taken home (378.73 Col). The library has many scholarship and grant handbooks as well (378.3).

CDPL also has a large assortment of testing preparation materials such as the the TASC: Test Assessing Secondary Completion for high-school equivalency, SAT and ACT college-entry tests, and even occupational testing such as real estate licensing exams, police officer exams, NCLEX nurse testing, and more.

For those interested in job searches or career changes, “What Color is Your Parachute: 2017” by Richard N. Bolles (650.14 Bol) is one of the top resources for recommended reading. This book details how and why the job hunt has changed since 2008’s Great Recession, and what that means for you, with advice on how to change your strategy to prove your worth to today’s employers. There’s even a teen version of this resource, written by Carol Christen (650.14). Books such as “Do What You Are: Discover the Perfect Career for You Through the Secrets of Personality Type” by Paul D. Tieger and “Promote Yourself: The New Rules for Career Success” by Dan Schawbel (650.14 Sch) are general guides worthy of some study.

For military-related resources, we have everything from the ASVAB study guides (355.0076 Arm) for those considering entry into the military, materials to prepare for the officer candidate tests once eligible (355.0076 Ost), and even for veterans moving into civilian life (650.1086 Hil).

Interested in researching colleges, scholarship, or career information? These resources are just a few of the materials in the library’s collection. Please stop by CDPL soon; we’ll be happy to help you find just what you need.

July 13, 2017

A Night of Dance



By Angela White

Ballroom dancing has made a noticeable comeback thanks to its exposure on reality television. Not only is it fun and entertaining for viewers and participants alike, it’s also really good exercise. What’s more, people of any age can do it.

So strap on your dancing shoes and start practicing your best dance moves because the Crawfordsville District Public Library along with the Carnegie Museum is holding its first ballroom dance fundraiser. The generous instructors at the local dance studio, Dancing Raine Studios, have offered to donate their time and skill to give a lesson and help us host this exciting ballroom dance fundraiser. You can learn more about Dancing Raine Studios at their website: www.dancingraine.com.

Now don’t fret, you do not need any ballroom experience or even a partner to attend. Ballroom dance does require a bit of movement on the floor so your shoes are important. Ballroom dance

shoes or any leather-bottomed or felt-bottomed shoes will fit the bill nicely. No need for a tux or fancy gown, business casual is dressy enough. Just make sure you can move freely in your clothes. In addition to social dancing, guests will enjoy light refreshments, good music, and champagne for those attendees 21 years of age or older.

The event will be held at the main gallery of the historic Carnegie Museum on Friday, July 21st, 2017. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Dancing Raine instructors will give a dance lesson from 7pm-8pm. Then the dance floor will open up from 8-10pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and are currently available for sale at three locations for your convenience: at the circulation desk in the library, at the gift shop in the museum, and at Dancing Raine Studios at their new Crawfordsville location: 119 S. Washington St., Suite 200.

All proceeds go to fund programming at the library and museum. Please join us for this very exciting Night of Dance. Have questions about the event? Please contact us for more information at 362-2242 ext. 117.

July 6, 2017

“Paddle” Faster, I Hear Irish Bagpipes!



By Dianne Combs

“Paddle—A Long Way Around Ireland,” by Jasper Winn, is a little gem of a travel book recently acquired at CDPL. I’m a sucker for a great travel diary, and this one is right up my alley. Jasper Winn begins his story by telling about his first kayaking journey around Ireland that he was well prepared for, but alas, it did not end well. He had practiced kayaking, worked out, eaten well, and done all the things he should have. He started out on his original great journey with his girlfriend, Elizabeth, paddling along happily beside him. The story takes a bad turn, though, when he is stricken with gallbladder issues, and spends two weeks “in hospital.” He is determined to continue, and a year later, with no planned exercise, training, or really knowing what he was getting himself into, he starts out again, but this time alone on his round-Ireland kayak adventure.

He starts out on the southern coast of Ireland, near Castletownshend, and continues up the western, or Atlantic, side of the isle. He quickly finds that his lack of sea-kayaking experience is going to cause him some troubles. He has previously paddled from near Dublin, through England, and down through France, mostly on rivers and streams, and had used ferries to cross the sea. Now, paddling into the wind, into waves and far from shore, he gets bored and starts counting strokes. Once he figures he’ll complete at least one MILLION strokes on his travels, he gets a bit overwhelmed!

In the evenings, Winn makes for shore and a comfortable place to sleep, and perhaps a hot meal. Sometimes he ends up sleeping on the wet beach after eating rain-soaked rice and some weak

tea. Other nights he ends up in the town, at the pub, and with a front seat to enjoy some raucous Irish music played by the locals for the tourists. He occasionally strums along on a borrowed guitar.

One of his first traveling companions, the Dingle dolphin, is quite an attraction in that western (Dingle) peninsula, and has raised income for the locals significantly. “Fungi,” as he is affectionately called, has his image emblazoned on shirts, on cups, and wooden carvings of him abound in the shops. Along the way, Winn also meets up with Sam, an American, who is traveling the same route. They enjoy a few pints while swapping stories and viewing Winn’s videos of basking sharks he has encountered during his paddle that day. Winn has a few planned meetings with friends, which gives him the little push he needs to continue on his long journey. I love his descriptions of all the interesting places and people he meets. I found myself “googling” along with his trip, finding Malin, Giant’s Causeway (which I visited in 1981), the Blaskets, Innismurray, and many other lovely Irish places.

If you love first person travel books, we also have “Neither Here Nor There: Travels in Europe” by Bill Bryson, and Frances Mayes’ “A Year in the World.” Or if you’re planning your own escape, CDPL has many travel guides to help you plan your trip. Please stop by and look over our section on travel materials on your next visit to the library.

Preview Shelf: June 2017

June 29, 2017



By Jessica Mondy, Reference & Local History Assistant

Are you a teacher? Do you homeschool your kids? Do you need enriching, educational, materials to keep your kids reading and learning this summer? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Crawfordsville District Public Library has a new collection of resources that might be of interest to you! My name is Jessica Mondy, and I am a new library assistant in the Reference and Local History Department, located on the second floor of the library. I am also a teacher, who is always looking for cheap (or free!) materials to engage and support my students in the classroom.

The good news for CDPL patrons is that our local library has a wealth of resources that can be used in all types of classrooms, whether they be in a public school or around a kitchen table. While the first floor of the library has always been known as an enriching place for children and teens, the second-floor also has materials that could interest your growing readers. The second floor of the library contains such sections as nonfiction DVDs and nonfiction books about every subject imaginable. We also have an expanding collection of non-fiction adult graphic novels, covering a variety of subject matter. Think of the potential uses of these items for your student’s education!

It is important to note that while we have a large selection of items on the second floor that can and will benefit your student's education, the second-floor is mainly dedicated to adult collections. Many of the items in the second floor collection may be above your student's grade level, and possibly be too mature for younger readers. Our children's department is a wonderful location for younger students, but with some guidance, older students can benefit from the second floor collection.

Recently I have begun compiling a series of annotated bibliographies for classroom teachers and homeschool educators to get a taste of the variety of materials we have on the second floor. So far, I have completed one of these bibliographies for reference materials, biographies, nonfiction DVDs, and graphic novels. Each bibliography has a bold heading on it, declaring it a "Resource for Teachers" and stating the category of items included. I have included a short explanation of each item listed, and the call number of each specific item. I encourage you to look at these items, and think of how they could support your lesson plans, independent studies, extra credit opportunities, and research projects. In the future I hope to expand these bibliographies to include more of the diverse resources in our collection.

Come check out our "Resources for Teachers" at CDPL, and let us know what other areas of interest you have for your students! There now is a place on the website for Teacher links, <http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/education-resources> and these handouts are also located in the information center on the second floor. While all of the materials included in these documents contain relevant educational material, CDPL encourages each teacher to assess the items before using them in an educational setting, to ensure that the materials align to curriculum needs as well as making sure they are appropriate for students at your grade level.

Have questions about the library's materials for students? Please call the children's department for questions about materials for children, or the second floor reference desk for questions about materials for educators or older students at 362-2242 ext. 117. Our staff members look forward to serving you.

June 22, 2017



By Kat Burkhart

Carnegie Museum Anniversary Blitz Column – 6/20/17

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this month! To celebrate this major milestone, the Carnegie Museum is hosting ten community events from Monday, June 26 to Saturday, July 1.

On Monday, June 26, children enrolled in Museum Camp will visit the Carnegie Museum. This year's theme is art, with the children learning about combining colors and tie-dying t-shirts during their visit to the Carnegie. During the rest of the week, campers will visit the other three museums in town, as well as the Athens Art Gallery, learning about and creating their own art at each stop.

