



Preble County District Library Newsletter

LIBRARY INK

Free Copy

Jan / Feb 2008

Vol. 9 / Issue 1

Helping You Connect to the World

New Ways to Help Your Library

Would you like to help your library throughout the year? There are several ways you can make a difference. First, you can shop online at **iGive.com**. Whenever you purchase



everyday items through the Mall at iGive, up to 26% of every

purchase is donated to the Preble County District Library -- at no cost to you! Your free membership gives you access to the over 600 brand-name merchants like Barnes & Noble, Eddie Bauer, Lands' End and PETsMART.



You can also support your library by taking advantage of the **Adopt-A-Book** program. In this

way, you can donate funds of \$5 or more toward the purchase of new books. Forms to participate in the program are available at each branch of the Preble County District Library.

All donations to your public library are tax deductible. For more information, please call 456-4250.



You can also support the library through donations and bequests to the **PCDL/St. Clair Foundation**, a non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, see the brochure available at any of our seven PCDL branches.

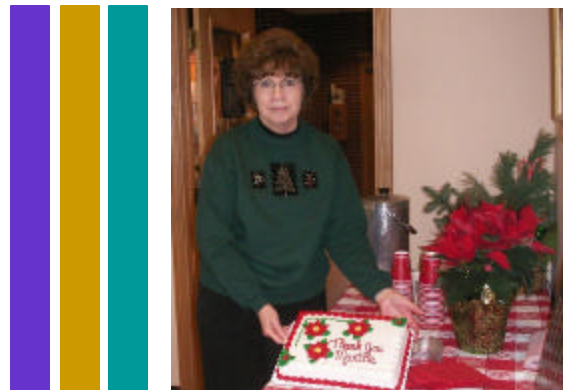
Friends of the Preble County Room Forming

The Preble County Room is in the process of forming a Friends group. It is imperative to save, maintain, and make accessible family records that are vital to genealogical research.

This is where the Friends of the Preble County Room can help. By joining this non-profit group you agree to promote the library in a positive way and fund-raise for special projects that are determined by the library. Your involvement and fundraising efforts will help the Preble County Room rescue family records and expand online availability and accessibility to those records. You will be helping genealogy preserve our past.

If family ancestry and history is important to you, please volunteer to become a Friend of the Preble County Room. Your time and efforts will make a difference.

Contact Donne Hayden at pcroomfriends@gmail.com to find out how you can become a Friend of the Preble County Room.



Retirement
After seven years of wonderful service, Martha Albright has decided to retire as Preble County Room Supervisor. She had many accomplishments according to Library Director Abby Noland, who writes: *Martha took over the PC Room responsibilities upon the passing of Library Director Susan Kendall, and PC Room Assistant Nancy Crowell. Both Susan and Nancy were very knowledgeable in the area of genealogy yet Martha not only stepped up to the task of responding to the normal research questions, but she was also able to reorganize the PC Room so that it could take on a Special Library status*.*
Announcement
Being the Preble County Room Supervisor for two years was personally challenging for Martha at times because it was her duty to organize the generous amount of genealogical books and files that Susan Kendall bequeathed to the library.
Join us in wishing Martha all the best!
We will miss you!
*Standards used to run, maintain, and preserve special libraries -- especially those containing historical and genealogical materials.

Inklings by Abby: Director's Column



Trustee Retiring from PCDL Board

On behalf of myself, the library staff and all our library patrons I would like to thank Mrs. Jill Vaniman of Eldorado for her fourteen years of service as a PCDL Trustee. Mrs. Vaniman brought an astute mind and financial acumen to the Board. Her considered opinions, wise decision making ability and wonderful laugh will be greatly missed. A few lines of goodbye cannot express how much she will be missed nor how grateful we are for her dedication to the library.

New Trustee Welcomed

This January, the PCDL Board of Trustees welcomes Mr. John Abrams of Morning Sun. Mr. Abrams works at the Preble County Job Center and is an active member of the Eaton-Preble County Area Chamber of Commerce. He has already assisted the library by helping with our recent Community Survey.

Preble County Room Hours Change & New PC Room Supervisor

You will see new faces when you come to the Preble County Room. Mrs. Jessica Sievers is taking up the reins as our new PCR Supervisor.

Jessica Sievers has been working on genealogy in the background scanning and indexing the records for our database. She is as meticulous as she is enthusiastic in her love of genealogy. Her first order of business was to extend the hours open for the PC Room -- Tues & Wed. 9-5pm; Thurs 12:30-8:00; Fri. 9-3pm, and 1st & 3rd Sat. 9 -5 pm. Both Martha Albright and Gloria Hyatt have retired from their genealogical work. And, as Mrs. Sievers is well aware, their skill will be hard to replace. However, we believe she has done so through the hiring of Marilyn Melling and Jennifer Kullberg.

Community Survey

Thank you to the over 960 people who took the time to respond to our community survey! You asked if you could see the results. They will be posted from our library homepage. These results will be strongly considered for the library's 2009 strategic planning.

Click on **Policies and Plans** from the library's Homepage.

And last, but hardly least, I wish you all a meaningful Happy New Year! ~Abby Noland, 2008~

Book Sale Results Your Support REALLY Helps!

The Eaton Library Branch would like to thank everyone who supported our Used Book Sales in 2007. Your contributions have enabled us to buy the following much needed things for our library:

- Display spinner for paperbacks in the Teen Area
- Book truck
- Utility cart
- Acrylic book mark dispensers
- 10 Ellison dies (used for cutting out paper shapes for bulletin board displays, children's crafts, etc.)
- Two-wheel cart for use especially during book sales
- A tent for the children's area
- More memory for our computers

Thank you very much!

Phyllis Bennett, Branch Librarian

Brooke-Gould Memorial Library (Eaton Branch)

Upcoming Book Sales

West Elkton Branch

Jan 19 10am - 2pm

Eaton Branch

Feb 18 - 23 During open hours

Camden Branch

Feb 11 - 16 -- Bake Sale hosted by the Friends of the Camden Library held on Feb 11!



In November, Dora and Diego made a visit to each branch of the Preble County District Library. One of the stops they made was to the newly remodeled West Manchester branch. Children got to meet and get their picture taken with these fun and famous cartoon characters

-- Photographer Sonya Knisley



STIN BOARD



Genealogy News & Information

Preble County Room Increases Hours

Due to overwhelming requests, the Preble County District Library has expanded the hours of operation for the Preble County Room.

As of January 2008, the new hours will be:

Tues & Wed 9 AM – 5 PM

Thurs 12:30 – 8 PM

Fri 9 AM – 3 PM

1st & 3rd Sat **Only** 9 AM – 5 PM

In other news, Gloria Hyatt will also be retiring as the Preble County Room assistant. She will continue her position as Collection Development Librarian. Marilyn Combs remains as an assistant,

joined by our newest Preble County Room assistants, Marilyn Melling and Jennifer Kullberg.

The Preble County Room staff is very eager to help anyone interested in researching their family and local history -- especially this year as Preble County celebrates its bicentennial!

As always, the PC Room has several wonderful tools that can make searching for your family history so much easier!

- The Preble County Historical Records database
- Ancestry Library Edition (Library / PC Room access only)
- Heritage Quest Online



Outreach +TAG = Brighter Holidays for Older Adults

TAG (Teen Action Group) and Outreach services joined forces to make the holidays brighter for nursing home and home-bound residents.

Teen TAG members from both the West Alexandria and Eaton libraries spent an evening decorating Chinese take-out boxes that were later filled with Christmas candy and delivered to older

adults who are either home-bound or in nursing homes.

Young Adult Librarian, Mary McClanahan, and TAG member, Wesley Clark, helped Outreach coordinator, Marlene Ressler make the deliveries. "It just lifts your spirits to bring a little Christmas sweetness to those who can't get out anymore," Marlene commented with a warm smile.

The Problem

It's Sunday, 8 PM and Johnny suddenly announces that he has a report due about Thomas Edison -- by Monday! And Sally needs to find out the Atomic Number for potassium. Worse yet, the library is closed. Yikes! What to do?

First, don't panic! Second, log on to the Internet and go directly to the Preble County District Library's website at www.pcdl.lib.oh.us/. From here you will have access to the library's long list of **databases** that can help anyone find **reliable** answers!

