Kraemer Library Newsletter-August 2024

Library Calendar

The Page Turners book group will meet on Tuesday, **August 20** at 1 pm to discuss *The Diplomat's Wife* by Pam Jenoff. For meeting information and location, contact the library.

Wednesday, **August 21**, 1-3 pm. A representative of the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) visits the library every third Wednesday to discuss issues related to Medicare and Social Security. No appointments are necessary – first-come, first serve.

PAM JENOFF



The Tech Drop-In Session at Kraemer Library will be Thursday, **August 22** and September 26 from 2-4 pm. Feel free to drop by to discuss tech-related questions.

Friday, August 30, 4:30 pm. Presentation about wildlife conservation and management at

South Africa's ChaZen Game Reserve. This 40,000-acre private reserve is home to lions, giraffes, zebras, hippos, impalas, wildebeests and many more wildlife species. Africa Through Your Lens and ChaZen Game Reserve is a family-owned safari and game reserve company specializing in custom photographic, viewing, and educational safaris for small groups of travelers. The home base for Africa Through Your Lens is ChaZen Game Reserve, a private nature reserve, nestled in the

Vredefort Dome. Restoration and rehabilitation of the land started in 1990. Indigenous species were introduced and have formed self-sustaining herds. They also conduct African Lion and African Painted Dog breeding programs for reintroduction in their native areas.

Tuesday, **September 10**, 6-7:30 pm. Meet & Greet – meet Board members and learn more about the Friends of the Kraemer Library & Community Center.

Thursday, September 19 – Mid-morning matinee resumes.

Friday, October 18 & Saturday, October 19 – Pies, Pages,

and Puzzles – Community Room







Summer Reading & Children's Programs



The Summer Reading and Children's Programs end on Saturday, August 10. Completed reading logs need to be received at the library by August 10 to be included in the August 12 prize drawing.

August events are listed below. For more details and to reserve a place for a reserve-only event, contact the library at 608-543-4201 or check

the library website (kraemerlibrary.org):

Storytime –4:30 on Tuesday, August 6 **EVENTS:** Thursday, August 1 – Craft (Part 2)– 1 pm. Attendees must have attended Part 1. Saturday, August $3 - 2^{nd}$ Annual Team Puzzle Competition - 11 am - 2 pm. Also open to adults. Contact the library to reserve a spot. Monday, August 5 – Lego Builders– 1 pm Wednesday, August 7- Dinosaur Dimensions at 1pm. Free tickets available the day of the event. Featuring animatronic





dinosaurs including a t-rex, triceratops, and velociraptor. Full of audience participation & dinosaur facts!

Thursday, August 8 – Art Adventures – 1 pm – reservation required

Library News

River Valley HS Yearbooks – The library maintains a collection of River Valley High School annual yearbooks, but the following years are missing: 1972 through 1983, 1987 and 1988, and 1992-1996. Patrons willing to donate a yearbook for one of the missing years are welcome to drop it off at the library.



Long-Range Planning – The library is beginning an effort to establish goals for 2024-29. Feel free to offer suggestions for the library's long-term goals.

August Book Exhibit – The August exhibit will focus on day trips in Wisconsin and then back to school.

Friends of the Library

The Pies, Pages, & Puzzles event will be held on October 18 and 19. Books, jigsaw puzzles, audiobooks, and DVDs will be available.

The library continues to accept donations of books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles for the event. Guidelines – no manuals, almanacs, or encyclopedias / or items published before the year 2000.

Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Books, Spring Green

Silent Book Club – Wednesday, August 7 from 5:30-7:30. Location: The Wyoming Valley School. The group will visit for the first 30 minutes, read for one hour and then discuss their reading or books in general for the last 30 minutes.

Arcadia Book Club - Wednesday, August 21, 6-7 pm – the group will discuss *The Heart In Winter* by Kevin Barry. Reservations for the Zoom discussion can be made on Arcadia's website.

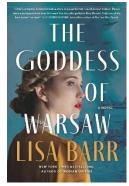
Arcadia Book Club – Sunday, August 25, 3-5 pm – Marcia Bjornerud will discuss the subtle wisdom of rocks about her latest book, *Turning To Stone*.

Book Recommendation

The Goddess of Warsaw, Lisa Barr – 351 pages [from book jacket] – Los Angeles, 2005. Sienna Hayes, Hollywood's latest "It Girl," has ambitions to work behind the camera. When she meets Lena Browning, the enormously mysterious and famous Golden Age movie star, Sienna sees her big break. She wants to direct a picture about Lena's life – but the legendary actor's murky past turns out to be even darker than Sienna dreamed. Before she was a "Living Legend," Lena Browning was Bina Blonski, a Polish Jew whose life and family were destroyed by the Nazis.

Warsaw, 1943. A member of the city's Jewish elite, Bina Blonski and her husband, Jakub, are imprisoned in the ghastly, cramped ghetto along with the rest of Warsaw's surviving Jews. Determined to fight back against the brutal Nazis, the beautiful, blond Aryan-looking Bina becomes a spy, gaining information and stealing weapons outside the ghetto to protect her fellow Jews. But her dangerous circumstances grow more complicated when she falls in love with Aleksander, an ally in the resistance – and Jakub's brother. While Lena accomplishes amazing feats of bravery, she sacrifices much in the process.

More than a decade after escaping the horrors of the ghetto, Bina, now known as Lena, rises to fame in Hollywood. Yet she cannot help but be reminded of her old life and hungers for







revenge against the Nazis who escaped justice after the war. Her power and fame as a movie star can offer Lena the chance to right the past's wrongs ... and perhaps even find the happy ending she never had.

A gripping page-turner of one of history's most heroic uprisings, The Goddess of Warsaw is filled with secrets, lies, twists and turns, and a burning pursuit of justice no matter the cost.

Recent Arrivals

Fiction

What Have You Done? Shari Lapena The Lost Coast, Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman Home Is Where the Bodies Are, Jeneva Rose Hard to Kill (A Jane Smith Thriller), James Patterson and Mike Lupica Confessions of the Dead, James Patterson and J.D. Barker

Fiction – Large Print

I Will Ruin You, Linwood Barclay Pay Dirt (A V.I. Warshawski novel), Sara Paretsky



