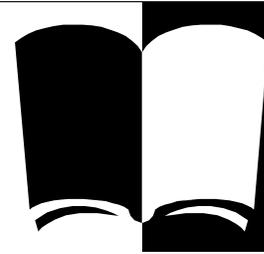


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Crete Public Library Newsletter



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Library Happenings

by Laura Renker

The sales tax initiative, LB357, passed! We will now be entering a new phase of library planning. Taxes will start being collected in April. Demolition on the proposed property (old hospital site between 15th and 16th Streets and between Grove and Forest Avenues) will begin sometime in the first six months of this new year. The request for proposals and the design process will begin. We will also be raising additional money for the project during the coming months and will keep you posted on the progress.

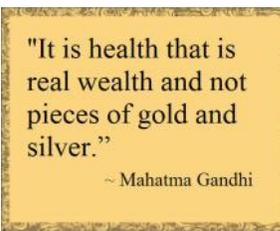
Thank you to all of the people who helped make this possible—patrons, Friends, board members, volunteers, the city and elected officials! Two volunteers from the community that gave of their time and talents were Carrie Wilsman and Julie Fahrlander. A special thanks to them.

As you will read, there have been changes within the Library, but rest assured we will continue to provide the resources and services that the community has come to expect and rely on. We are constantly adding to our collections. Here are a few titles you may wish to check out:

The Littlest Bigfoot - This is a chapter book written for elementary and middle school children. However, I say that you are never too old for a great book. This gem is written by Jennifer Weiner, known for her adult fiction. Here, she tells the story of Alice Mayfair, who has been shipped off to yet another boarding school. Alice has never fit in or had a real friend. She assumes this one will be no different. Then she saves Millie's life. Millie is a Bigfoot. Will Millie be able to trust a "no-fur" enough to become friends?

The Sun Is Also a Star - This is the second book written by Nicola Yoon. It's the story of two New York City teenagers who happen to meet on the street just hours before Natasha is to be deported back to Jamaica with her family. Daniel is not known as a poet or a dreamer but something happens when he sees Natasha.

The Wellness Mama Cookbook - This book definitely is a cookbook with recipes but it is more than that. It's written by the creator of the popular Wellness Mama website, Katie Wells. She first talks about her philosophy on food and health. (None of her recipes include gluten.) She shares tips on making meal planning easy that are quite doable. She also peppers the book with quotes from famous people. Being a quotation collector, I appreciate the well-placed bits of wisdom. For example: "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver." - Mahatma Gandhi



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What's Coming Up?

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays @ 10:30 am
Jan. 5 Small Cars, Big Trucks
Jan. 12 Sun and Sea
Jan. 19 Zoo Day
Jan. 26 All About Cats



The Library will be **closed** Monday, January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Jan. 3 J.R.R. Tolkien birthday (Born 1892)
Jan. 12 National Hot Tea Day
Jan. 24 National Peanut Butter Day
Jan. 29 Rosemary Wells birthday (Born 1943)

Books to Movies 2017

by Susan Church

It would seem that more and more books are being made into movies, and 2017 is no exception. We have always maintained that the book should be read **before** viewing the movie. So with that in mind, here are some books to be read before the movies release this coming year:

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly follows the true story of four black women as unsung heroes of NASA. These women quietly enabled the biggest achievements in space in the 1960's with their mathematics skills. The men have told their story; now it is time to hear these women's story. The movie releases January 6.

Set in the Prohibition era of the 1920's, *Live By Night* by Dennis Lehane, tells the story of a Boston thief who finds success as a rum runner. Releasing January 13, the movie is directed by and stars Ben Affleck.

Another true story follows the zookeepers of the Warsaw Zoo. The zookeepers helped hundreds of people escape the Nazis in World War II by smuggling them into empty cages. *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman will release March 31.

Wonder by R. J. Palacio chronicles a boy born with a facial deformity who struggles to fit in at a new school. Julia Roberts plays the part of the boy's mother. The book was a Golden Sower Winner in 2013-14. Release date is April 7.