Help

To the Rescue!

Gale Virtual
Reference and
Gale Encyclopedia
of Science

Getting Started

Now, back to Johnny's report and Sally's chemistry dilemma...

Begin by using *Gale Virtual Reference Library* and *Gale Encyclopedia of Science* databases to find some answers:

GO!

1. Access www.pcdl.lib.oh.us
2. Select Databases from the menu on the left of the page. This takes you to the Database page.
3. Select the letter 'G' from the alphabetical listing
4. Click on *Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL)* from the list. Why make this choice? Because Gale Virtual Reference Library is a database that contains encyclopedias, almanacs, and other useful reference resources in full text.
5. In the search box type: thomas edison
6. Keywords is automatically selected for you as it is the best type of search to try first.
7. Click on Search
8. A list appears, showing the most relevant results.
9. Click on 'Thomas Alva Edison' to view the FULL TEXT article contained in the e-book, *Encyclopedia of World Biography*.

GVRL also makes it easy to download each document to other media. Need to email it? That's a cinch too!

Explain

What is a database?

A database is a collection of data (facts) organized (usually by subject) for rapid search and retrieval by a computer. You retrieve data by typing words related to your question or subject into a search box.

The Preble County District Library offers over 60 databases from the PCDL website -- listed is just a sampling of the choices that await you!

- Access Science
- America's Genealogy Bank
- America's Newspapers
- Business Source Premier
- ChiltonLibrary.com
- Consumer Health Complete
- Contemporary Musicians
- Enciclopedia Universal en Espanol
- Learning Express Library
- MEDLINE
- NovelList
- Ohio Capitol Connection
- Price It! Antiques & Collectibles
- Religion and Philosophy Collection
- Thomas Gale LegalForms for Ohio
- UXL Graphic NovelLists

www.pcdl.lib.oh.us for a complete database list!

Basic Search

Find:

thomas edison

Search

Search for words in: ☒ document title ☒ Keywords ☐ entire document

Next, let's find the Atomic Number for potassium using the *Gale Encyclopedia of Science*, only this time trying a different way to search by selecting a particular publication:

1. Click on the link to open the encyclopedia
2. Under 'Or select a publication below' choose + Science
3. A blue box opens containing a list of publications.
4. Because we are searching for the atomic number for potassium, select [Chemical Elements: From Carbon to Krypton](#)
5. In the Search box located on the left, type 'potassium'
6. Select the first choice from the list that appears
7. By looking through the article we discover that the Atomic Number for potassium is 19.

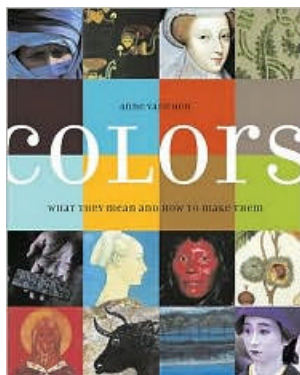
There you have it!

Gale Virtual Reference Library and Gale Encyclopedia of Science have rescued your children from their homework woes -- if only putting supper on the table was that easy!

The History of Color and Gems - Who Knew?

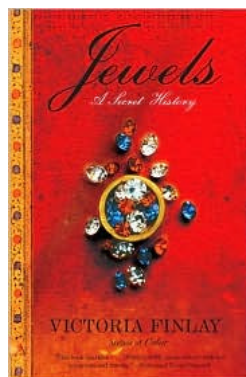


Colors and jewels are not only beautiful to look at, but they also lay claim to some pretty fascinating stories. Authors Anne Varichon and Victoria Finlay offer readers an insightful and well researched glimpse into the history of colors and gems.



Colors: What they mean and how to make them / Anne Varichon: Color, as a means of expression, has been part of human history since handprints were first painted on cave walls. But in order to make the shades they had imagined, people had to unearth pigments and dyes often hidden deep within plants, minerals, mollusks, insects, and other natural elements. They developed complicated, dangerous, and sometimes even revolting techniques in order to achieve deep reds, luminous yellows, and the most beautiful blues.

Archaeologist and ethnologist Anne Varichon takes the reader on a fascinating journey that examines not only the variety and use of natural colorants-and how to reproduce them today-but also their symbolism and mythology. From Confucian China to medieval Europe, from the Papuans to the Inuit, she travels across the centuries and around the world in this absorbing, and often surprising, cultural history of the sources and meanings of color.



Jewels: A secret history / Victoria Finlay: Throughout history, precious stones have inspired passions and poetry, quests and curses, sacred writings and unsacred actions. In this scintillating book, journalist Victoria Finlay embarks on her own globe-circling search for the real stories behind some of the gems we prize most. Blending adventure travel, geology, exciting new research, and her own irresistible charm, Finlay has fashioned a treasure hunt for some of the most valuable, glamorous, and mysterious substances on earth.

With the same intense curiosity and narrative flair she displayed in her widely-praised book *Color*, Finlay journeys from the underground opal churches of outback Australia to the once pearl-rich rivers of Scotland; from the peridot mines on an Apache reservation in Arizona to the remote ruby mines in the mountains of northern Burma. She risks confronting scorpions to crawl through Cleopatra's long-deserted emerald mines, tries her hand at gem cutting in the dusty Sri Lankan city where Marco Polo bartered for sapphires, and investigates a rumor that fifty years ago most of the world's amber was mined by prisoners in a Soviet gulag.

Jewels is a unique and often exhilarating voyage through history, across cultures, deep into the earth's mantle, and up to the glittering heights of fame, power, and wealth. From the fabled curse of the Hope Diamond, to the disturbing truths about how pearls are cultured, to the peasants who were once executed for carrying amber to the centuries-old quest by magicians and scientists to make a perfect diamond, *Jewels* tells dazzling stories with a wonderment and brilliance truly worthy of its subjects.

Color and Motion Pictures Trivia

- Kinemacolor was developed in 1906 by Englishman, George Albert Smith.
- Technicolor Motion Picture Corporation dominated the industry in the 1930s and 40s. Technicolor incorporated a process perfected by Californian, Leon Douglass who produced beautiful color travelogues.
- Technicolor held near monopoly on the three-color field until 1952 when Eastman Kodak introduced its color process.
- First film to use Technicolor: *The Gulf Between*, 1917.
- First feature-length sound film in color: MGM's *The Viking*, 1928.
- First all-color "talkie": Warner Brothers' *On With the Show*, 1929.
- First film in 3-color Technicolor: Walt Disney's *Silly Symphonies: Flowers and Trees*, 1932.
- First feature film made entirely in 3-color Technicolor: *Becky Sharp*, 1935. A critic...wrote that the performers looked like "boiled salmon dipped in mayonnaise."
- First color film to be shot entirely on location: Paramount's *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine*, 1936. News-week magazine noted that "unnatural as it is, the color does no serious damage to the picture."
- First film using Kodak's Eastman Color process: *Royal Journey*, 1952.
- Hollywood perfected the color process in 1939 when it produced the films *Gone with the Wind* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Jewel Heist Caper Films

The Asphalt Jungle, 1950: A group of men plan and execute a jewel robbery. Noted for the 11-minute jewel heist scene. Cast: Sterling Hayden, Jean Hagen, James Whitmore, and Marilyn Monroe. **On order**



To Catch a Thief, 1955: John Robie is a "retired" jewel thief, formerly known as "The Cat", who now spends his time tending to his vineyards in France. A series of jewel robberies on the Riviera resembling his style make the police believe that the Cat is up to his old tricks. John must prove his innocence. Cast: Cary Grant and Grace Kelly. **On order**

The Hot Rock, 1972: A group of crooks heist a large diamond and then lose it and must re-steal it from the police station where it is being held. Cast: Robert Redford, George Segal, Ron Leibman, and Paul Sand.



It's A Mystery

~A Hard-boiled Mystery~
~Written in the classic noir Style~

Death Was the Other Woman by Linda L. Richards
This 1930's L.A. mystery introduces Kitty Panghorn, a new type of heroine in the hard-boiled style of mystery. She's smart, resourceful, and spirited -- the type of take-charge Girl Friday any boss wants on the case.



