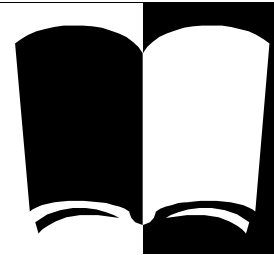


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What's New at CPL

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Within the last couple months I have taken over the primary ordering of the adult materials. This includes adult fiction, non-fiction, audiobooks, and DVD's. The thing is, ordering books isn't so simple. I have to try to meet the needs of the community, not my own personal wants. If I only ordered materials based on my likes, the shelves would be full of historical romances, true crime, and suspense novels and the entire DVD section would be BBC period dramas. See, that's what makes this process so difficult! It's not just what I want or you want, but what nearly 3,200 patrons in the community want. Each patron who walks through our doors is unique. Although some may have similar interests it doesn't mean they are the same. So how do you find balance? Well I look at reports. I check which authors are most requested by patrons, what's on the best seller list, which books have won national awards, and I read as many reviews as I can. Then I go through and repeat this process for materials in other languages.

In the past few months I have attempted to expand the selection of subjects available. I have taken a risks on some books, hoping it will catch someone's interest. My primary goal as a librarian is to make sure that as a patron you have as many resources available to you as we are able to offer. Whether it be to educate yourself on a new subject or to be able to relax with some leisurely reading. Don't be afraid to offer suggestions on what types of materials you would like to see on the shelf. If we aren't able to purchase a specific book, we will provide you with other options. We may offer to check if Doane has it available or discuss interlibrary loan options or we could also recommend similar authors or alternative books on the same subject.

We have many new books on our shelves including some of the 2016 National Book Award finalists. A new addition is award winner *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. This story follows the lives of two runaway slaves who are on the path to finding true freedom. This book has managed to stay on the New York Times Best Seller list for 24 weeks running. *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen was the Pulitzer Prize winner for the Fiction category. *The Sympathizer* is described as "the story of a man of two minds, someone whose political beliefs clash with his individual loyalties." Of course, we have many more books on a variety of topics in both our non-fiction and fiction sections. Stop in and check out what else is new.



The library will be closed for Presidents Day.

What's Coming Up?

Preschool Story Time

February 2 - All About Dogs
February 9 - Good Friends
February 16 - Frogs Jumping Everywhere!
February 23 - Imaginary Creatures



February Birthdays

7 - Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867)
8 - John Grisham (1955)
11 - Mo Willems (1968)
17 - Michael Jordan (1963)
27 - Marian Anderson (1897)



Large Print. It's Not Just For...

by Susan Church

If you think large print is for people with poor eyesight, you're right. And wrong. Large print is for anyone who likes to read! While there are a number of titles available in both regular print and large print, an effort is made not to have an abundance of duplicate titles. It's likely you will find books in your genre to read in large print that are not available in regular print. So, to entice you, here are a few new choices.

Three Days in January: Dwight Eisenhower's Final Mission by Bret Baier. Baier takes a look at the three days between Dwight Eisenhower's now-prophetic farewell address on January 17, 1961, and John F. Kennedy's inauguration on January 20. He urgently sought to prepare both the country and the next president for the challenges ahead. Five decades later, *Three Days in January* forever makes clear that Eisenhower, an often forgotten giant of U.S. history, still offers vital lessons for our own time. It stands as a lasting example of effective and honorable political leadership at its best. An appropriate read for this particular time in our nation's history.

By all appearances, Dan Chase is a harmless retiree in Vermont. But most sixty-year-old widowers have not spent decades on the run. In *The Old Man* by Thomas Perry, Chase was sent to Libya to covertly assist a rebel army. When the plan turns sour, Chase reacts in a way that triggers consequences he could never have anticipated. Years later, someone still wants him dead because of his actions. He will need all of his survival instincts to contend with the history he has spent his adult life trying to escape.

Food writer Claudia Lombardo has tasted exquisite dishes by the world's greatest chefs. So when she hears about the remarkable desserts from a convent pastry shop in the sleepy Italian town of Santa Lucia del Mela, she knows that she has to write a book featuring the sweets and their creator, Sorella Agata. Her most famous dessert, a cassata cake, is like no other, yet no one can figure out why. Until Sorella Agata relates the pastry shop's history in *Rosalia's Bittersweet Pastry Shop* by Rosanna Chiofalo.