On Tuesday, June 27, we will present two sessions of "Carnegie & Canvas" – a Family Paint at 1:00pm for \$25/canvas and an Adult Evening Paint at 7:00 pm for \$35/canvas. Participants must register by June 24. The price includes guided art instructions, age-appropriate beverages and snacks, as well as your own artwork to take home.

On Wednesday, June 28 from 4:00-7:00 pm, the museum will celebrate the latest book by local author Shannon Hudson, *Abolitionists on the Underground Railroad: Legends from Montgomery County, Indiana*, with an author talk and book signing. The event is free and books will be available for purchase.

On Thursday, June 29, the Carnegie will host two sessions of the Girl Scouts STEM Van at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Participation is free to boys and girls ages 4-11 with advanced registration. Also on Thursday will be Open Mic Night with the Lyons Music Sign. This event will run 7:00-9:00 pm and is open to all family-friendly performances.

Friday, June 30 brings our next Geeks Who Drink Trivia Night, with local Jeopardy champ Christopher Short as emcee. \$5/person admission includes snacks and a cash bar. Come with your own team of up to six people or make friends when you get here. Doors open at 6:30 pm, with the Trivia starting at 7:00 pm.

And finally, Saturday, July 1 will feature the 3rd annual Maker Day from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This event is being held in conjunction with the Lew Wallace Study & Museum, with activities hosted indoors at the Carnegie Museum and outdoors at the Study. Makers of all kinds will be on hand to encourage visitors to learn, invent, craft, play and make. Maker Day is free and family-friendly.

All of this will be in addition to our free Summer at the Museum program, which will continue all week.

It will be one crazy, fun, event-filled week at the Carnegie Museum. Come help us celebrate our anniversary by attending one, a few, or all of our events! More information on all of these events can be found on our Facebook page (@CarnegieMoCo) or by calling the museum at 362-4618.

June 15, 2017



By Dianne Combs

I get together with a group of friends occasionally and have “book night.” We discuss a certain piece, share favorite poetry, or read some of our own writings. We also seem to have a fondness for knowing how our favorite writers wrote. One writer that has had a great impact on others with his style and story writing abilities is Pat Conroy. CDPL has recently purchased “A Low Country Heart: Reflections on a Writing Life,” by Pat Conroy. It is actually a collection of blog postings, letters, essays, and an interview put together by his editor, Nan Talese, and his wife, Cassandra King. I did not know much about him beforehand, but just reading his wife’s introduction makes me wish I had met this man. She relates that “someone wrote that Pat didn’t fill up a room when he entered it, he WAS the room.” He was kind, he was effusive, he cared about his readers, and he could tell a story to keep you glued to the pages of the book. I have read a couple of his books; I always thought he could fill a sentence with the best of the southern writers.

The first offering of his writing is his entrance into the cyber world of blogging. He never really liked to blog, or have a website, or even own anything electronic. But with his usual candor, he relates highly personal information, but in a way that doesn’t make you feel sorry for him. You just want to sit with him and swap stories. He tells of his Citadel basketball buddies, beautiful wives of close friends, and recounts how various authors, name after name, have influenced his writing. He never says anything bad about anyone; in fact, he will elaborate on all their good points. The one person he fails to speak well of is his father, who was written about in “The Great Santini.” His father was a highly-regimented, abusive, mean Marine who made everyone in the family miserable. Many writers have come from poor childhoods, and Conroy is a shining example of that. He plumbed the depths of his family’s misery and put down on paper the feelings and experiences that many people have had, but perhaps were not able to relate, or even admit to their existence. He met many people at book signings throughout his career who were in tears when they met him, and were then able to tell him their own sad tales of best-forgotten childhoods. And he would listen. And he would remember them, and he would tell them to write it themselves. He was a great encourager of young writers, and liked to follow their careers. We have several Conroy books available on the CDPL shelves and on Hoopla. Hoopla has “The Water is Wide,” “Prince of Tides,” “The Boo: A Tribute to the Man Who Ruled the Citadel,” “The Lords of Discipline,” and “The Great Santini.” The “Prince of Tides” movie, starring Barbra Streisand and Nick Nolte, is also available at CDPL in our DVD collection.

June 8, 2017



By Angela White

Next week here at CDPL, I am very excited to announce that we will be having our very first Graphic Novel Book Club. We will be discussing the 1997 Jeff Loeb and Tim Sale’s modern Batman classic A Long Halloween. This DC Comics collected 13-issue series follows a younger, more inexperienced Batman in a film-noir style murder mystery. He’s young and he makes mistakes and all the classic Batman baddies are there to shine a bright light on his inadequacies.

Taking place during Batman's early days of crime fighting, *The Long Halloween* tells the story of a mysterious killer named Holiday, who murders people on holidays, one each month. Working with District Attorney Harvey Dent and Captain James Gordon, Batman races against the calendar as he tries to discover who Holiday is before he claims his next victim. This story highlights Batman as the detective as well as a crime fighter.

While Loeb is concocting an enticing mystery, Tim Sale is bringing this world to life with his imagery. The smallest details are creating this film-noir vibe that goes hand-in-hand with the mystery it's creating. That's just the setting. Add in the characters and their depictions, and you have one of the best looking comics ever. Loeb's deep story, with character development and plot twists only helps bring Tim Sale's wonderful characters, setting and mood to life.

Dripping with mood, characters and emotion, *The Long Halloween* is just as engrossing today as it was upon its release 20 years ago. It's the perfect story for a Batman fan, a Halloween fan and anyone looking for a good story. If you're out shopping for anyone in the coming weeks, pick it up. It's the perfect Holiday present.

This book is available for checkout from our electronic resource, Hoopla Digital. You will need a library card to access it. If you have any questions about the date, time, location, or how to access the book, contact CDPL's digital initiatives librarian Angela White 765-366-2242 ext. 100 or di@cdpl.lib.in.us.

June 1, 2017



By Karen Record

The Youth Services Department at the Crawfordsville District Public Library would like to invite all children up through the age of 18 to register for the summer reading program, "Read-a-saurus".

Registration begins Tuesday, May 30, 2017. Once younger children register they will be given a map of a dino dig. As they read, they will follow the dinosaur footprints and stop to "dig" at the different holes on the page. They will earn a prize at every hole. Once they complete the dino trek, the elementary children will earn a t-shirt and a book to keep. The preschoolers will earn a dinosaur book bag and a book to keep.

Every day the children may find Daisy the Dinosaur and enter a drawing to win a small stuffed dinosaur (that may be related to Daisy).

Each week the children will have the opportunity to learn interesting facts about dinosaurs by completing the dinosaur trivia game. There will also be a new drop-in dinosaur craft to make each week except for a patriotic craft the week before July 4th (while supplies last).

Please plan to join us for a story time each week. Baby story time for ages up to 18 months will be on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., toddler story time for ages up to 3 will be on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.,

and activity time for ages 4 and up will be on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Tagalongs are welcome. There are several family activities during the summer as well. There will be outside activities under the pavilion (like dino digs), a hatch-a-dinosaur activity, dinosaur Bingo, a story time on the Trail, Touch-a-Truck, and the World of Bubbles show. Frequently there will be a new picture hunt for children to enjoy while they visit the library. Of course, there are always regular things to do while you visit the library like work puzzles, color, play games on the computer, and play in the play corner.

The program for tween and teens is different from the younger children. They will keep track of time read and place tickets in a bucket for weekly and grand prize drawings. These students will also have the opportunity to do a Dinosaur Challenge where specific reading or tasks will earn extra tickets or prizes. There are two craft programs specifically for ages 12-18. We will have a time for making a dinosaur skeleton wood craft and an optical illusion sand art picture (registration required for both).

The program ends Tuesday, July 11, 2017. All time for reading must be turned in by 6 p.m. that day, followed at 6:30 p.m. by the finale for summer reading, The World of Bubbles.

Please visit www.cdpl.lib.in.us to see the events calendar. You can also call us at 362-2242 ext. 115 with any questions or to sign-up for a specific activity.

We want to thank the Friends of the Library for funding a good portion of this program. We can do so much more with their generosity.

We hope to see you this summer (if not before)!

Preview Shelf: May 2017

May 18, 2017

Summer Reading



By Suzie Baldwin

You know how there are movies where almost all the songs are recognizable ... well; Grease is like that with millions. Summer Nights popped into my head one day and I knew what the theme of Summer Reading should be! Instead of Summer Loving had me a Blast ... Summer Reading Had Me a Blast will be the tag line! Thus, we are “calling” all Adults because we are ready to have some fun with the 1950’s Grease theme. Tuesday, May 30th will be the first day to sign up.