Synopsis: As the lawlessness of Prohibition pushes against the desperation of the Depression, there are two ways to make a living in Los Angeles: join the criminals or collar them. Kitty Panghorn has chosen the crime-fighters, becoming secretary to Dexter J. Theroux, one of the hard-drinking, tough-talking PIs that pepper the city's stew. But after

Dex takes an assignment from Rita Heppelwaite, the mistress of Harrison Dempsey, one of L.A.'s shadiest -- and richest -- businessmen, Kitty isn't so sure what side of the law she's on.

Want to learn more about this exciting new series? Visit the author's Website -- www.lindalrichards.com

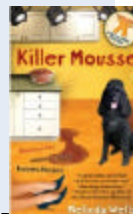
Linda L. Richards is also the author of the Madeline Carter mystery series: *Mad Money, The Next Ex, and Calculated Loss.*

The Debuts: New Mystery Series



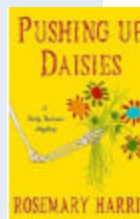
State of the Onion / Julie Hyzy: Introducing White House Assistant Chef Olivia Paras, who is rising-and sleuthing-to the top. Never let them see you sweat-that's White House Assistant Chef Olivia Paras's motto, which is pretty hard to honor in the most important kitchen in the world. She's hell-bent on earning her dream job, Executive Chef. There's just one thing: her nemesis is vying for it, too. Well, that and the fact that an elusive assassin wants to see her fry. Includes recipes for a complete presidential menu.

Killer Mousse / Melinda Wells: Meet Della Carmichael, owner of a cooking school in Santa Monica, California, and, as of this week, star of a brand-new cable cooking show. But she's about to add another credit to her resume: suspect.



Murder in Miniature / Margaret Grace: Geraldine Porter thought that being the chairwoman of the local Dollhouse and Miniatures Fair would give her leisure time to spend on her favorite craft. That was before a fellow miniatures aficionado is suspected of murder, leaving Gerry to prove the woman's innocence-or die trying.

Pushing Up Daisies / Rosemary Harris: Former television exec Paula Holliday relocates from New York City to sleepy Springfield, CT, determined to turn her passion for gardening into a new, less stressful career. When an eccentric spinster dies, her landmark property is left to the local Historical Society, and Paula sees the garden's restoration as a way to get her fledgling business off the ground. She's prepared for everything, but not for the mummified baby she digs up her first day on the job. After a cursory investigation, the local police decide it's...not a recent crime, so they drop the matter, but Paula's not so sure.



Fast-paced Crime Scene Thriller



The Timer Game / Susan Arnout Smith:

Grace Descanso was going to be a pediatric heart surgeon---she was a brilliant up-and-comer with a bright future in a heartbreaking, innovative field. Then she took two months off to work in a clinic in Guatemala, and something happened that nearly destroyed her. She won't talk about why, but she quit medicine and nearly killed herself with drink...Now, five years later...Grace is using her science background as a crime scene tech in San Diego...Everything falls apart again in the middle of processing a crime scene...A day later, her daughter is kidnapped...but instead of a ransom note, the kidnapper sends her on a harrowing twenty-four-hour scavenger hunt, laying out clues and giving out deadlines, leading her carefully, terrifyingly closer...him.

View Webisodes at www.timergame.com. What is a webisode? Filmed vignettes lasting several minutes that reveal aspects of the character's pasts not covered as deeply in the novel.

Fast-paced Political Thriller



Gambit / Karna Small Bodman: American planes are being shot out of the sky, and no one knows how or why. Three commercial jets have gone up in flames. In each crash, nobody reported seeing anything in the sky and nothing showed up on the radar. No planes. No missiles.

Dr. Cameron Talbot, a world-famous expert on missile-defense systems, believes that a new stealth technology is being used in these attacks. With the country in a panic and the economy taking a nose-dive, the White House orders the beautiful young scientist to protect America's endangered airways. The assignment places Cammy in mortal jeopardy as she finds herself stalked by nameless assassins.

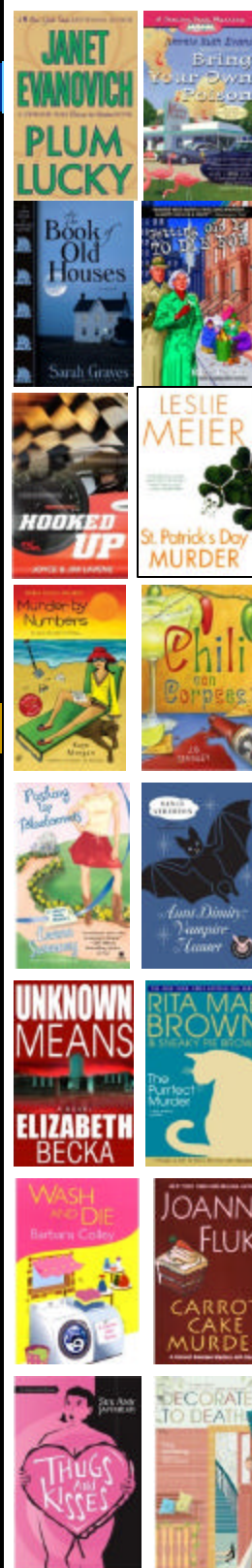
Who is behind the threat? Islamic jihadists? The big drug cartels? None of the usual suspects have claimed responsibility for the crashes. As Cammy races against time to develop a defense against the mystery weapon, she comes to suspect that the downed planes are only the opening gambit in an ambitious campaign of conquest that could change the world's balance of power forever. **On order**

It's A Thriller

Dying To Know...

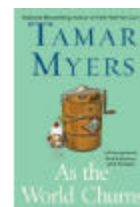
These mysteries will be available from publishers in January & February.
Please REQUEST titles that interest you at the library or "Request an Item" yourself
online from our Website at www.pcdl.lib.oh.us! We'll see what we can do!

Author	Title	Sleuth	Bk #
January, 2008			
Blaize Clement	Even Cat Sitters Get the Blues	Dixie Hemingway, ex-cop Pet Sitter	3
Janet Evanovich	Plum Lucky <i>Between the Numbers</i>	Stephanie Plum, bounty hunter	N/A
Jimmie Ruth Evans	Bring Your Own Poison <i>Trailor Park Mystery</i>	Wanda Nell, waitress	4
Sarah Graves	The Book of Old Houses <i>Home Repair is Homicide</i>	Jacobia Tiptree, amateur sleuth	11
Rita Lakin	Getting Old is to Die For	Gladdy Gold, Gladdy Gold Detective Agency	4
Joyce & Jim Lavene	Hooked Up <i>A Stock Car Racing Mystery</i>	Glad & Ruby Wyczewski, amateur sleuths	2
Leslie Meier	St. Patrick's Day Murder	Lucy Stone, small town newspaper reporter	14
Kaye Morgan	Murder By Numbers <i>A Sudoku Mystery</i>	Liza Kelly, puzzle master	2
J.B. Stanley	Chili Con Corpses <i>Supper Club Mystery</i>	Professor James Henry, amateur sleuth	3
Leann Sweeney	Pushing Up Bluebonnets <i>Yellow Rose Mystery</i>	Abby Rose, adoption P.I.	5
Stuart Woods	Beverly Hills Dead	1940s Hollywood Mystery	N/A
February, 2008			
Nancy Atherton	Aunt Dimity, Vampire Hunter	Lori Shepherd, amateur sleuth	13
Elizabeth Becka	Unknown Means	Evelyn James, forensic expert (Set in Cleveland, OH)	2
Rita Mae Brown	The Purrfect Murder <i>Sneaky Pie Brown Mystery</i>	Mary "Harry" Haristeen, postmistress	16
Barbara Colley	Wash and Die	Charlotte LaRue, Maid service owner	7
Beverly Connor	Dead Hunt	Diane Fallon, forensic investigator	5
Joann Fluke	Carrot Cake Murder	Hannah Swenson, bakery owner	10
Sue Ann Jaffarian	Thugs and Kisses	Odelia Grey, plus-sized paralegal	3
Rett MacPherson	The Blood Ballad	Victory "Torie" O'Shea, Genealogist	11
Peg Marberg	Decorated to Death <i>An Interior Design Mystery</i>	Jean Hastings, interior designer	2
Kate Marsh	A Ghost of a Chance	Karma Marx, house exorcist	1
Susan McBride	Too Pretty to Die <i>Debutante Dropout Mystery</i>	Andy Kendricks, amateur sleuth	5
Tamar Myers	As the World Churns <i>Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery</i>	Magdalena Yoder, Amish Inn Keeper	16
T. Jefferson Parker	L.A. Outlaws	Mystery Thriller	N/A
Cathy Pickens	Hush My Mouth <i>Southern Fried Mystery</i>	Avery Andrews, attorney	4
Diane A.S. Stuckart	The Queen's Gambit <i>Leonardo da Vinci Mystery</i>	Leonardo da Vinci, Renaissance sleuth	1



Psst! There are two new mystery series coming in March and April that look quite interesting!