A young woman's rapid climb up the corporate ladder in a Google-like tech company is the subject of *The Circle* by Dave Eggers. The movie stars Tom Hanks and Emma Watson, releasing April 28.

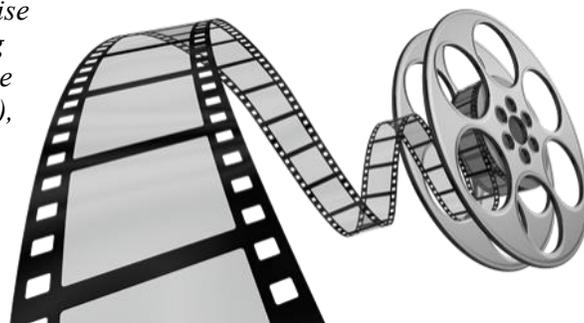
Two strangers flying on a charter plane crash in the wilderness and find that they must depend on each other to survive. Charles Martin's *The Mountain Between Us* stars Kate Winslet and Idris Elba. Release is set for October 20.

Other books to movies out this year include: *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie (stars Johnny Depp and releases November 22); *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah; *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls; *The Shack* by William P. Young (in theaters March 3); *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (stars Oprah Winfrey and should release July 28); and *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shafer (filming to begin in the U.K. in spring 2017).

There are most definitely no shortage of books to read or movies to see! All of the above books may be found on the shelves of Crete Public Library. Other movies that are being filmed based on books not listed may be found on OverDrive.

If staying in, covered with a cozy blanket, hot cocoa in hand is more your thing, then check out some of the recent additions to our DVD collection: *I Am Bolt*, *The Boy*, *Death in Paradise (Season 5)*, *Instructions Not Included*, *Jack Frost*, *Mr. Church*, *Pulling Strings*; *Southside With You*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows*, *Tora! Tora! Tora!*; *Little House on the Prairie (Seasons 5-8)*, *Young Mr. Lincoln*, and *Charade*.

There is definitely a book and/or movie for everyone's tastes! Pick one or three and start reading. Or watching. Or both!



Mango, Anyone?

By Laura Renker

Where will you Mango? Did you know that you can access Mango with your mobile device? It goes wherever you do with full apps for iOS and Android devices. Over 60 language courses available in the palm of your hand. From Spanish to Swahili, English to Icelandic, and Shakespeare to Pirate, Mango has virtually everyone's language and culture curiosities covered.

Mango rapidly builds language proficiency and cultural understanding around real world communication skills that you will actually use. It also provides interactive works and pronunciation helpers. The program allows the audio to be heard in a slow and articulate way or at a fast conversational pace.

According to Mango, more than one in five U.S. residents speak a language other than English at home and nearly 22 percent require development in their English skills. Mango provides many English courses that are easy to follow and are fully narrated in the learner's native language.

So access Mango now with your library card. Go on an educational adventure!



Reminiscing Through 2016

by Maridza Vasquez

We have entered a new year, which means we have had to wrap up projects and planned for the new changes. There are a few things that I have discovered in the recent months. As many of you know by now Yesenia Montejo left us in November. Something many of you may not know is that she was the creative mind behind the bulletin board in the children's area. When she left I volunteered to take it over. Of course I began to look up and put together ideas that I may like to use. Then I came across a picture of a famous little bear who likes to eat honey and a new penguin friend. At that moment I just thought it was a cute picture and as I began to research the story behind the penguin, I discovered that a new Winnie the Pooh book was being released in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the original book's publication. *The Best Bear in All the World* was put together by a collaboration of authors who wanted to pay tribute to A.A. Milne. The penguin is introduced as one of Pooh's old friends who comes for a visit. So next time you are in the library make sure to check out the new book of stories.

Also, last year, based on a recommendation from Lisa, I read the first book in the Poldark series by Winston Graham. By the time I finished the book, I was so upset at the main character, Ross Poldark, that I decided not to continue reading the series. Then Lisa and I had a deep conversation about the book, the characters, and the television series, that I had also refused to watch, and I decided that maybe I should give Ross a second chance. I decided to start by watching the first season of the PBS series. I soon discovered that the first season covered the first two books, which is farther than I had read. Now I feel compelled to go back and continue reading the series, before I continue on with the show. For those who like the series, we do have the book and season 1 and 2 of Poldark on DVD.