Each week will either include a theme which was present in Grease or a time era throughout history. Music, love, friendship, fashion, cars, summer, school (education), and teenagers will all be included. Fiction or Non-Fiction books can be chosen but we do ask that the books be checked out from the Crawfordsville Public Library.

Re/Max, Clements Canoes (canoe package), Sugar Creek Players (tickets for the theater), Suanne Milligan, Brad Gonso (Edward Jones), Gould Body & Paint, Best Nails, Mayor Todd Barton,

HHSB (backpacks), Scaggs Designs (made our awesome shirts & a few will be given as prizes), Crawfordsville Golf Course (golf package), Emily Burke (string art), Plaza Lanes (Strike Pack), American Sewing Guild (is making a quilt – for one of the grand prizes), and the Yountsville Mill Garden Bed & Breakfast (Grand Prize will be a 2-night stay) are all sponsors thus far. If you would like to donate, we would be thrilled to advertise for you, too. Any donations could be dropped off at the Circulation Desk or give us a call and we will gladly pick something up. Donations could be as simple as a haircut or a \$10 gift card. The Adult patrons enjoy being spoiled and anticipate prizes just like the youth.

Other exciting events occurring at the library in the upcoming months are: Pressure Cooker Demonstration Class on Saturday, June 24, 2017 @ 1:00pm, a Harry Potter party on his July 31st birthday, a Writing Workshop given by author Jo Taylor (MoCo Native) on Saturday, August 5, and Hegemony and Holocaust: State Power & Jewish Survival by Wabash Political Science Professor Ethan J. Hollander on Monday, September 25, 2017. Other events are always being added – just check our calendar. Every week Yu Gi Oh (Tuesdays & Thursdays) and Chess (Thursdays at 6:30pm) meet. Deweys Do is a book club and meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm. The Friends of the Library Book Sale is also the 2nd Saturday of every month in the basement. Or, if you are interested in Genealogy come to a Genealogy meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

So, get ready for fun and come enjoy ... Summer Reading Had Me a Blast!

May 11, 2017



By Dianne Combs

If you are a lifelong gardener like myself, then this time of the year finds you trying to remember what worked last year, what you wanted to do differently this year, and where you left your tools. I have gardened all my life, and I have the fingernails to prove it. I like learning more about becoming more productive in less time and less space as my body becomes less and less willing to crawl around in the dirt for hours. Fortunately, CDPL has quite a collection of gardening books, and in particular, books on permaculture, such as “Gaia’s Garden: a Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture, 2nd ed.,” by Toby Hemenway. What is permaculture? It is form of sustainable landscaping that includes native plants, food plants, trees and shrubs as windbreaks and wildlife food sources, and much more. There is an abundance of information in this book, and it is easy to read and understand, as it was written to be used by everyday gardeners. There are many diagrams, charts, and pictures, which helped me to grasp the new ideas presented on a topic that I thought I already knew a great deal about.

“Gaia’s Garden” is divided into three parts. Part one describes how to better use the ecosystem in your garden. You learn to interplant, plant closer together, plant in zones, and plant to fit your style of gardening. There is no “one size fits all” in permaculture. Zone One is where you spend most of your time, with native and beneficial flowers, and easily available food plants. Zone Two

is for fruit trees, fruiting and native shrubs, berry bushes, and hedgerows planted with a variety of insect- and bird-friends shrubs. Here you may also grow big production vegetable beds for potatoes, tomatoes, pole beans. If you have the space and the intentions, Zone Three can be neatly trimmed fruit and nut trees, with interplantings of gooseberry, paw-paw, persimmon, and other understory food-bearing plants mixed with larger trees.

Part Two discusses enhancing your soil, water use and conservation, multi-use plants, and planting to increase the population of beneficial insects, birds, and other animals—yes, that might even mean creepy-crawlies that you don't usually think about needing in your ecosystem.

Part Three goes on to instruct the reader in having plant communities and urban gardens. There appear several great lists and diagrams here to help you get started. Making the most of the space you have can be done by using keyhole beds, polyculture, square-foot and biointensive gardening techniques.

At CDPL, we have many books on permaculture: “Basics of Permaculture Design,” by Ross Mars; “Food, Not Lawns,” by H.C. Flores; and “The Permaculture Garden,” by Graham Bell.

There are also several books on permaculture available on Hoopla: “The Vegetable Gardener’s Guide to Permaculture,” by Christopher Shein; “The Permaculture Transition Manual,” by Ross Mars; and “The Permaculture Handbook,” by Peter Bane are just a few. Have questions? Please contact us by calling 765-362-2242 ext. 117, or stop by the reference desk the next time you’re in the library. We hope to see you soon!

May 4, 2017

All the Queen’s Men



By Lacey Wallace

“Feeling like a hero, but I can’t fly
No, you never crash if you don’t try
Took it to the edge, now I know why
Never gonna live if you’re too scared to die”
— Goo Goo Dolls

Linda Howard writes romance suspense. Normally if a book is considered suspenseful, I like to read the last chapter first. I know, I know... It’s not the proper thing for a reader to do because it ruins any surprises the author has in store for the end. In my defense, I just like to know what kind of ending I should be preparing for and what items to have within reach while reading (a box of tissues, glass of wine, etc). “All the Queen’s Men,” was different. I simply didn’t have a chance to flip to the back as there was no good place to pause once I started the story; I was immediately drawn in. I couldn’t, even if I wanted to, get up and put the book down to pour a glass of wine or grab a tissue. It was a late night of reading and I don’t regret one minute of lost

sleep.

“All the Queen’s Men” is not new, but the story is timeless in its relevance. Niema and her husband, Dallas, go to Iran on a CIA mission with a couple of other agents including the notorious and elusive John Medina. Trouble and tragedy hit when Dallas goes into a warehouse to plant some explosives. Niema is listening on the radio and hears not only her husband get shot, but also the explosion that ends his life. Due to her incredible loss, she goes from being an adventure seeking communications expert who jumps at every opportunity to do field work for the CIA to a play-it-safe, keep-a-routine, tech nerd with a desk job.

Years later, John Medina, the agent with a legendary reputation, comes across a mission that needs a special undetectable bug that a certain tech nerd just invented. He needs to convince Niema that it’s time to get back out on the field and live again. Niema craves the danger, but is reluctant after seeing how it can all go wrong. Her mission is to modestly entice a French arms dealer, gain his trust, so that she and Medina can plant her bug in his office. Niema does her part almost too well, learning secrets that can put her life on the line. When the mission gets way more complicated than they expect, she and John are on the run with only two guns and blood pumping wildly through their veins. This, however, is when they thrive.

Find out how this adrenaline-filled story ends by checking it out or placing a hold today! If you haven’t read a Linda Howard novel yet, please stop by and grab the missing piece to your reader’s archive. “All the Queen’s Men” is available in the Adult Fiction collection at the Crawfordsville District Public Library.

Preview Shelf: April 2017

April 27, 2017



By Suzie Baldwin

Cooking ... almost every person does this, and pretty much everyone enjoys eating. Thus, the library is having a second cooking class on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 1:00pm in the library basement. Of course, the Pressure Cooker has taken a drastic change over the old metal pot with a locking lid I remember as a kid. The Instant Pot and the Della 12 Quart 1600 Watt Electric Pressure Cooker provide alternatives to the “old standby.”

The first “steam digester” was created in 1680 by Denis Papin – but explosions were common. This type of cooking began because Napoleon’s War was causing malnutrition to run rampant in the 18th century and it was necessary to find a way to preserve food. By 1915 the lightweight aluminum canner arrived as the “pressure cooker” for home usage. With the onset of WWII the eleven companies manufacturing pressure cookers were asked to donate their aluminum to the war effort and many housewives even donated theirs. Through the decades the pressure cooker has come and gone in popularity (often due to cheaply made models displaying dinner on the dining room ceiling).

Miss Vickie (not the potato chip lady) operates a blog regarding pressure cookers and has a book titled Miss Vickie's big book of Pressure Cooker recipes: Everything you need to know about Pressure Cookers with hundreds of quick-and-easy recipes. There are over 400 pages of recipes and several pages of useful time-table charts. Vickie Smith's book has a 2008 copyright so the library has purchased two new books regarding this appliance.