- Through a Glass Deadly: A Glass Blowin' Mystery / Sarah Atwell *March publication*
- Murder is Binding / Lorna Barrett *April publication*



on Romance



Women's Fiction



Sue Miller takes [readers] deep into the private lives of women with this mesmerizing portrait of two marriages exposed in all their shame and imperfection, and in their obdurate, unyielding love... from the book description



The Senator's Wife / Sue Miller: Meri is newly married, pregnant, and standing on the cusp of her life as a wife and mother, recognizing with some terror the gap between reality and expectation. Delia Naughton—wife of the two-term liberal senator Tom Naughton—is Meri's new neighbor in the adjacent New England town house. Delia's husband's chronic infidelity has been an open secret in Washington circles, but despite the complexity of their relationship, the bond between them remains strong. What keeps people together, even in the midst of profound betrayal? How can a journey imperiled by, and sometimes indistinguishable from, compromise and disappointment culminate in healing and grace? Delia and Meri find themselves leading strangely parallel lives, both reckoning with the contours and mysteries of marriage, one refined and abraded by years of complicated intimacy, the other barely begun.

The two sides of Action Romance



Hot / Julia Harper: For four years, play-by-the-rules bank teller Turner Hastings has brooded over her uncle's wrongful imprisonment. But when two bumbling crooks stumble into her branch (barely disguised in Yoda and Sponge Bob masks) and hold up the place, she sees a chance to do something she's never thought possible: get revenge. She takes advantage of the melee to pull a heist of her own, seizing info from a security box that will exonerate her uncle. Sent to investigate a bank robbery in small town Wisconsin, Special Agent John MacKinnon discovers the robbers were two not-quite-so-bright thugs and one woman. Now, Turner is on the run. With SA MacKinnon on her trail, she's breaking into the bank president Calvin's house, kidnapping his Great Dane, and for the first time in her life, setting out to break a few rules. But when Calvin hires a hit-man, MacKinnon will have to decide between his career--and saving Turner.



Cutting Loose / Tara Janzen: CIA operative Zachary Prade made his name taking out world threats. But now he's tracking a very different kind of danger and her name is Lily Robbins...Lily knows him as Alejandro Campos, the seductive drug lord who saved her life. They met when she traveled to El Salvador to film a documentary...and got caught in the middle of a nasty drug-and-guerrilla war.

Now, back in the U.S., hunted by spooks and assassins, Lily has to trust Campos again. Except his name isn't Campos...

Can't-Go-Wrong Romance

- Of ***Skinny Dipping*** Connie Brockway writes, "It's my love letter to summer "at the lake", with a quirky quasi-practical Scandinavian heroine and a starched, control freak hero."
- Julie Buxbaum's first novel, ***Opposite of Love*** focuses on Emily Haxby, a 29-year-old attorney who lost her mother as a teenager and finds her well-constructed life falling apart when she can't commit to the man who loves her.
- Jennifer Crusie's re-issue edition of ***Getting Rid of Bradley*** will delight even those who read the original publication in 1995. This Rita winning book is not only hilariously vintage Crusie, but also lays claim to being the first book where she included dogs in the story. Enjoy.
- Nobody does drama quite like Barbara Delinsky. Her latest book, ***The Secret Between Us***, tells the story of a mother's decision to protect her daughter from blame after a car accident. The deception threatens the bond they share.



Seeing Me Naked by Liz Palmer

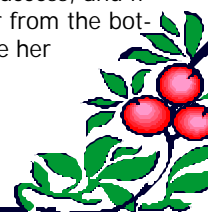
"A subtly sophisticated romance that outclasses most of the genre's other offerings..." Publisher's Weekly



Elisabeth Page is the daughter of Ben Page, yes, that's right, THE world famous novelist. And yes, she's also the sister of Rascal Page, world famous novelist in his own right.

So what does Elisabeth do? Much to her family's disappointment, Elisabeth is a pastry chef. And a pretty damn good one, at Beverly, the hottest restaurant in LA. The last relationship Elisabeth had was with Will, a man she grew up with and whose family ran in the same social circles as her family. But Will's constant jaunts around the world have left her lonely and brokenhearted in L.A. That is until Daniel Sullivan bids on one of Elisabeth's pastry tutorials at a charity auction.

Daniel is everything her family is not: a basketball coach, a non-intellectual, his family doesn't summer on Martha's Vineyard, and the only metaphors he uses are about passing the ball and being a team player. But somehow they fit. Between her family, Will, and the new cooking show that Elisabeth is recruited to star in, Elisabeth's life is suddenly incredibly new and different --the question is, can she embrace being happy or has her family conditioned her to think she's just not good enough? Liz Palmer expertly depicts a woman trying to come to terms with professional success, personal success, and finally dealing with a family that might love her from the bottom of their heart but doesn't necessarily have her best interest always at heart.



These Romance Novels will be available from publishers in January & February. Please REQUEST titles that interest you at the library or "Request an Item" yourself online from our Website at www.pcdl.lib.oh.us!



Love at Stake series
by Kerrelyn Sparks



The Undead Next Door: Heather Westfield has always lived a quiet life, but that all changes when she helps a very handsome, very mysterious stranger. There's something not quite right about Jean-Luc, but still, she's never been with a man so charming, so attractive . . . so wonderful. Now if only a murderous villain wasn't after them, they might get their happily-ever-after.

Love At Stake Series (reading order)

1. How to Marry a Millionaire Vampire
2. Vamps and the City
3. Be Still My Valentine Heart

Author	Title	Subgenre / FYI
January, 2008		
Laura Caldwell	The Good Liar	Suspense
Jan Coffey	The Deadliest Strain	Thriller
Catherine Coulter	Wizard's Daughter	Historical Romance
Elaine Fox	Hello, Doggy!	Contemporary
Cassandra King	Queen of Broken Hearts	Women's Fiction
Lynn Kurland	The Mage's Daughter <i>Novel of the Third Kingdom</i>	Fantasy Romance
Fern Michaels	Hide and Seek <i>Revenge of the Sisterhood</i>	Mystery Romance
Joy Nash	Deep Magic	Fantasy Historical Romance
Hannah Howell	Highland Wolf	Highlander series, Bk 15
Kat Martin	Heart of Fire	Historical
Erin McCarthy	Sucker Bet: A Tale of Vegas Vampires	Paranormal
Carly Phillips	Seduce Me	Contemporary
Lynsay Sands	The Accidental Vampire	Paranormal -- 1st in trilogy
February, 2008		
Jo Barrett	This is How It Happened (Not a Love Story)	Romantic Comedy
Leslie Carroll	Choosing Sophie	Women's Fiction
Beth Ciott	Everybody Loves Evie	Chameleon Chronicles, Bk 2
Deborah Cooke	Kiss of Fire: A Dragonfire Novel	Fantasy Romance
Jenny Gardiner	Sleeping with Ward Cleaver	Romantic Comedy
Karen Harper	Below the Surface	Suspense
Susan Kearney	Solar Heat	Paranormal Romance
Stephanie Laurens	Where the Heart Leads <i>From the Casebook of Barnaby Adair</i>	Historical
Karen MacInerney	Howling at the Moon	Urban Fantasy
Marianne Mancusi	News Blues	Contemporary
Lynsay Sands	Vampires are Forever	Paranormal Romance
Kerrelyn Sparks	The Undead Next Door	Love at Stake, Bk 4
Deborah Wright	History of Lucy's Love Life in Ten and a Half Chapters	Fantasy Romance

Psst! Have ya heard?...