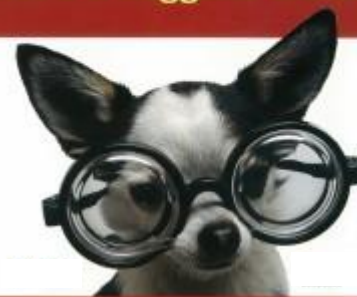
The Gangster by Clive Cussler takes place in 1906 New York City. The Italian crime group known as the Black Hand is on a spree: kidnapping, extortion, arson. Detective Isaac Bell is hired to form a special "Black Hand Squad," but the gangsters are everywhere. Bell wonders if there are copy cat criminals. And then the murders begin, each one of a man more powerful than the last. But Bell discovers that the ultimate target may be of the most powerful man of all.

For a lighter read, checkout *Where Two Hearts Meet* by Liz Johnson. This is the second book in the Prince Edward Island Dreams series. Executive Chef Caden Holt is calm, collected, and competent in her kitchen at Red Door Inn. But when asked to show off beautiful Prince Edward Island to impress a visiting travel writer and save the Inn, Caden finds herself anything but calm, collected, and competent.

Other titles to watch for: *Tumbledown Manor* by Helen Brown; *A Sister's Wish* by Shelley Shepard Gray; *Final Fondue* by Maya Corrigan; or *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.

Check out a large print book today.

Not Reading Large Print?
That's a Doggone Shame.



Love Large Print Books

by Connie Higginson

While visting the Crete Public Library a few years ago, it was quite surprising for me to see the selection of large print books available to check out. I found that reading large print was easier on my eyes and I could read for a much longer period of time; therefore, allowing me to read a book faster. As we all know it is not always easy to find the time to read, so this was a way for me to get some bonus reading time. You may also realize you like large print once you try it.

The Crete Library has a wonderful selection of these books. There are several books that I recently read I would recommend. The first one is *The Mountain Between Us* by Charles Martin. It is a book I never wanted to put down, seriously. It is the story of two individuals stranded together in the mountains after a plane crash. A story of strength, survival and the true meaning of love. The second book is *Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale* by Lynda Rutledge. The quirky, charming and sometimes sad story is entertaining from beginning to end. I found both books were very different but equally enjoyable.

Now that I am working here I find I am surrounded by wonderful books in every area of the library. Next time you stop by, try the large print version for yourself. I think you will be pleasantly pleased!

Winter: Thriving or Merely Surviving?

by Susan Church

Does this winter seem long to anyone else besides me? Of course, I am at that point in my life where I think any winter is too long! So what to do to while away the days and weeks before spring arrives? Here are a few ideas to help you beat those winter doldrums.

Plan your next get-away. For me, the planning of a trip is almost (not quite, but almost!) as fun as the trip itself. There are a some great resources on the shelves of the library to help you with the planning of your vacation. Try *USA* by Dorling Kindersley Publisher; *Road Trip USA: Cross-Country Adventures on America's Two-Lane Highways* by Jamie Jensen; and if you're feeling especially adventurous, *Cayman Islands* by Fodor.

Investigate ideas for home improvements; whether it's just dreaming or it's on your to-do list, this is always a fun thing to do. Check out one or more of these titles: *A Touch of Farmhouse Charm: Easy DIY Projects to Add a Warm and Rustic Feel to Any Room* by Liz Fourez; *The \$50 Home Makeover: 75 Easy Projects to Transform Your Current Space Into Your Dream Space - For \$50 Or Less* by Shaunna West; *Flea Market Fabulous: Designing Gorgeous Rooms With Vintage Treasures* by Lara Spencer.

Plan a popcorn and movie night with friends or just family. Here are a few of our most recent additions: *A Man Called Ove*, *Eat Pray Love*, *The Secret Life of Pets*, *Storks*, and *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Make hot chocolate and popcorn and have everyone come dressed in warm jammies.