The Power Pressure Cooker XL Cookbook by Whitley Fox includes 123 delicious Electric Pressure Cooker recipes for the whole family and was published in 2016. Recipes include: breakfast, brunch, beef, poultry, pork, seafood, vegetables, soups, stews, desserts and more. Utilizing the power pressure of steam to cook, natural flavors are intensified, and food is cooked quickly and efficiently Pre-Programmed smart settings. If you love to eat healthy, home-cooked nutritious meals – this book is for you!

Laurel Randolph pens The Instant Pot: Electric Pressure Cooker Cookbook: Easy recipes for fast & healthy meals. Randolph even incorporates labels like Virtually Instant, Weekday Win, Worth the Wait, and Family-Friendly to assist with the difficult decision of what to make for dinner. Over 100 healthy, easy-to-make Instant Pot dishes are included. Savory breakfasts, hearty stews and decadent desserts will adorn your table. Paleo-friendly, vegetarian, and gluten-free options will also be included with tips and techniques so you can discover endless possibilities for tasty pressure-cooked meals.

Whether you already own a pressure cooker or just want to attend a fun cooking demonstration call and reserve a spot for the upcoming class at (765) 362-2242 x 109. Or, if you enjoy cooking come browse the collection on the 2nd floor of the library – I can almost guarantee you will find something to enjoy! Stop by to see us and dream of becoming a “Master Chef!”

April 20, 2017



By Angela White

Cyber Security during Tax Time

Cyber security is a broad term to describe all the things you can do to keep your computer and personal information safe. During tax time, personal information is flying all over the place, making the need for strong cyber security crucial. Here are some areas of cyber security to think about this tax season.

Passwords

They may not seem like a big deal, but passwords are your first line of defense against cybercrime. A password should have a minimum of 10 characters using uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers and special characters. To make it easy for you to remember but hard for an attacker to guess, create an acronym. For example, pick a phrase that is meaningful to you, such as “My dog’s birthday is January 23, 2007. Using that phrase as your guide, you might use Mdbij23,2007 for your password.

A best practice for strong password creation is to exclude what are called “dictionary passwords”

or passwords that are created by using simple words. An example might be SummerTime17. This could be an acceptable password for the source you need it for but it's composed of two basic words and isn't very strong, unlike the example we used earlier Mbdij23,2007. This password is exponentially more complex therefore harder for malicious software or person to figure out.

Below are additional criteria you should follow when it comes to your password.

- Use a strong password.
- Never tell anyone your password or hinting at it, not even to friends, family or colleagues.
- Pick a password you can remember and don't need to write down.
- Lock your screen or log out when stepping away from a computer, especially in a public area.
- Use a temporary password when using a public computer or a public network to access confidential information.
- Ignore requests by websites or browsers to "remember" your password.

Malware

There are many different types of malware that are designed to gather either your personal or financial information or both. Malware can come in many different forms such as clicking on an ad, an e-mail attachment or free software installs. To protect against malware, it's very important that you install all suggested updates for your operating system and keep your anti-virus software up to date. Also ask any tax preparation service if they are up-to-date. If you're not sure if your computer is free of viruses and malware, StaySafeOnline.org has a list of sites that offer free security check ups for your computer.

Phishing

Cyber criminals are always trying to devise new ways to trick you into revealing information. Our best defense is to think critically and don't be too trusting. Never send financial information over email and if a seemingly legitimate organization asks for money, tell them you'll call/email them back—with a phone number or email address you've looked up in the phone book. The Internal Revenue Service has released a statement saying that their employees will never email or call demanding immediate payment without having first sent a bill. They will also never ask for your credit card information over email or phone. Pay attention to phishing traps in email and watch for telltale signs of a scam. DON'T open mail or attachments from an untrusted source. If you receive a suspicious email, the best thing to do is to delete the message.

Securing your home network

A firewall sits between a computer (or local network) and another network (such as the Internet), controlling the incoming and outgoing network traffic. Without a firewall, anyone can "walk" right into your network. With a firewall, the firewall's rules determine which traffic is allowed through and which isn't.

If you connect to the Internet using a router, you already have a firewall. You can configure your router for maximum security. The StaySafeOnline.org has some tips for setting up your router for maximum safety.

Computer operating systems also offer firewalls as a second line of defense. Learn what your computer has to offer for protection and if it is enabled or not.

Other resources

The Department of Homeland Security has a campaign called "Stop. Think. Connect." to help people be safe online. This information is available for personal and professional use as well as for all ages.

Also here at CDPL we have moved our Digital Drop In to a new day: Wednesdays from 4-6pm. Come in and talk to our patient IT staff about your technology questions and issues.

April 13, 2017



By Dianne Combs

Back in my early '80s college days, I learned about music from listening to my music, my friends' music, and anything else I could get my hands on. I was never a great fan of rock 'n' roll, with the decided exception of a few talented musicians, one of them being Phil Collins of the supergroup "Genesis." I first heard "I Can Feel It in the Air Tonight" in 1981, and went crazy over the man who could sing lead vocals and bang out a rhythm at the same time. "Not Dead Yet" is Phil Collins' new autobiography recently acquired by CDPL. Phil starts out his memoirs with stories about his family, and his early drumming life. Imagine a kid, barely 12 years old, with a kit set up in the "lounge" (living room) with the telly on, who played along to every commercial, every singer, every in-and-out of commercial time. He must have driven his neighbors crazy, but his family put up with it. In 1964, he sold his brother's train set to come up with half the money for a new drum kit. And who knew that as a young teen, he modeled in commercials, and appeared in print advertisements? He soon started a band with his drama school mates, and they worked hard to learn American R&B music, and style themselves after their favorite local band. During this time, Phil met his lifetime friend, Ronnie Caryl. They would carry on with their joint musical adventures for another fifty years.

One day, while getting out of the bath, nineteen year-old Phil received a call from George Martin — yes, THAT George Martin, and yes, they were recording at Abbey Road Studios, and yes, THAT George Harrison needed him to play along on his next album. All is well until the album is released and he is not mentioned at all. Blame it on Phil Spector, but Phil's drummer heart was crushed, and his fingers were bloody from pounding on congas.

If you are a fan at all of Collins, you will love to read about his auditions for different bands, starting with Genesis in 1970. He joined up with three very young musicians: Mike Rutherford, Peter Gabriel, and Tony Banks, and they carried on with playing in tiny clubs in Britain, but eventually had a great time playing a well-received concert in Italy. Touring began across the globe. Reading about the crazy things Peter Gabriel did during concerts, it's a wonder they survived. Phil is also quite open about his three failed marriages, his alcohol addiction, and other stresses in his life.

Other books we have on musicians are "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah: Story of Pop Music From Bill Haley to Beyonce," by B. Stanley; "Motown," by G. Posner; "Rock and Roll: an Unruly History," by R. Palmer; "I am Brian Wilson: a memoir," by Brian Wilson; and the new "Sex, Drums, and Rock'n'Roll: the Hardest Hitting Man in Show Business," by IU grad Kenny Aronoff — most famous as the drummer for John Mellencamp. Many more biographies are available in the non-fiction collection. Please ask for help to find the book you're looking for; we'll be happy to help you!

April 6, 2017



By Jodie Wilson

Public libraries are great money saving resources. Are you taking advantage of the financial benefits of library use? One of my personal favorite resources is the library's subscription to Consumer Reports, the magazine prepared by the Consumer's Union. Unlike the majority of the library's 150 magazine subscriptions for adults, these issues cannot be checked out, which means that all the issues are here and always waiting for you on the library's second floor. The extensive reviews found in Consumer Reports compare products in a specific category to each other, and help the reader save not only money, but the headaches that result from purchasing a flawed and troublesome product.

When it comes time to purchase a car, the reviews in the annual auto issue (please ask for this at the 2nd floor reference desk) could save you thousands of dollars and dramatically improve your chances of driving a car you love. And missing out on the expense and hassle of fixing a poorly-performing vehicle will allow more money and free time for other things you love to do.

The annual Consumer Reports Buying Guide (also available at the 2nd floor reference desk) rates over 2,000 products, from refrigerators and dishwashers to laptops and smartphones. The results are ranked in order of model performance, with reliability scales for the manufacturers of the products, ranked from highest reliability to lowest. While they can't guarantee the performance of any particular purchase, spending just a few minutes with the results of their testing could eliminate a source of frustration from your life, while providing a different perspective on the features of each product. You'll be more likely to walk away with just the features that matter to you, saving money on your overall purchase.