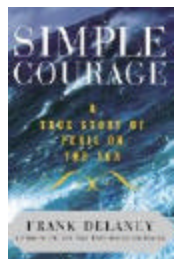
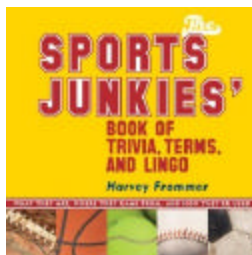
- Harlequin Presents is holding a writing contest. They are inviting unpublished writers to submit first chapters to the **Instant Seduction Competition**. First prize is an editor for a year! Visit www.iheartpresents.com for detailed information.
- Three of your favorite romance authors made the NY Times Best Sellers Paperback Mass-Market Fiction list for 1/13/08 -- Nora Roberts (Blood Brothers), Julie Garwood (Shadow Dance) and Catherine Coulter (Wizard's Daughter).

it's a man thing



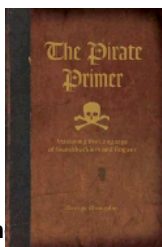
Oops! 20 Life Lessons from the Fiascoes That Shaped America / Martin J. Smith: Americans' failures are as spectacular as their successes: bridges that collapse; flying cars that crash; sports promotions run amok; deodorant that nearly destroyed the earth; and even failures that failed to happen! Veteran journalists Martin J. Smith and Patrick J. Kiger select twenty miscues, goofs, complications, and failures that shaped modern America and reveal the life lessons these gaffes teach.

Sports Junkies' Book of Trivia, Terms, and Lingo : What They Are, Where They Came From, and How They're Used /Harvey Frommer: This book will prove to be indispensable to sports enthusiast wishing to settle an argument, decipher a mysterious call, or simply pursue for his or her enjoyment.

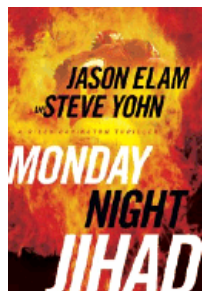


Simple Courage / Frank Delaney: "In late December 1951, laden with passengers and nearly forty metric tons of cargo, the freighter S. S. Flying Enterprise steamed westward from Europe toward America. A few days into the voyage, she hit the eye of a ferocious storm. In the space of twenty-eight hours, the ship was slammed by two rogue waves, and the impact threw the vessel over on her side, thrusting all on board into terror. "Flying Enterprise's captain, Kurt Carlsen, helped transfer, across waves forty feet high, the passengers and the entire crew to lifeboats sent from nearby ships. Then, for reasons both professional and intensely personal, and to the amazement of the world, Carlsen defied all requests and entreaties to abandon ship. Instead, for the next two weeks, he fought to bring Flying Enterprise and her cargo to port. His heroic endeavor became the world's biggest news. Frank Delaney tells, for the first time, the full story of this unmatched bravery and endurance at sea. Drawing on historical documents and contemporary accounts and on exclusive interviews with Carlsen's family, Delaney opens a window into the world of the merchant marine."-- BOOK JACKET. Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.

The Pirate Primer / George Choundas: In the history of the world, there has never been a comprehensive book on the pirate language. *The Pirate Primer* is the first and only--it explores in a definitive way the unique vernacular of English-speaking pirates covering vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and syntax.

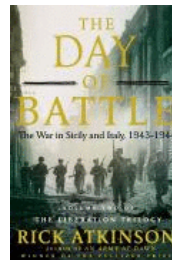


Monday Night Jihad / Jason Elam and Steve Yohn: After a tour of duty in Afghanistan, Riley Covington is living his dream as a professional linebacker when he comes face-to-face with a radical terrorist group on his own home turf. Drawn into the nightmare around him, Riley returns to his former life as a member of a special ops team that crosses oceans in an attempt to stop the escalating attacks. But time is running out, and it soon becomes apparent that the terrorists are on the verge of achieving their goal: to strike at the very heart of America.



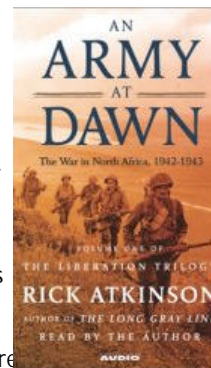
Liberation Trilogy by Rick Atkinson

The Day of the Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944, Vol. 2: In the second volume of his epic trilogy about the liberation of Europe in World War II, Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Atkinson tells the harrowing story of the campaigns in Sicily and Italy. The battles in Sicily and Italy developed the combat effectiveness and the emotional hardness of a U.S. Army increasingly constrained to bear the brunt of the Western allies' war effort, he argues. Demanding terrain, harsh climate and a formidable opponent confirmed the lesson of North Africa: the only way home was through the Germans: kill or be killed. Atkinson is pitilessly accurate demonstrating the errors and misjudgments of senior officers, Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Gen. Mark Clark and their subordinates commanding corps and divisions. The price was paid in blood by the men at the sharp end: British and French, Indians and North Africans above all, Americans.



Available on Audio Cassette

An Army at Dawn: The war in North Africa, 1942-1943, Vol. 1: The liberation of Europe and the destruction of the Third Reich is an epic story of courage and calamity, of miscalculation and enduring triumph. *An Army at Dawn* begins on the eve of Operation TORCH, the daring amphibious invasion of Morocco and Algeria. After three days of hard fighting against the French, American and British troops push deeper into North Africa.



But the confidence gained after several early victories soon wanes; casualties mount rapidly; battle plans prove ineffectual, and hope for a quick and decisive victory evaporates. The Allies discover that they are unprepared to fight and win this war. North Africa becomes a proving ground: it is here that American officers learn how to lead, here that soldiers learn how to hate, here that an entire army learns what it will take to vanquish a formidable enemy. Many great battle captains emerged in North Africa, including Eisenhower, Patton, Bradley, and Montgomery. Atkinson brings these commanders vividly to life. He takes us to the front lines of every major battle -- from Oran to Kasserine to Tunis. In North Africa, the Allied coalition came into its own, the enemy forever lost the initiative, and the United States -- for the first time -- began to act like a great power.



Action-Packed Thrills

Rogue Angel Series by Alex Archer

This exciting action series will thrill readers who love to sink their teeth into heroines who are uber-everything -- smart, strong, and exciting. Annja Creed, heroine of Alex Archer's thrill-a-minute action series, is an archaeologist in the Indiana Jones sense of the word -- adventurous, courageous, daring, and captivating enough to carry the series through to its end. **Books 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 8 are on order. Books 6, 7, 9, 10 have arrived.**

Titles in the series (reading order)

1. **Destiny:** Archaeologist and explorer Annja Creed's fascination with the myths and mysteries of the past leads her to a crypt in the caves of France, where the terrifying legend of the Beast of Gevaudan hints at the unimaginable. What she discovers is shattering: an artifact that will seal her destiny; a brotherhood of monks willing to murder to protect their secret; and a powerful black-market occultist desperate to put his own claim to centuries-old blood money. Annja embarks on a high-tension race across Europe and history itself, intent on linking the unholy treachery of the ages with the staggering revelations of the present. But she must survive the shadow figures determined to silence her threat to their existence.
2. **Solomon's Jar**
3. **The Spider Stone**
4. **The Chosen:** Archaeologist Annja Creed believes there's more to the apparitions of Santo Niño--the Holy Child--luring thousands of pilgrims to Santa Fe. Other sightings of strange and anomalous creatures in the area indicate a mystery more profane than sacred--with links, perhaps, to Annja's own fate. But she is not alone in her quest to separate reliquaries from unholy minds who dare to harness sinister power. A dangerous yet enigmatic Jesuit, sworn to protect the Vatican at any cost, a brilliant young artist whose genius portrays a truth too potent for words and a famed monster hunter with a terrifying agenda are the keys to the secrets that lie in the heart of Los Alamos--and unlocking the door to the very fabric of time itself.... **(On order)**
5. **Forbidden City:** A stunning artifact holds the key to an untapped power of global destruction **(On order)**
6. **The Lost Scrolls**
7. **God of Thunder**
8. **Secret of the Slaves**
9. **Warrior Spirit**
10. **Serpent's Kiss**



Urban Fantasies



Howling at the Moon (Tales of an Urban Werewolf, Book One) / Karen MacInerney: Sophie Garou seems to have it all: a great job at a prestigious accounting firm, a closet that rivals a Nordstrom showroom, and a terrific boyfriend who isn't afraid to use the "M" word. There's just one little itty-bitty problem: Sophie is a werewolf—and her time of month has a whole new meaning. **On order**