Try some new recipes for comfort food. Nothing says winter comfort food like a stew, and there's sure to be something to grab your fancy in *Winter Stews & One-Pot Dinners: Tasty Recipes That Fill Your Belly and Warm Your Heart* by Daniella Malfitano. Try a recipe from *Complete Children's Cookbook* with your kids (they love being in the kitchen!). Be bold and courageous; follow the tamale tutorial in *The Enchilada Queen Cookbook: Enchiladas, Fajitas, Tamales, and More Classic Recipes From Texas-Mexico Border Kitchens* by Sylvia Casares for a mouth-watering treat!

Do something you haven't done in a long time; build a fort of blankets and sheets in your dining room! Hey, if it's good enough for Sheldon and Amy on *Big Bang Theory*, it's good enough for you! Play Legos with your kids; there's something cathartic about getting lost in putting those bright, colorful little bricks together. Lay on the floor on your belly and color. Doesn't even have to be an adult coloring page. Just color.

Here's one to surely put spring in your heart; maybe even in your step! Plan your garden. Or plan something different for your yard. Or make plans for the first time for your yard. Resources to get you started include: *The Postage Stamp Vegetable Garden: Grow Tons of Organic Vegetables in Tiny Spaces and Containers* by Karen Newcomb; *The Creative Shrub Garden: Eye-Catching Combinations for Year-Round Interest* by Andrew McIndoe; or *Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden: A Natural Approach to Pest Control* by Jessica Walliser. Check out seed catalog websites such as Burpee, Territorial Seed Company, and Annie's Heirloom Seeds, to name a few.

So. Does that help get your creative juices flowing? Share some of your innovative ideas with us. We all need a little help in the winter survival arena. Don't forget: let the library be a bright spot in beating those winter blues!



Getting Away

by Maridza Vasquez



I remember reading that one should set a goal of visiting a new place every year. I am happy that I have been blessed with opportunities to explore many new places in my lifetime. But it seems that no matter where I go, it's never enough. I am always left wanting to explore new places and new cultures. So, what do people like me do as soon as they get back from a trip? They start planning the next one! We have just added two new books for the traveling spirit.

Where to Go When published by Lonely Planet, in my opinion, is one of the best travel books. The reason I love this book is that it is split up into 12 months offering travel options for those seeking a temporary climate change or change of scenery, whether it be to relax or seek out a new adventure.

The Honeymoon Handbook published by Lonely Planet is a great book for couples who are about to tie the knot. It gives tips on planning destination weddings or budget friendly alternatives. And although this book is targeted towards newlyweds, I believe it is also great for couples who want to take a romantic getaway.

Don't forget we have other travel guides available whether it is a quick trip around Nebraska or planning an international trip. So come check out our collection and plan your next getaway!

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Blind Date With a Book (or Take a Chance on Me) by Susan Church

Blind dates. The stuff of nightmares, or occasionally, dreams come true. SO much pressure. What will he/she look like? Will he be a gentleman or someone you wouldn't wish on your worst enemy? Will she be sweet natured or act and talk like a sailor? We have a blind date for you...without the pressure!

It's a "Blind Date With a Book!" Here's how it works. On the display in the main hall of the library, you will find a selection of brown paper wrapped books. Each book will have a pick-up line; the first line of the book. You take a chance, sight unseen, and check out the book. Take it home. Show it your favorite spots to read. Maybe you'll want to show it off to your friends. Give it a whiff of your favorite hot beverage to sip while reading. Who knows? Maybe there's a future for the two of you? Maybe it'll be a dud of a date.

If you don't like the book, no harm, no fowl. On the other hand, if you fall in love with a new author and new genre...the stars will be brighter, the sun shine warmer and all your days will be... Well. Maybe not. But you will have stretched your borders a bit!

When you unwrap your book, you will find a "Rate Your Date" form. Please take a minute or two to fill this out. And really. You can be honest. We know that not all blind dates work! When you return the book, drop your rating form in the designated container for a chance to win a prize.

Blind Date with a Book



RATE YOUR DATE

Do you have kids who want to participate? How about a "Blind Playdate with a Book?" On the shelves at the west end of the circulation desk you will find a display of chapter books and picture books. They will also have a pick-up line, and if a chapter book, an age range for that title. Check out and rating of books will be the same as for the adult books. And we know kids; they will definitely be honest in their evaluation!

Blind Date With a Book will run through the month of February.