The hundreds of magazine subscriptions available in print at the library are available for borrowing except for the most recent issue contained in the red cover. Not only can you avoid subscription expenses, you can also avoid needless clutter at home. Magazines in the library's collection cover a wide variety of subjects, including pet care, home decor, antiques, popular culture, health, science and technology, cooking, and many other popular areas of interest. Want to learn how to handle money more successfully? Read Money or Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazines. Or if you're hands-on, you can save by putting the solutions in Do It Yourself or The Family Handyman into play.

While services such as Netflix and Hulu charge you for their access to great TV and movies, the library DVD collection includes brand-new releases such as Moana, Arrival, and Doctor Strange, and TV series such as Orphan Black, Sherlock, The Flash, and Game of Thrones. Hidden Figures, La La Land and Rogue One: A Star Wars Story are already on order and will be added on their release date. Once the item shows in our system, these popular items can be placed on hold for you; just ask our staff for assistance if you'd like to be shown how to do this for

yourself. Our Hoopla online service allows our library card holders to access streaming video, thousands of music albums, e-books, and e-audiobooks.

Looking for other ways to save at CDPL? You can use the library's Freegal service to download music you can keep; take advantage of the library's internet computing & low-cost printing capabilities; and enjoy free programs such as the Chess Club, Book Clubs or other special programs. Follow CDPL on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and to keep up with the library's newest and most popular additions, be sure to sign up for Wowbrary, the library's e-newsletter. But be sure to confirm your subscription by clicking on the follow-up e-mail sent to you, or your subscription will not activate. Have questions about materials in the library's collections? Please call the reference desk at 765-362-2242 ext. 117.

Preview Shelf: March 2017

March 30, 2017

WWI Display at CDPL



By Dianne Combs

I recently completed a display on the second floor at CDPL titled, "Montgomery County 'Over There.'" I researched local soldiers' involvement in Europe during 1917-18, and have compiled a book containing soldiers' letters printed in the Crawfordsville paper of the time. My interest in women's engagement in "the War to End All Wars" piqued when I found that a local school teacher, Miss McKinney, had fled over the mountains from Tabriz to find shelter with British forces when the Turks invaded northern Iraq. I had no clue that we had any troops in that area, never mind a local woman. So I found "Into the Breach: American Women Overseas in World War I" by Dorothy and Carl J. Schneider (940.31 Sch) in our history section. This book really opened my eyes to the serious, and often dangerous, work undertaken by at least 25,000 American women in places as diverse as France, Serbia, and Siberia during World War I. They were nurses, doctors, and Red Cross workers in England, France, Italy, Belgium, and occupied Germany. Women traveled by train, by foot, and by cart to entertain the troops. Telephone operators, or "Hello Girls" played a vital communications role in the operations of our military. One very telling photo is of a Salvation Army worker repairing a soldier's jacket amid rubble.

Emily Simmonds became legendary when she saved the lives of hundreds of Serbian boys by marching them hundreds of miles to get away from conflict. She nursed and doctored many people, even though she had never operated on anyone before. Many women's colleges, such as Vassar and Wellesley, sent volunteers in groups. Smith College's women were the most successful at keeping their group together and doing good work. They worked at Chateau-Thierry, France, putting together a library for the villagers, hosting woodworking classes to

repair and replace burned furniture, restocking damaged farms, and replacing fruit trees. On March 21, 1918, when the German army was upon them, they helped “their” villagers escape to train stations, fed hungry soldiers, and evacuated their own livestock. At one point, they loaded elderly villagers on top of a pile of mattresses on a truck to get them to safety, all the while enduring bombing raids by the enemy.

Women journalists lived the most precarious lives, often times finding themselves right in the thick of things. During the same time as western countries were fighting Germany and her allies, Russia was bubbling with revolution. Louise Bryant was present during the Bolshevik attack on the Winter Palace, in November of 1917, along with Bessie Beatty. They witnessed soldiers digging mass graves in front of the Kremlin. They watched the unraveling of the Russian governmental and social systems.

The authors wrote “Into the Breach” in such a way that you feel as if you are right there alongside the many intrepid women that they highlight in this book. Along with this title, I also recommend “American Women in World War I: They Also Served,” by Lettie Gavin (940.4 Gav).

March 23, 2017

Happy Puppy Day!



By Suzie Baldwin

One thing that always brings humor to my life is seeing the outrageous “events” and “holidays” on calendars like on <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/>. Granted, if you know me there are numerous things that bring humor to my life- but if you get a few spare moments check out some of the crazy “days” listed on this website. Today’s funnier celebrations include: Chip & Dip Day, Melba Toast Day, and Puppy Day and tomorrow includes Chocolate Covered Raisins Day. Did you know that on April 1st, it isn’t only April Fool’s Day, but also Pillow Fight Day? Two of the upcoming March days are Doctor’s Day on March 30 and Crayola Crayon Day on March 31st. So, to celebrate these two quirky days I will highlight Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternak and Doctor Who: After Life (Graphic Novel). There is an endless supply of books regarding physicians, but these two titles – 1. a Classic and 2. a sensation with a HUGE following (The Whovians) are entertaining to say the least. For Crayola Day try reading Turning Wax into Crayons by Herald McKinley (j741.23 McKin). Another spectacular crayon book is Red: A Crayon’s Story by Michael Hall. In this tale, the “red” crayon isn’t very good at his job. All the other crayons and art supplies criticize the “red” crayon. Until one day, a berry tone realizes maybe “red” can draw a beautiful blue ocean. This changes “red’s” life and the other

crayons then support their friend. It would be fun to check-out this book to see if your tots can guess why “red” is really drawing in blue.

April contains National Poetry Month and Humor Month. So, I have to include my favorite *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein. How can “Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too, went for a ride in a flying shoe” not put you in a good mood? Another interesting poetry book is *The Poetry of the American Civil War* (811.3 Poe). The book is divided into 5 sections: The War Scene, The Holy War, Social Commentary, Slavery, and Stories of the War. Many of the poems are more like a short story but set the scene perfectly of brothers fighting brothers and the country tearing itself apart piece by piece. If you read some of the Civil War poems, you might then want to be silly again and discover the humor books. *Goofballs: A book of Sports Jokes* by Mark Ziegler (j818.54 Zie) includes an amusing collection of witticism. “Why was Cinderella such a bad soccer player? (Because she always ran away from the ball) Another comical book is Barbara Johnson’s *Humor Me, I’m Your Mother!* One of the cutest comics included as a mother ill in bed while her son is asking, “Dad said you got a 24-hour virus ... How much time do you have left?” Yes, this definitely sounds like motherhood.

Don’t forget to stop by CDPL to visit, view our gallery and displays and become involved. There are programs offered and in April there will be a Poetry contest. Stop by to learn how to enter. Before next time, Read, Read, Read!

March 16, 2017

National Craft Month!



By Suzie Baldwin

March is National Craft Month. Do you have an interesting skill? Until a few years ago I had never heard of tatting (but one of my best buddies can tat). I can also remember a funny library correspondence when I was pulling a multitude of items off the shelves when someone asked me about “quilting” – unfortunately the person had actually said “quilling” which I had also never heard of until about 15 years ago. So, I learned about two new crafts just from working in the library. The techniques required for tatting and quilling are unique and very interesting. If you would like to have some fun with others on March 21, 2017 the library will be hosting a craft day at 2:30pm and 6:30pm. If you are interested please contact the Circulation Desk (765) 362-2242 x 109 to register (to ensure ample supplies).

Crawfordsville Library also has a multitude of craft books (shelves and shelves) in case you want to begin a new hobby or perfect one you’ve already started. *Maker Dad: Father-Daughter Projects* by Mark Frauenfelder is filled with easy-to-follow instructions and step-by-step color photographs. The crafts and gadgets are both rewarding to make and delightful to play with – perfect for any parent-and-child team. There is a lunchbox guitar, a silkscreen t-shirt, a drawbot

and ice cream sandwich necklaces. This book is located on the second floor under 745.5 Fre or you can call and request the item and we could hold it at the Circulation Desk for you.

Another interesting (and freshly purchased item) book called *Plant Craft: 30 projects that add natural style to your home* by Caitlin Atkinson infuses your home with the beauty of the natural world. Atkinson is an interior stylist and helps match your tastes with nature's handiwork. A chandelier is designed with trailing succulents; an underwater driftwood garden will also delight your visitors with whimsical tillandsia nests or even grow a living wall of plants. The illustrations include easy, step-by-step directions to guarantee success.

Adrianana Adarme (the creator of the Cozy Kitchen) has another beautiful book titled *The Year of Cozy*. There are 125 recipes, crafts and other homemade adventures incorporating the four seasons of the year. Adarme writes she was unhappy and unfulfilled until she began to write this book and doesn't believe living a good life has to mean "fancy things." In the autumn section her talents range from crafting a marbled bowl to baking a scrumptious dish of burnt butter-pear-ginger crumble. Just the photograph will make your mouth water.