Kiss of Fire (Dragonfire, Book One) / Deborah Cooke: When Sara Keegan decides to settle down and run her quirky aunt's New Age bookstore, she's not looking for adventure. She doesn't believe in fate or the magic of the tarot. But when she's saved from a vicious attack by a man who has the ability to turn into a fire-breathing dragon, she questions whether she's losing her mind-or about to lose her heart... **On order**

Kickin' Urban Fantasy Authors

Author: Kat Richardson

Protagonist: Harper Blaine, psychic P.I. (greywalker)

1st title: Greywalker

Author: Patricia Briggs

Protagonist: Mercy Thompson, shapeshifting mechanic

Theme: Werewolves

1st title: Moon Called

Author: Carrie Vaughn

Protagonist: Kitty Norville, radio show host and closet werewolf

Theme: Werewolves

1st title: Kitty and the Midnight Hour

Author: Karen Chance

Protagonist: Cassandra Palmer, gifted clairvoyant

Theme: Vampires

1st title: Touch the Dark

Author: Carole Nelson Douglas

Protagonist: Delilah Street, paranormal investigative reporter

Various themes: vampires, witches, werewolves, etc.

1st title: Dancing with Werewolves

Author: Talia Gryphon

Protagonist: Gillian Key, paramortal psychologist of nonhumans

1st title: Key to Conflict

Author: Ilona Andrews

Protagonist: Kate Daniels, paranormal mercenary

1st title: Magic Bites

Author: Lilith Saintcrow

Protagonist: Dante Valentine, necromancer

1st title: Working for the Devil

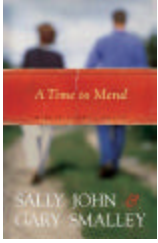
Author: Jenna Black

Protagonist: Morgan Kingsley, exorcist

1st title: The Devil Inside

Request these exciting titles through MORE by logging into your online PCDL card account -- or ask a library staff to help you!

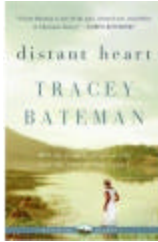
Inspirational Fiction



A Time to Mend (Safe Harbor Novel, 1) / Sally John & Gary Smalley: Claire Beaumont shatters a marriage with one simple sentence: "Max, either the business goes or I do." The ultimatum exposes long unaddressed wounds in her husband and herself. God's healing hand refines them through a fatal fire that ultimately serves to re-ignite their passion for their marriage.



A Passion Most Pure (Daughters of Boston, 1) / Julie Lessman: As World War I rages across the Atlantic in 1916, a smaller war is brewing in Boston. Faith O'Connor finds herself drawn to an Irish rogue who is anything but right for her. Collin McGuire is brash, cocky, and from the wrong side of the tracks, not to mention forbidden by her father. And then there's the small matter that he is secretly courting her younger sister. But when Collin's affections suddenly shift her way, it threatens to tear Faith's proper Boston family apart.

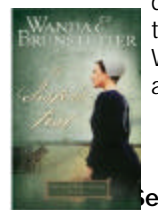


Distant Heart Westward Heart, 2) / Tracey Bateman: Despite Toni's conviction that no man will be able to see beyond her marred past, Sam Two-Feathers, the half-Indian wagon scout and acting preacher for the train, seems to know of a love that forgives sins and values much more than outward appearances. Will Sam have the confidence to declare his love? Will Toni be able to trust in a love that can forgive even the darkest past?



For Better or For Worse / Diann Hunt: She does weddings. He does divorces. Now they're in love . . . for better or for worse! Organizationally-challenged Wendy Hartline has her hands full running a wedding chapel, dealing with a rebellious daughter, a lovestruck son, and father who's lost his job and moved in--with her. While the struggles distract her, one man steals her unsuspecting heart.

Sisters of Holmes County series
Wanda E. Brunstetter-- author of Amish novels



A Sister's Test (Bk, 2): Meet Ruth Hostettler and discover how even a cocoon of tradition cannot protect the Hostettler family from unjust evil in the world. Watch as generations of faith struggle to stand firm and one woman's dreams are put to the test.

Secret (Bk, 1): Grace is the oldest sister in the Hostettler family. Having put her rumschprunge (running around years) behind her, she has returned to Holmes County, joined the Amish church, and begun a new life. For the past four years, everything has been going fairly well, until the day she sees an English man who knows enough of her past to jeopardize her future. Will Gary Walker's passion for Grace destroy more than one life? Amish man Cleon Schrock is planning to marry ignorant of her past. Will love and faith triumph over shame and deception in Holmes County?



Latest From Heartsong

One book...four authors...different stories...

Missouri Memories / Kelly Eileen Hake, Joyce Livingston, Diann Mills, & Deborah Raney: This title includes the following stories:

Beyond Memories: Despite building a mansion in 1898 for a woman who elopes with another, Captain Royce manages to create a legacy on the hill overlooking Hannibal, Missouri.

The Pretend Family: Tadd Winston, a successful immigrant, buys the house and must quickly produce a family he has deceived his Old World parents into believing exist.

Finishing Touches: Maime Bradford, a World War I widow, inherits the large, empty house and soon becomes determined to open it to those abandoned by society-and to a new chance at love.

Finally Home: Brian Lowe hides his Vietnam War wounds within the confines of the house on the hill-until a war protestor in the form of a pretty physical therapist challenges his perceptions about life.

A Heartsong Novella Collection



New Imprint in Christian Fiction: Urban Christian

These books portray life-changing, dramatic, and redeeming tales that highlight life, love and intrigue in the African-American Christian community. The publisher is Urban Books. To learn more about the publisher, visit their website at: www.urbanchristianonline.net/first.html

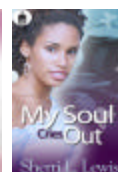
Happily Ever Now / Nicole S. Rouse: Can two women in love with the same man find happily ever after NOW?

My Soul Cries Out / Sharon L. Lewis: Should Monica save her marriage for the sake of their church?

Guilty of Love / Pat Simmons: Can two people hiding their pasts find love together?

Sinsatiable / Shelia E. Lipsey: Aisha's faith is sorely tested when she is confronted with having to relocate her dance studio if she cannot come up with the money to purchase the building.

Secret Sisterhood / Monique Miller: Three women yearning for children must put their true faith in God to preserve.



Senior Spotlight

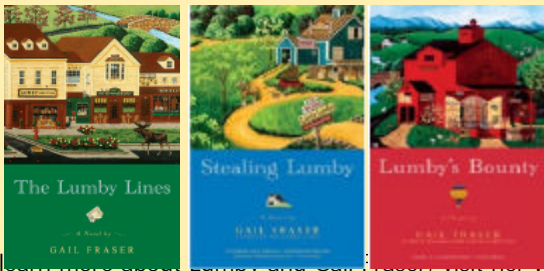
Discover Small Town America in the *Lumby Series* by Gail Fraser

Tucked into the foothills of the Rockies lies the charming village of Lumby, where quirky but tolerant townsfolk usually make the best of any situation. Not a week goes by without some humorous mayhem occurring under the watchful eyes of the mayor, sheriff, and, of course, the town mascot, Hank, a pink flamingo who thinks he's a bald eagle...

Lumby Lines: An engaging cast of characters populates Lumby, a one-moose town in the Pacific Northwest where pigs literally fly and goats invade the bank vault, a dog runs for mayor (and wins!), and Sheriff Dixon keeps a gentle watch over all the quirky goings-on.

Stealing Lumby: The town is jolted from its comfortable obscurity when a famous painting disappears and the national media come a-calling.

Lumby's Bounty: How Lumby has come to host a hot air balloon festival is a long story, but the town's residents are jumping right into preparations. But in the Lumby tradition, it won't all be blue skies and smooth sailing...



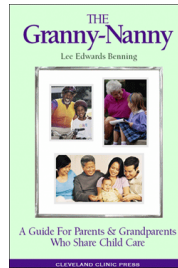
To learn more about Lumby and Gail Fraser, visit her website at www.lumbybooks.com



Gingerbread was the theme for December's **Beyond Books** nursing home program. Residents decorated gingerbread men for the holidays. A special thank you goes out to Annette Owens for her continuous donation which has allowed Outreach to include Vancrest in the program.

