



PIGEON TALES

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The local elementary school is a big part of the community which we serve. We frequently find ourselves working together on various projects. Here's what's happening now (or coming up soon!)

***Operation Backpack:** We've collected many backpacks and school supplies for our local students. These backpacks will be sent to Central Elementary School for distribution. If your child is in need of a backpack and supplies, you will need to let the teacher know as soon as possible; these items should be at the school during the first few days.

***Open House at Central Elementary:** Visit our table at the Open House at the school on the evening of Tuesday, September 15th. We will have information on all sorts of library programs for children of all ages, including teens.

***Accelerated Readers:** We are in the process of marking our entire Children's Room collection with the AR dots to go along with the tests available at Central Elementary. If the book you want doesn't have a dot, we'll look it up to see if a test is available for you!

Gone With the Wind

Join storyteller Dick Magee on Tuesday evening on September 15th for this program entitled *Gone With the Wind: The Writing of the Book and the Making of the Film*.

This is about two remarkable people: a housewife who wins a Pulitzer Prize and an ambitious young filmmaker who does what Hollywood says can't be done. The book that "nobody would read" became the most read novel in history. The film that "couldn't be made" became the most popular movie of all time. An old-fashioned southern belle and an aggressive new mogul of the movies created the blockbusters of an era. This is their story.

This free program will begin at 7 p.m. and is for adults only.

No registration is required and refreshments will be served.



The library will soon be more accessible to patrons who require a wheelchair, a cane or walker to get around! We have already begun the first steps of installing automatic door openers on both of our main entrance doors. Patrons will simply need to press a button and the doors will open for them! This project should be completed early in September.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous contribution to this project!

New Books in September

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| Janet Evanovich <i>Between the Plums</i> | Andrea Kane <i>Drawn in Blood</i> |
| Jacquelyn Mitchard <i>No Time to Wave Goodbye</i> | Stuart Woods <i>Hothouse Orchid</i> |
| Audrey Niffenegger <i>Her Fearful Symmetry</i> | Nick Hornby <i>Juliet Naked</i> |
| Mitch Albom <i>Have a Little Faith</i> | Joyce Carol Oates <i>Little Bird of Heaven</i> |
| Lisa Black <i>Evidence of Murder</i> | Dan Brown <i>Lost Symbol</i> |
| William Bernhardt <i>Capital Offense</i> | Garrison Keillor <i>Pilgrims</i> |
| Anita Diamont <i>Day After Night</i> | |

Celebrate the Freedom to Read!

Banned Books Week is celebrated during the last week in September each year, and is an opportunity to remember the importance of our First Amendment rights, as well as the power of literature. The 10 most frequently challenged books of 2008 are:

1. *And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson
2. *His Dark Materials* trilogy, by Philip Pullman
3. *TTYL; TTFN; L&R, G&R* (series), by Lauren Myracle
4. *Scary Stories* (series), by Alvin Schwartz
5. *Bless Me, Ultima*, by Rudolfo Anaya
6. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky
7. *Gossip Girl* (series), by Cecily von Ziegesar
8. *Uncle Bobby's Wedding*, by Sarah S. Brannen
9. *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini
10. *Flashcards of My Life*, by Charise Mericle Harper

Lunch & Lit Club

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

From School/Library Journal: Oskar Schell is not your average nine-year-old. A budding inventor, he spends his time imagining wonderful creations. He also collects random photographs for his scrapbook and sends letters to scientists. When his father dies in the World Trade Center collapse, Oskar shifts his boundless energy to a quest for answers. He finds a key hidden in his father's things that doesn't fit any lock in their New York City apartment; its container is labeled "Black." Using flawless kid logic, Oskar sets out to speak to everyone in New York City with the last name of Black. A retired journalist who keeps a card catalog with entries for everyone he's ever met is just one of the colorful characters the boy meets.



The Lunch & Lit Club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. Stop in to pick up a copy of the current book if you'd like to join us!