The library has a fun Mary Engelbreit (*Crafts to Celebrate the Seasons*) title, *The Complete Photo Guide to Felting* by Ruth Lane, and a *Classic Crafts: A Practical Compendium of Traditional Crafts* published by Simon and Schuster. These, along with other books will entertain you, encourage you, and entice you to be crafty! By using your library card you can also access items on Hoopla to assist you with your inventiveness. Don't forget you can always search our website from the comforts of your recliner and place items on hold to pick up within a 5-day time period. We love to help you locate items that encourage the love of reading and learning. Until next time ... read, read, read.

March 9, 2017

Training offered for RefUSA



By Jodie Wilson

Are you interested in marketing your small business more effectively? Would you like to learn more about the Montgomery County business community? Or could you take advantage of some job search data that would allow your resume to land on the right desk? These are just a few of the potential uses possible with a brand-new premium business database now offered through CDPL.

ReferenceUSA, offered by InfoGroup, has been added to the many other online resources now available through our library. You can gain access via the library's website at www.cdpl.lib.in.us From the library's main web page, choose the ReferenceUSA blue body text and you will be prompted to agree to terms and conditions, then will need to enter the barcode digits on the back

of your current library card. Don't have a library card? Call (362-2242 opt.1) or stop by CDPL to determine what steps will be necessary to receive your very own card. Once you're ready with your library card, you can proceed to using the database, either at the library or in the comfort of your own home or office.

Let's look at just one sample search from only one of the databases within ReferenceUSA. By selecting the U.S. Businesses Database, we can learn a lot about the businesses in Montgomery County. To begin, let's click on advanced search. On the left hand column, click Company Name, then Under Business Type, select Keyword/SIC/NAICS. Next, Under Geography, Select County, then populate the small box with Indiana, then choose Montgomery County. Under Business Size, click Number of Employees, and Sales Volume. When you're finished customizing your search, click View Results in the right-hand column.

A list of 1,604 businesses is generated by this search. They are displayed in an alphabetized list by name of company, including address, phone number, and executive name. Businesses owned by large chains also display their parent company contact information.

Next, click on the Heat Map tab, and you'll see a representation of the density of businesses in Montgomery County with red areas highlighting the locations of highest business density, and green the lowest. Click "Back to Results" when you're done exploring this feature.

Click on the Charts tab, and the charts are configurable to display any of the characteristics listed. We can see here that nearly 62% of our county's businesses employ 1-4 people. By sorting by city, we see that 1300 of our county's results are located in Crawfordsville. Facts such as these can quickly illuminate an in-depth study of local business.

Using this database, you can create custom lists of addresses, and even print labels. But this is just one of the available databases. Other database content includes U. S. Standard White pages listings, U.S. Jobs & Internships, U.S. Homeowners, U.S. Historical Businesses, U.S. Healthcare, and U.S. Consumers/Lifestyles.

Have questions, or like to know more about the power of ReferenceUSA? InfoGroup trainer Andra Roussel will be visiting CDPL on April 4th to demonstrate the many uses of these databases. Please reserve your spot by March 17th to attend the training, which will be held from 11:30-1 p.m. in the Donnelley Room on April 4th. Lunch will be provided by Maxine's on Green. Please call 362-2242 ext. 117 or e-mail us at ref@cdpl.lib.in.us to make reservations.

March 2, 2017



By Jodie Wilson

As our Digital Initiatives Librarian, Angela White, announced in the Preview Shelf column on February 16th, we are offering a Digital Drop-In on Monday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. We will

be offering this event every Monday in March. If you would like some assistance with technology, please stop by and our patient and friendly staff will do our best to assist you with your tech questions. If you're wondering how to download free e-books from the library collection, needing help learning to use your new iPad or tablet, or trying to figure out how to get those photos off your smartphone, we'll be happy to help you out!

Please note that these sessions must be limited to 15 minutes if there are others waiting for assistance. A few limitations: We cannot fix broken hardware; we cannot keep any device for repair; we are not able to guarantee that we can provide an answer or fix your issue. All patrons will be required to sign a liability waiver. Please have your device fully charged, bring connection cables if appropriate, and be sure you bring your sign-in information and passwords. We look forward to seeing you!

We also have a new online service to announce this week, as well as a milestone in local genealogy!

For years, CDPL has been offering free onsite access to Ancestry.com, and our subscription to HeritageQuest is also available to local history and genealogy researchers both on and off site. These services have been quite popular, and CDPL is known for its local history and genealogy collections. We're pleased to announce we're expanding our resources to include onsite access to Fold 3, a service providing historical military records owned by Ancestry.com. Onsite access should be available at the library within a few days.

Fold 3 will offer expanded information on US military resources, including stories, photos and personal documents from service veterans. Records include content made available from the National Archives and Records Administration, Allen County (Ind.) Public Library, Family Search Archives, and many additional sources.

If you're not familiar with our existing genealogy resources, our Ancestry.com Library Edition includes digital images of historical documents and historical photographs. Indexes and an incredible number of other resources are available, including member-contributed family pedigrees with their own family photographs. Although these pedigrees themselves are not authoritative as sources of information, they can provide possibilities to direct research, and give a starting point to verify with the documentation available through Ancestry.com.

HeritageQuest Library Edition includes both onsite and offsite access to city directories, slave schedules, U.S. Indian Census Rolls, Mortality Schedules, Agricultural and Industrial Schedules, and extensive federal census rolls.

An additional resource to assist in your family research is the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, which will be celebrating its 15-year anniversary on Tuesday, March 14th. Get to know the club members by attending the 6:30 p.m. reception, and 7 p.m. meeting and ceremonies. Judi Kleine will speak on the current status of the club's cemetery project. Others will be recognized and honored. For more information, contact GCMC President Dellie Craig at 765-362-2242 extension 117. You can view the club Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/21Y7Kp5> to receive updates and view photographs of club events.

Preview Shelf: February 2017

February 23, 2017

Cookbooks for busy families



By Suzie Baldwin

If you are already a cooking guru or if you just want to find a way to speed up the cooking process for those nights you have two meetings and a ball game to attend, this article might just be the one for you. On Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 1:00pm the library will be hosting a class about Air Fryers. Then, on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 1:00pm in the basement of the library there will be a demonstration on how to utilize pressure cookers (ex: Instant Pots).

The library has purchased 3 new books regarding Air Fryers (discussed in this article) and two about Pressure Cookers which will soon be available for check out (or to be placed on hold). Meredith Laurence (the Blue Jean Chef) has penned a cookbook called Air Fry Everything! Laurence is also the bestselling author of four other cookbooks and boasts “You should be as comfortable in the kitchen as you are in your favorite jeans!” This 300 page book offers ideas for creating fried food fast without the added fat, calories or guilt. There are 130 all new, flavor-bursting recipes, including restaurant makeovers, like Blooming Onions, Chicken Wings and Skinny Fries.

Linda Larsen’s (author of 28 cookbooks) new The Complete Air Fryer Cookbook teaches proper usage of timing, temps, oil options and purchasing the best machine for you. Larsen has worked for Pillsbury and Malt-o-Meal and is a Busy Cooks Expert at About.com. The 154 page paperback offers ideas for Mixed Berry Muffins for breakfast, Tuna Zucchini Melts for lunch and Spicy Thai Beef Stir-Fry for dinner. The inspiring meals are baked, grilled, roasted and also steamed.

Lastly, Jeff Jones has published Air Fryer Cookbook offering 320 healthy, quick & easy recipes for YOUR air fryer. I randomly selected page 44 and found a Four Cheese Pizza recipe and a Vegetarian, Gluten-Free Lasagna. There are a limited number of ingredients (which I greatly appreciate) and simple step-by-step directions with 12 and 10 minute cooking times respectively – who wouldn’t want to have an extra hour back of their day ... well, an Air Fryer will provide the opportunity to spend less time in the kitchen and more time reading other books and spending time doing something you love! Come see us or give us a call to attend the classes or to check out other books on any numerous topics. We would love to help you find books about a new hobby or just a CD to listen to while waiting for Spring to arrive.

If you are interested in attending either of the classes please call the Circulation Desk at (765) 362-2242 x 109 or e-mail circ@cdpl.lib.in.us to sign-up (so there is ample supplies/food available) so you can learn and enjoy! Until next week, read, read, read!