Anyone else interested in making a donation to Outreach may contact Marlene Ressler at 456-4376.

When Grandparents are the Babysitter



The Granny-Nanny: a guide for parents and grandparents who share child care / Lee Edwards Benning: An indispensable, hands-on guide for the single parent/working couple as well as the grandparent(s) who must work together to provide the most loving, best care possible for a child or the children they love. In the coming year, nearly a quarter of

all grandparents will experience the joys and tribulations of daily child care. Author Lee Edwards Benning, a real-life, full-time granny-nanny, has written the definitive guide for grandparents who care for their grandchildren of any age while their parents work. The Granny-Nanny can save you, or someone you know and love, heartaches, arguments, even lives.

Visit the author's Website: www.grannynanny.com

Health Care

No one enjoys dealing with the health care system -- especially when you are feeling ill! Following is a book that may be just what the doctor ordered (pun intended!)



Health Care Responsibility: The older adult's guide to surviving the health care system / Raymond Lengel: [This book] offers a system to get great health care. ..This book offers an overview of the health care system and an explanation why everyone must assume health care responsibility; a seven-step system to report a complete yet concise medical history; multiple forms to assure productive health care visits; a tracking system to assure appropriate preventative health care; tips on exercise and nutrition; and questions to ask health care providers.

Marlene's Internet Pick

Outreach Coordinator, Marlene Ressler, has an Internet Website to recommend to those savvy computer-users out there!

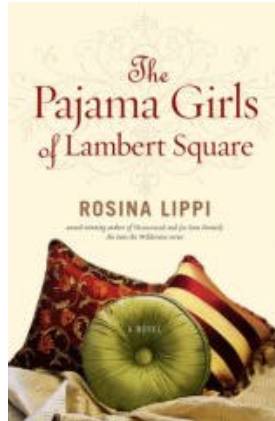
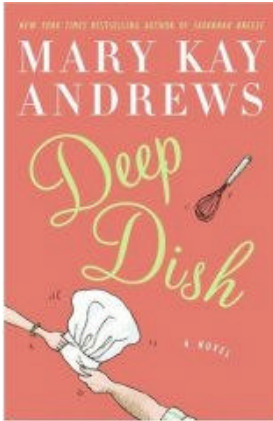
www.elder.com

This award-winning magazine wants boomers (who are now elders!) to celebrate life! Check out this hip-looking and very interesting online magazine!

Note: They do publish a hardcopy magazine for those who prefer the printed page!

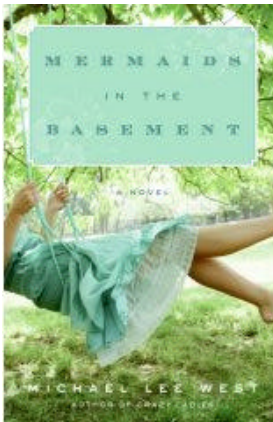


SOUTHERN CHARM



DEEP DISH / MARY KAY ANDREWS: "[This] is the story of a pair of rival Atlanta television chefs-both vying for a spot for their own national network cooking show. The competition heats up when Regina Foxton and Tate Moody find that opposites attract -in the kitchen and elsewhere. Look for DEEP DISH next February, when we'll all be ready for a beachy book". -- Mary Kay Andrews @ www.marykayandrews.com **On order**

THE PAJAMA GIRLS OF LAMBERT SQUARE / ROSINA LIPPI: For John Dodge, moving to new places and reviving ailing businesses is a way of life. So when he sees an ad for Scriveners, a stationery shop in a small town in South Carolina, he decides to take the plunge. **On order**



As soon as he arrives in Lambert's Corner, Dodge falls happily into the whirl of gossip, gifts, and quintessential Southern hospitality. Link Kay, one of his employees, warms up to him after Dodge admires his expertise on pens. Bean Hurt, a feisty and outspoken ten-year old, becomes a fast friend. And Maude Golden, the mayor, supplies him with indispensable information. But the one person who really catches Dodge's eye is Julia Darrow -- the beautiful but aloof pajama-wearing owner of *Cocoon*, a popular store specializing in luxury linens. Dodge tries to befriend her, but she remains elusive and mysterious. Everyone knows she's a widow, but no one seems to know why she came to town or why she never leaves Lambert Square -- or does she?

Like Dodge, Chicago-born Julia is fleeing a tumultuous past. But with the help of a hilarious and endearing cast of characters, Julia and Dodge learn that, sometimes, you don't need to go far to find home.

Southern Charm on DVD



Waitress: A diner waitress (and pie-maker extraordinaire) is stuck in a lousy marriage. Her only solace is in baking out-of-this-world pies. When the awkwardly charming new OB-GYN, Dr. Pomatter, comes to the small southern town, Jenna is inspired to mix-master her life into something far more satisfying. Cast

includes: Keri Russell, Nathan Fillion, Cheryl Hines, Adrienne Shelly, and Andy Griffith.

MERMAIDS IN THE BASEMENT / MICHAEL LEE WEST: Reeling from the loss of her mother, plagued with a bad case of writer's block (and don't even talk about that extra twenty pounds), Renata DeChavannes feels as though everything is just plain wrong. And that was before the tabloids caught her sweetheart, filmmaker Ferg Lauderdale, sharing an intimate squeeze with Hollywood's hottest young tamale. But the granddaughter of the formidable Honora DeChavannes possesses more hell than belle in her backbone—and she's about to reclaim it. Heading south to Honora's home on the Gulf Coast, Renata is determined to stop feeling like a wilted gardenia and emerge as the unstoppable kudzu her beloved grandmother proudly proclaimed she would be...



Southern Fried Chicks: Southern Fried Chicks is the top-grossing comedy tour on the road today. Featuring Etta May, Trish Suhr, Sonya White and Beth Donahue, this one-hour stand-up special brings together four different women who share their hilarious takes on life, love, and living in middle America.

WALTZING IN THE PIGGLY WIGGLY / ROBERT DALBY: The Piggly Wiggly has been the hub of the community of Second Creek, Mississippi, but now it may be forced to shut down. Determined to keep her favorite market open, Laurie Lepanto enlists the help of her fellow "Nitwits." They are influential widows who love to socialize-and remain true to their beloved store. With the help of handsome widower and former ballroom dancer Powell Hampton, they have the ladies of Second Creek fox trotting back into the market. It's become the town's most festive event: waltzing at the Piggly Wiggly (while someone else takes care of the shopping). But it's Laurie who's thrown for a whirl when the dancing sparks an unpredictable romance. It may be the best deal she's ever gotten at the Piggly Wiggly.

Everything but the Kitchen Sink...and even that too!

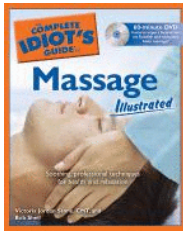
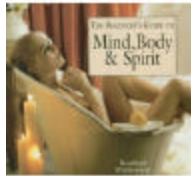
You can't miss with this eclectic line-up of titles! Whether you're an older adult interested in FREE THINGS or just want to learn some interesting trivia about rock 'n' roll the library has you covered! Feeling a little creaky around the edges? *The Beginner's Guide to Mind, Body & Spirit* and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Massage Illustrated* could be just what you're looking for! The perfect Zen moment might be only a book cover away!

If cooking (and eating!) is more your style, the library has several new cook books for your browsing pleasure -- Rachael Ray's newest cookbook, *Just in Time*, and a beautifully photographed cookbook from Southern Living magazine, *Southern Living 40 Years of Our Best Recipes*. For those who have a fondness for nostalgia that includes the gross-out factor, try James Lileks' latest book, *Gastroanomalies: Questionable Culinary Creations from the Golden Age of American Cookery*. **Enjoy!**

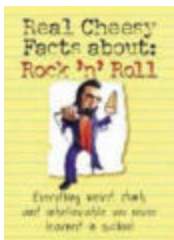


The Best Free Things for Seniors / Linda & Bob Kalian: Updated edition of the million+ best seller shows how anyone over 50 can receive thousands of free things of every type including free prescription drugs, free gift from the President, free cookbooks, free computer supplies, free dental or legal help, free gifts from the government and lots more.