While I'm on the topic of second chances, another book that I have given multiple chances to is *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell. For years now, Lisa has been telling me that I would like the book based on my preferences. I have tried reading the book twice and listening to the audio book twice over the past 4 years and was never able to make it past the first couple of chapters. I decided to give it another chance as an audiobook so I could listen to it on my drives to school and back. I decided I had to get through it this time no matter what. Once I got past those first few chapters I finally began to enjoy the story line. My goal was to finish it before the end of 2016, since it's 49 hours long on audio. I managed to finish it right before the 31st. I was quite upset with the ending because it was one of those books that if the main character had just listened to me from the beginning the book could have had a different ending. Even with this in mind I did enjoy the book and may have to add it my list of favorite romantic tragedies along with *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy and *Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy.

Finally, although I am sad we had to say good-bye, I want to say thank-you to Lisa for taking a chance on me the first time and giving me a second chance and letting me come back to the library. Thanks for all the books you've encouraged me to read and our heart-to-heart's afterwards about how certain characters just broke our hearts. We will miss you, Lisa, and wish you the best wherever life may take you.

Change...

by Susan Church

Change. Not something we necessarily like but is most definitely inevitable. And yes, the library has had it's fair share of change. We've said goodbye to some good friends as they move on to other adventures. We've said goodbye to settled comfortable and hello to "hmm, what's going to pop up tomorrow?"

We wish Lisa well in her new position at the Eiseley Branch Library in Lincoln. Twenty years is a lot of laughter and tears, joys and sorrows. We hope your new staff discovers the treasure you are!

We also say farewell to Jake Jelinek, our part-time clerk. He will be transferring to CSU in Colorado, nearer his family. He has been adopted into the library family and will always have a place in our hearts. You will be missed, Jake.



On the upside, we say hello to Connie Higginson! She joined our full-time staff on December 5. We look forward to getting to know her and making her a part of the "library family."

"Just because everything is different doesn't mean anything has changed." We are still here to serve you to the best of our ability!

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Comfort Foods for Cold Weather

by Susan Church

Now that the holidays are over, I'm all about hibernating with warm comfort foods. One of my favorite go-to comfort foods is soup. LOVE soup! I found an Easy Taco Soup that is going to be made as soon as I go to the store to get a few missing ingredients. And lasagna. What's not to love about lasagna? So then, let's jump from lasagna on a plate to lasagna in a bowl. As in Lasagna Soup! *very contented sigh* Below are these comforting soups. If you want more ideas, come check out our wide selection of cookbooks. There's something for everyone's taste.

Taco Soup

2 lbs. ground beef
1 onion, diced
2 cups water
1 can Rotel tomatoes
1 or 2 cans kidney beans
1 or 2 cans diced tomatoes
1 or 2 cans corn
1 pkg. dry taco seasoning
1 pkg. dry ranch dressing mix

Brown the ground beef and diced onion in a skillet and drain off the fat. Put ground beef in a big soup pot. Add water and drained corn and beans. Stir in all ingredients. Bring to a boil, then simmer on low heat for about an hour, stirring occasionally. Top with shredded cheese, sour cream, and or taco sauce. Serve with tortilla chips.



30 Minute Lasagna Soup

1 pound ground beef
1 jar Ragu Pasta Sauce (24 oz.)
4 cups vegetable broth (you can use chicken broth too)
1 can stewed tomatoes (15 oz.)
6 oz. ready for oven lasagna noodles (about 1/2 a box)
1/2 cup parmesan cheese, shredded + more for garnish
Ricotta cheese (about 1 Tbsp. per serving)

In a large stock pot brown ground beef. Remove grease. Return beef to pot and add Ragu, broth, tomatoes and noodles. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer, put lid on and let simmer for 25 minutes. After 20 minutes stir in 1/2 cup parmesan cheese. Pour soup into bowls and stir in ricotta cheese. Top with parmesan cheese.