February 16, 2017

The Digital Drop In



By Angela White

Greetings from the tech department of Crawfordsville District Public Library. My name is Angela White. I am the new Digital Initiatives Librarian here and I am very excited to tell you about a new service we are offering. It's called the Digital Drop-in.

We've all had issues with technology but surviving in today's world without our gadgets is nearly impossible. But who can afford private computer lessons or the hourly rate of a Geek Squad member? Well, your library wants to help.

Patient CDPL staff will be available in the library's main lobby next Monday, February 20th, from 4pm to 6pm to work with you one-on-one to answer your tech questions.

Whether it's:

- basic computing skills like using the mouse or finding out what a browser is
- troubleshooting an issue with your smartphone, laptop, or e-Reader
- opening an email account
- making a Craig's List post
- changing your Facebook security settings
- learning how to use your iPad or tablet
- formatting an Excel spreadsheet
- learning how to Google
- getting your photos off your phone or digital camera
- filling out online job applications
- downloading free books, music, movies and magazines to your device or computer
- using all the free electronic resources available through CDPL

We want to help.

Here at CDPL, we aim to build confidence in the community using digital devices and technology. We want to provide answers to questions that people have about how they can accomplish their tech goals but perhaps just don't know how.

As with all good things, there are limitations. We are not able to fix broken hardware, or keep any devices for repair. We cannot guarantee that we can provide an answer or fix. If our staff aren't able to help right away, they will do some research in order to provide more information at the next session. Our recommendations are our opinion but you are ultimately responsible for your device, and all patrons will be required to sign a liability waiver. Each consultation is limited to 15 minutes if there is a wait. Please have your device fully charged, connection cables if appropriate, and know your sign-in information and passwords.

There is no formal class, sign up or registration. This service is free. Laptops will be available for those who don't have their own computer or device but still have questions. All kinds of queries are welcome, from the quick and easy to the more complicated. All ages are welcome. Just bring yourself, your questions, and your tech. I can't wait to meet you.

February 9, 2017

John Le Carre Spills All His Secrets in Memoir



By Dianne Combs

John Le Carre is one of the world's great spy novelists. In his new memoir, "The Pigeon Tunnel—Stories From My Life," he takes us on a name-dropping trip through his adventurous life. Born David John Moore Cornwell, he was not always an author. While attending university in Bern, Switzerland, as a teenager, he was recruited by British Intelligence and became a dropper-of-messages, and a do-er of this and that. He shone as a student of German literature and gives this study credit for giving him the desire and ambition to visit post-war Germany, and later to study German at Oxford. He purports that studying German "fed my incurable romanticism and my love of lyricism."

In the first chapter, "Don't Be Beastly to Your Secret Service," Le Carre throws out some well-known names of spies-turned-novelists who had to disguise their antics while working with MI6 so as to not break the Official Secrets Act. Later he relates that he would not have become the writer he did had he not been given rigorous instruction in prose while training at MI5. His mentors, classically educated officers, would rip his writing to shreds and hold him to the exacting standards of their editing. He makes known stories of Kim Philby and George Blake, two British double-agents, whose stories later influence his writing of "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold" and "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy."

In chapters three and four, he shares stories of being at the British Embassy in Bonn in the early 1960's. Part of his job was to escort German politicians to Britain. An extremely uncomfortable job at times, it could involve introducing young German parliamentarians to London's charms—um, all of them.

"Theatre of the Real" is a chapter outlining his encounters with Yasser Arafat while gathering information in Palestine for his famous book, "Little Drummer Girl." He tells of traveling through this war-torn land as if he were the main character in the book, "Charlie," who is loosely based on his sister. In the book, Charlie is to be recruited to become an Israeli spy amongst Palestinian and German terrorists. His encounter with a Palestinian who has been deprived of his land in 1948 helps him to find the rage needed by his character to push her towards second-guessing her mission.

In "The Biggest Bear in the Garden," Le Carre imparts his stories about knowing two very likeable KGB officers. With Vadim Bakatin, who was given the "poisoned chalice" job of clearing out and cleaning up the KGB by Gorbachev in 1991, he muses about the spy business. Yevgeny Primakov, while in London as Russian Foreign Minister, communicates his frustration with both Western and Middle Eastern politics.

If you love reading spy novels and the intrigue of international relations, "The Pigeon Tunnel—

Stories From My Life” is the perfect book for you. This title is available in both regular fiction and large print collections at CDPL.

February 2, 2017

Essential Oils Program



By Jodie Wilson

Ever wonder why Essential Oils have recently gained such popularity? On Monday, February 6, CDPL will be hosting an Introduction to Essential Oils class at 6:30 p.m. in the Donnelley Room. It would be a great opportunity to find out just what the buzz is all about, and why some people use them in place of harsh chemicals for cleaning, to create a healthful atmosphere, even to create personalized beauty products.

Can't make it to the class? Even if that time doesn't work for you, CDPL can still help you find answers to your questions about this popular topic. CDPL has a great number of Essential Oil resources that will provide in-depth information including instructions for use, warnings and medical contraindications, and other necessary details that are often left out in short internet articles. Check out our books, "Essential Oils Every Day: Rituals and Remedies for Healing, Happiness, and Beauty," by Hope Gillerman (2016); "Essential Oils for Beginners: The Guide to Get Started with Essential Oils and Aromatherapy," by Althea Press (2013); or Healing Oils: 500 Recipes for Aromatherapy," by Carol Schiller (2016).

If you're interested in the role Essential Oils play in wellness, perhaps you'd like to explore the following titles, keeping in mind that consulting with your own qualified medical professional is a critical step when dealing with health issues. "Essential Oils Natural Remedies: The Complete A-Z Reference of Essential Oils for Health and Healing," by Althea Press (2015); The Healing Intelligence of Essential Oils: The Science of Advanced Aromatherapy by Kurt Schnaubelt (2011); and "Surviving When Modern Medicine Fails: The Definitive Guide to Essential Oils That Could Save Your Life in a Crisis," by Scott Johnson (2014) may be titles of interest.

Hoping to replace some of the commercial beauty products you use with something more natural? Consult "The Complete Guide to Creating Oils, Soaps, Creams and Herbal Gels for Your Mind and Body: 101 Natural Body Care Recipes," by Marlene Jones (2011). Or try "Green Beauty Recipes: Easy Homemade Recipes to Make Your Own Natural and Organic Skincare, Hair Care, and Body Care Products," by Julie Gabriel (2010). "The Natural Soap Book: Making Herbal and Vegetable-Based Soaps," by Susan Miller Cavitch is another option on this topic.

Aromatherapy is clearly a very popular subject, and most of our books on Essential Oils are checked out almost immediately upon return to the library, but here's a little-known secret: you can reserve these books by placing a hold on them! Go to our website at

<http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us>. Click the “check your account” link that appears in the “Quick Catalog Search” box. You’ll need your log-on information: your library card barcode information, as well as your PIN or password. Once you search and find the item you’d like to borrow, click on the “place request.” When the item returns to the library, we will keep it at the desk for you for 5 days, and we’ll contact you using the e-mail address or phone number you set up on your account.

Don’t like to wait? Hoopla, our digital collection, features even more free-to-you offerings on the subject of Essential Oils including: “The Aromatherapy Garden,” by Kathi Keville (2016); “The Complete Book of Essential Oils and Aromatherapy,” by Valerie Ann Worwood (2016); and “The Expert’s Guide to Aromatherapy & Essential Oils for Health: A-Z of Ailments and Natural Remedies to Treat Them,” by Daniele Ryman (2015). These e-resources are immediately downloadable, and are always available! If you have questions about Hoopla, or our essential oil resources, please give us a call at 765-362-2242 ext. 117.

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January 5, 2017

A Better New Year with CDPL



By Jodie Wilson

As a New Year’s tradition, most of us make specific resolutions, or at least set a few general goals we hope to achieve for our new year. To make meeting these new goals easier, we’d like to suggest a few possibilities from our library’s collection.

Paying down debt, saving for retirement, and making investments are common financial goals. “Retire Inspired” by Chris Hogan is one of our newest books in this subject area; another is Jane Bryant Quinn’s “How to Make Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide.” Other popular authors on finances include Dave Ramsey and Suze Orman. You can find these items in the 332 call number range, or just ask, and we’ll be happy to direct you right to it.

As we add another year to our ages, it’s a worthy goal to take better care of ourselves.

Thankfully, CDPL has many great guides on how to do this. We have brand-new cooking, health, and exercise materials. New cookbooks such as “Vegan, Vegetarian, Omnivore: Dinner for Everyone at the Table,” by Anna Thomas and “The Skinnytaste Cookbook” by Gina Homolka give some great ideas on lightening up our menus. You’ll find more cookery choices at call number 641.5.