The Beginner's Guide to Mind, Body & Spirit / Rosalind Widdowson: Introduces you to meditation, aromatherapy, and massage.



The Complete Idiot's Guide to Massage Illustrated / Victoria Jordan Stone: There is nothing more relaxing or therapeutic than a deep massage, and with the right instruction, the basic techniques of Swedish Massage Method are easy to master. Fully illustrated with over 80 professional photos, this guide gives clear instruction in the most popular techniques of massage for relaxation and health. Includes more than 80 instructional photos and a 60-minute instructional DVD.



Real Cheesy Facts About: Rock 'n' Roll: Everything weird, dumb, and unbelievable you never learned in school / Camille Smith Platt: Juicy trivia and tidbits are included in this revealing look at the unusual and quirky worlds of rock 'n' roll's biggest stars.



The Kitchen Sink Cookbook: Offbeat recipes from unusual ingredients / Carolyn Wyman: From community cookbooks, food manufacturer promotions, recipe contests, and local lore come dishes that get their "zing" from secret, unexpected ingredients (chow mein candy, twelve-tea-bag soup); delicacies that make the most of nature (dandelion mini-pizzas, rattlesnake chili); concoctions that evolved from food fashions and obsessions (Velveeta fudge, apple lasagne), and other landmarks - and land mines - of culinary experimentation.

Get in Shape -- or not...



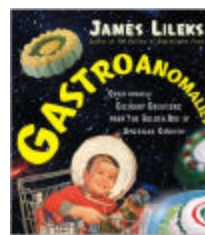
Fitness Kills: A Nora Franke Mystery / Helen Barer: Nora Franke is a New York food writer stuck in a rut. Hoping to get rid of a broken heart (and the extra pounds that came with it), she accepts a job as a menu consultant at an elite fitness ranch in Baja. With any luck she'll shed the weight, make some friends, and maybe even find a way to get over her ex-lover. But Nora soon finds that there's more than just yoga classes, morning hikes, and liquid fasts among the flowers and herbs—someone's put murder on the menu, and unless she can solve the mystery of who's behind the death of two of the guests, Nora may just be the next victim.

Eat up! For better -- or for worse...



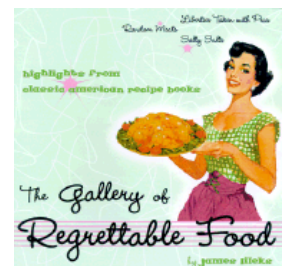
Just in Time / Rachael Ray: All-New 30-minute meals, plus super-fast (15-minute meals) and slow-it-down 60-minute meals.

Southern living-- 40 Years of Our Best Recipes: tasty milestone for more than 16 million Southern Living readers, this new collectors edition commemorates 40 years of the best of the best. All 250 recipes have been tested in the Southern Living kitchens and over 100 photos preview gorgeous meal presentations. From classic comfort food to lighter, healthier options, 30 menus cover every occasion for foolproof cooking and entertaining Southern style.



Gastroanomalies: Questionable Culinary Creations from the Golden Age of American Cookery / James Lileks: In *Gastroanomalies*, James Lileks gathers [a] remarkable assortment of dishes that once inspired cooks to brave new heights but now inspire sour stomachs and thoughts of "how did I survive?" Highlighted with excerpts from bizarre cookbooks (like Joan Crawford shilling for Bisquick), it meat or chocolate ice cream?), ads heralding the latest in kitchen technology (how about a bacon-egger?), and Lileks's acerbic, off-the-wall commentary ("Put your ear close, and you can actually hear the meat screaming in terror"), *Gastroanomalies* is an irresistible retro documentation of a bygone era when artisan cheese and vegetables lightly steamed (not boiled to mush) were still light-years away.

This book is the long-awaited sequel to **The Gallery of Regrettable Food** -- a simple introduction to poorly photographed foodstuffs and horrid recipes from the Golden Age of Salt and Starch.



Teen/scene

Midnight Dreary Short Story & Poetry Contest Winners

Poetry Winners

Katie Hollingsworth, 11
School -- National Trail

Chloe Waddle, 11
School -- National Trail

Short Story Winners

Cat Kramer, 17
School -- Eaton High School

Ariel Clark, 14
School -- Tri-County North



Inspiring



Twelve Mighty Orphans / Jim Dent:

More than a century ago, a school was constructed in Fort Worth, Texas, for the purpose of housing and educating the orphans of Texas Freemasons. It was a humble project that for years existed quietly on a hillside east of town. Life at the Masonic Home was about to change, though, with the arrival of a lean, bespectacled coach by the name of Rusty Russell. Here was a man who could bring rain in the midst of a drought. Here was a man who, in virtually no time at all, brought the orphans' story into the homes of millions of Americans. In the 1930s and 1940s, there was nothing bigger in Texas high school football than the Masonic Home Mighty Mites - a group of orphans bound together by hardship and death. These youngsters, in spite of being outweighed by at least thirty pounds per man, were the toughest football team around. They began with nothing - not even a football - yet in a few years were playing for the state championship on the highest level of Texas football." "This is a winning tribute to a courageous band of underdogs from a time when America desperately needed fresh hope and big dreams. The Mighty Mites remain a notable moment in the long history of American sports.

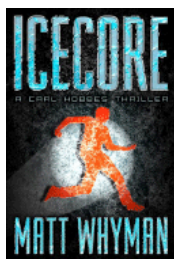


Publication created by Cheryl Richter, 2007

Hot off the Shelf



Unwind / Neal Shusterman: After a civil war waged over abortion has almost destroyed America, completely new laws are in effect. Human life can never be terminated, but between the ages of 13 and 18, a child can be unwound by his parents, an irrevocable decision that leads to every single bit of his body being harvested for medical use. As the novel opens, 16-year-old Connor has secretly discovered his parents' copy of his unwind order, and decides to kick-AWOL, or run away. Connor's escape inadvertently sweeps up two other Unwinds: a ward of the state who is not quite talented enough to merit her place in a state home any longer, and the 10th son of religious parents, who gave birth to him just to tithe him.



Icecore / Matt Whyman: A "24" for teens, this edge-of-your-seat thriller stars 17-year-old British computer hacker Carl Hobbes, who is arrested by the American government for penetrating the security at Fort Knox. After he is shipped off to Icecore, an American military installation in the Arctic, Carl has 48 hours to steal back his freedom.

Big Slick / Eric Luper: In this breakneck-paced novel about gambling and growing up, the stakes are high, and 16-year-old Andrew Lang must ask himself: What does going all in really mean?



Fearless / Tim Lott: In the not-too-distant future, the world is safe from terrorists, the streets are clean, and girls labeled "juvies" or "mindcrips" have been hidden away behind the smartly painted exterior of the City Community Faith School. Their birth names are forgotten and replaced with a letter and number, but they give each other nicknames like Tattle or Stench or Little Fearless. As they slave away at chores, Little Fearless, who is actually the bravest girl in the school, tells the other girls stories, stories about the day their families will return for them. Little Fearless's own hope and conviction spur her on a dangerous adventure — a bold and unthinkable plan that will either save the imprisoned girls or mean the end of Little Fearless herself, or both.

The Poison Apples / Lily Archer: Three girls have something in common with their fairytale sisters--they are the stepdaughters of three very evil stepmothers. They think they are alone in their unhappiness until they arrive at a posh boarding school in Massachusetts, where they will plot their revenge. But first, they have to meet.



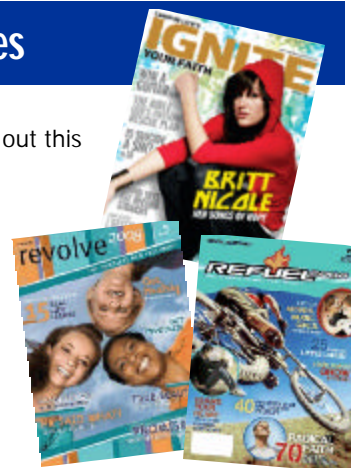
Magazines & Biblezines

Magazine

- **Campus Life's Ignite Your Faith:** Check out this college-aged Christian magazine!

Biblezines: These Christian books have the "look" of a magazine

- **Refuel: The Complete New Testament for Guys**
- **Revolve, 2008: The Complete New Testament**



All book synopsis' taken from the product summery unless otherwise noted.