Friends of the Library

The Friends' will have a meeting on September 10th at noon. This will be a Soup and Sandwich Potluck, in the Dorothy Lee Room at the library. We will be discussing the Christmas Raffle and possible new projects.

Friends Wanted! If you would like to join the Friends of the Library, please fill out this form and return it to the library with \$3.00 for your annual dues. Members take part in various activities which benefit the library and provide for things that might not otherwise fit into the budget. The group meets about once every four months.

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address: _____
 Email address _____

Preschool Story Time

Moms and caregivers of children ages 3-5 (but not yet in kindergarten) will be glad to know that our Preschool Story Time is just around the corner!

Story Time is a half-hour program designed to introduce little ones to books, group activities, and new friends. The program will begin mid-September. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time! Just call or stop in soon!



Summer Reading Winners!!!



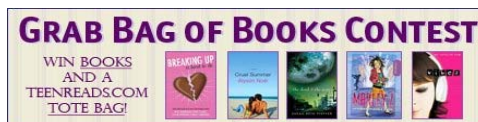
Congratulations to Paul Schelstraete who won first prize in our Book Bingo program! Paul is the proud new owner of a shiny red bike!

Congratulations also to Billy Roose, winner of the coveted I-pod Shuffle, which was the Grand Prize for the Teen Zone Summer Reading Program.

Visit Teenreads.com

Teens and young adults will all find something they like on this great website!

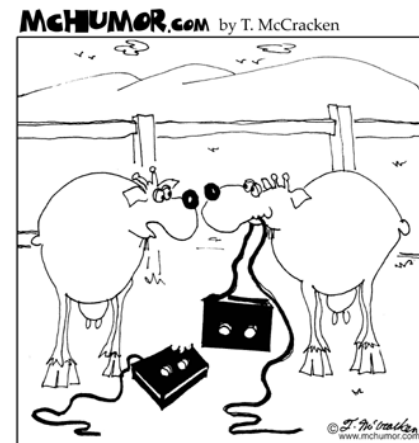
Like most reading-related websites, there are reviews of new books (including graphic novels and manga) as well as author interviews, and a suggested reading list called "The Ultimate Reading List".



To keep things fun, there are contests (like the *Grab a Bag of Books* contest in which five lucky teens each month win a Teen Reads tote stuffed with great books).

There are also *polls and surveys *Pod-casts and videos
*a teen book club guide *a free newsletter

I'm sure we've left out a few things, but you get the idea!



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September Calendar

- 7 Closed for Labor Day
- 10 Friends Luncheon 12:00
- 15 Dick Magee "Gone With the Wind" 7 p.m.
- 15 Visit us at the Open House at Central Elementary!
- 21 Lunch & Lit Club 11:30
- 23 Preschool Story Time 10:30-11

Coming in October:
Cranbrook Institute Bat Conservatory
Family Fun Night
After School Crafts



Services for Library Patrons

- **Inter-library Loan:** We can help you find just the book you're looking for. If we don't own it, we should be able to get it for you through our state-wide interloan program.
- In addition to our regular fiction and non-fiction holdings, we also have **large print books** and **audio books** (tape and CD).
- **Movies:** Patrons may borrow movies at no cost for 2 days at a time.
- **Computers:** We have 16 public use computers.
- **Free Wireless Internet:** just bring your laptop!
- **Genealogy / Local History:** Visit our History Room! We have census records and some newspapers on microfilm; we have many obituaries, family histories, and scrapbooks. Patrons can access Heritage Quest online at the library and at home ... ask us how!
- **Home Delivery:** We offer free delivery services for the homebound. Please call for more information.
- **Online Database:** Visit our website and click on "Online Catalog".
- **Miscellaneous Services:** copies .15; laminating .75 for an 8.5 X 11 sheet; fax (sending) \$2 for the first page, \$1 for each additional page; fax (receiving) \$1 for up to 10 pages; .25 for each additional page.



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