Deepak Chopra, author of “Super Genes: Unlock the Astonishing Power of DNA for Optimum Health and Well-Being, and Miranda Esmonde-White, author of DVDs on classical stretch and a book on aging reversal, provide hope to improve our health even as we age. Check in the area around 613.71, or ask us for assistance in finding these titles.

Maybe a bigger concern is organizing your home. Marie Kondo’s “The Life-Changing Magic of

Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing” was a big hit at CDPL, and her follow-up, “Spark Joy: An Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up,” has also proved very popular. Find more at 648 & 648.5.

Would you like to learn a new hobby in 2017? We’ve got the materials for that, too! Whether your interests are in music, learning a new language, making jewelry, learning crochet, beginning a new sport, or in some other area, chances are great that we have something to offer that is just what you had in mind. Among the brand-new bookshelf choices, we have “The Art of Woodworking: Restoring Antiques,” “Embroidery: A Step-by-Step Guide to More Than 200 Stitches,” by Lucinda Ganderton, or even a book on how to make maple syrup. You can get ready now for when the sap runs by reading “Maple Syrup: An Introduction to the Science of a Forest Treasure,” by Mike Rechlin.

Planning for travel is another fun goal for 2017. Whether you’re planning a big trip to a foreign destination such as London, Cuba, Scandinavia, or the Middle East, or something a bit closer to home, we have a great collection of new travel guides! Domestic titles include “My Old Kentucky Road Trip: Historic Destinations and Natural Wonders;” “Off the Beaten Path Indiana: A Guide to Unique Places;” “Indiana Wineries: The Ultimate Guide to Wine in Indiana,” by Todd & Becky Outcalt; and “The National Parks: An American Legacy,” by Ian Shive. Travel information may be found in the 914-918 call number range.

Regardless of your other resolutions, here’s one more we hope you add to your list: visiting CDPL! Whether you visit often or have never visited before, we look forward to seeing you. Please stop by, apply for a new library card, or renew your old one, and allow us to help you find just the thing you’re looking for. Library collection items are available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year now, with free digital collections by Hoopla, Freegal, RB digital and more. Happy New Year!

January 12, 2017

The Victorian Love Story



By Dianne Combs

If you are an Anglophile like myself, you will be quite enchanted with our latest acquisition, “Victoria,” by Daisy Goodwin, which tells the fictional story of Queen Alexandrina Victoria, or “Drina,” as her family called her, and her early romance with Albert, her cousin. Their romance and marriage would become one of the greatest love stories in English history. This book begins with Drina living a secluded life at Kensington with her mother, a German woman who had married Prince Edward, the fifth son of George III. Her Uncle King, William IV, is in poor health, and Drina wishes that if he is to die of drink, that he do it after she turns eighteen. Her mother has been in a relationship with the controlling Sir John Conroy, and if Drina is to make it

as an independent monarch, she knows she must shed her mother's special friend, and get on with it herself. And as for that dreadful name, Alexandrina, well, she will soon have her way and be called "Victoria" from the French Victoire, a family name. This is an odd name at the time for an English woman, but shows the impact that Victoria had on our culture in that we have all known someone named Vicky, or Victoria.

Victoria is an extremely young and sheltered eighteen-year-old when her king dies and she is to mount the dais as Queen of England. She finds a great confidante in Prime Minister Lord Melbourne, a much older widowed man. As they become closer friends, Victoria begins to seek out his face in the crowd, and his arms around her at royal fancy balls. As in all court politics, who the queen is seeing is of utmost importance, and suspicions are aroused at the closeness between the two. Suggestions are made about Victoria meeting her cousin, Albert, of Saxe-Coburg. All she remembers of him is a lazy, tired boy from three years ago, when they were both much younger. The meeting is finally made, and the romance dance begins. This book is a great jumping off point for anyone wanting to know more about the beginning of the Victorian era.

CDPL has many more books about the reign of Queen Victoria. "Dearest Mama: Letters Between Queen Victoria and the Crown Princess of Prussia, 1861-1864," edited by Roger Fulford, shares the letters written between the queen and her daughter who married Frederick III of Prussia. "Shooting Victoria: Madness, Mayhem, and Rebirth of the British Monarchy" by Paul Thomas Murphy. This book provides well-researched details behind the seven known attempts on Queen Victoria's life, and follows the lives of the would-be assassins through their incarcerations, or deportations rather, to Tasmania. "Victoria," a PBS eight-part series also written by Daisy Goodwin, will be aired in January.

January 19, 2017

Bliss Writes a Deliciously Refreshing Story



By Lacey Wallace

"To women everywhere, of any size or shape. You're all beautiful" — Alison Bliss

Come check out CDPL's brand new adult fiction additions! "Size Matters" by Alison Bliss is one of the most recent and definitely worth the trip! Bliss writes a refreshing, compelling tale that will reach men and women of all shapes and sizes. We finally have a main character that extends relatability to more than just one small group.

Leah Martin owns and runs her own bakery where she gets to be personally and professionally passionate about her sweet treats. When Leah and her friend Valerie go out one evening, she sees a guy that is absolutely delectable. Unfortunately, Leah and Sam have a rough start getting to know one another. Sam Cooper tends to say all the wrong things at all the wrong moments and

has trouble explaining himself. Understandably, Leah's insecurities prevent her from being immediately forgiving.

The plot starts to really unfold when Sam attempts to make up for his unintended insults by stopping by the bakery to apologize. He ends up giving Leah a ride to her ex-boyfriend's wedding to deliver one of her mind-blowing cakes. When Sam puts his foot in his mouth in front of Leah's mom, he and Leah have to carefully scheme together to get out of an impulsive white lie. Much to Leah's dismay, Sam "reveals" that she is engaged and that Sam is the groom-to-be! Now he has to travel as her plus one to Leah's annual family vacation and attempt to make everyone dislike him in order to get them both out of the fiasco Sam put them in.

Alison Bliss knows how to create an exciting scenario that keeps you intrigued! She has a gift when it comes to writing charming and identifiable characters that make you feel warm and cozy in the middle of winter. This sinfully sweet story is full of surprises that will keep you laughing and sometimes blushing. Be sure to come check it out or submit an online request to hold it on our website: <http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us> . Click the "check your account" link that appears in the "Quick Catalog Search" box. Click on the "My account" tab to log in and place a hold. "Size Matters" is located in the New Adult Fiction collection at the Crawfordsville District Public Library.

January 26, 2017

Actually, it's the Clem Scheme...



By Kerith Bourff

She was attractive, personable, and walked among the upper echelons of society. She was clever, financially savvy, and had a mind for business. Although originally from Kentucky, she called Indianapolis, Indiana, her home. Her name was Mrs. Nancy Clem and she was responsible for one of the most sophisticated scams of the 19th century. Indeed, she is the assumed originator of the Ponzi scheme (which was not given its name until 1920 when Charles Ponzi attempted the same fraudulent investment operation). As if being a con artist weren't enough, the cunning Clem was also an accused murderess.

At the time, Indianapolis was a young city, growing rather rapidly after the Civil War. Nopolis, as it was sometimes called, had grown from 8,000 citizens to 50,000 virtually overnight. And did you know Alexander Ralston, the architect who designed Washington D.C., also designed Indianapolis? Thus, the circular nature of the "City of Indiana."

Unfortunately, in September of 1868 the gruesome remains of Jacob and Nancy Jane Young were found lying on the banks of the White River. Shockingly, all suspicions pointed to Jacob Young's business partner at the time . . . the charming Mrs. Clem.

Wendy Gamber, a history professor at Indiana University, is the author of this true crime thriller titled, "The Notorious Mrs. Clem." She offers impeccable research and cagey characters who are addled by a society not quite ready for independent women. As the book proposes, "Was Mrs. Clem on trial for murder? Or was she on trial because she engaged in business?" As it turns out there was a third partner by the name of Bill Abrams, who had a sketchy alibi for his whereabouts at the time of the murders.

Although, Mrs. Clem was indeed the unfortunate mastermind behind the con, she was also likely the victim of deep betrayal. And guess who the prosecuting attorney was for Mrs. Clem's trial . . . none other than her old neighbor and future U.S. president, Mr. Benjamin Harrison. Clem's ordeal quickly becomes fodder for partisan politicking, but "As they argue over her guilt or innocence...ordinary citizens pondered competing ideas about gender, money, and marriage."

Stop in at CDPL to find out how the true story of "The Notorious Mrs. Clem" comes to its conclusion.