

Kraemer Library Newsletter

November 2024

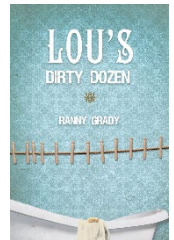


Library Calendar



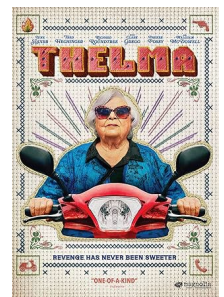
Thanksgiving - The library will be **CLOSED** Thursday, Friday, and Saturday **November 28, 29, and 30** for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will be re-open on Monday, **December 2**.

The Page Turners book group will meet on Tuesday, **November 17** at 1 pm to discuss *Lou's Dirty Dozen* by Ranny Grady. The discussion for the December 17 meeting will feature *My Brilliant Friend*, by Elena Ferrante. For meeting information and location, contact the library.



Wednesday, **November 20**, 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.

Thursday, **November 21**, 11:30 am – Mid-morning matinee begins at 11:30 am. A light lunch from Block 23 will be served. The featured movie will be "Thelma." Inspired by a real-life experience of director Josh Margolin's own grandmother, *THELMA* puts a clever spin on movies like *MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE*, shining the spotlight on an elderly grandmother as an unlikely action hero.



The Tech Drop-In Session at Kraemer Library will be Thursday, **November 21**. Feel free to drop by to discuss tech-related questions. The date for the December Tech Drop will be December 19.

Saturday, **November 30**, 3-7 pm – the library will host various events (Santa visit, cookie walk) as part of the Village of Plain's annual Christkindlmarkt.



Children's Programs



Storytime – every Tuesday at 4:30 pm through December 17.

Lego Club – meets on Monday November 11 and 25 at 1 pm.

Family Fun Night is an art project of creating string art turkeys on November 21st at 5pm. Join us for a fun evening at the library creating and crafting a unique piece of art that you can cherish for years to come. All crafting materials will be supplied. Bring your own your own hammer or use one of ours. **Sign up to reserve your spot**; you can call 608-546-4201 or visit the library.



Friends of the Library



The annual Pies, Pages, and Puzzles event held October 18 and 19 was a success, and we are pleased with the results. Our talented area bakers donated 114 pies for a profit of \$2,288 - thank you for your generous support. Special thanks to our volunteers and board members who helped make the event a success: Kathy Dwyer, Shelby and Thomas Cox, Niki and Paul Johnson, Nicole Feiner, Jennifer Kraemer, Jenna Wipperfurth, Becky Zwettler, and Nick Studnicka. We'd like to also thank the Plain area businesses that helped to promote our event on Saturday.

Library News

Picture Book Giveaway

Attention parents of young children – during the last few years, the library has withdrawn a number of picture books from circulation. The books (targeted for children ages 3-7) are in good condition and will be available **FREE OF CHARGE** during the month of November. The books will be displayed on a rolling cart in the library vestibule.



Strategic Planning 2024-29



The library's strategic planning committee has started to discuss the ways library usage has changed over time, and potential projects to address those changes. Public listening sessions will be held in Spring 2025. In the meantime, any suggestions for library improvements are welcome – simply fill out a suggestion form available at the Information Desk or email the library at askus@kraemerlibrary.org.

November Book Exhibit– The November exhibit will focus on staff favorites and then on holiday cooking and baking.



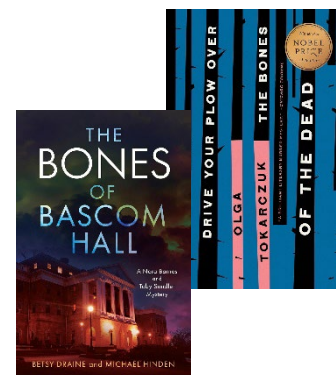


River Valley HS Yearbooks – The library maintains a collection of River Valley High School annual yearbooks, but the following years are missing: 1972 through 1983, 1987 and 1988, and 1992-1996. Patrons willing to donate a yearbook for one of the missing years are welcome to drop it off at the library.

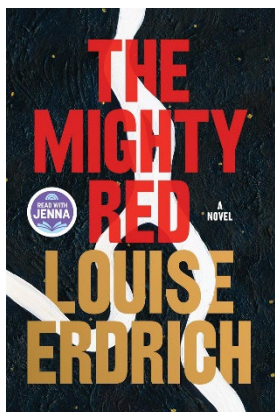
Upcoming Area Events

Arcadia Book Club – Wednesday, November 20, 6-7 pm. The group will discuss *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead*, by Olga Tokarczuk. Reservations for the Zoom discussion can be made on Arcadia’s website.

Arcadia Book Club - Saturday, November 23, 2:30-2:30. Authors Betsy Draine and Michael Hinden discuss their new book, *The Bones of Bascom Hall*.



Book Recommendation



The Mighty Red, Louise Erdrich – 369 pages [from book jacket] – In the Red River Valley of North Dakota, several lives revolve around a wedding fraught with desire, jealousy, and uncertainty. Gary Geist, a terrified young man set to inherit two farms, is desperate to marry Kismet Poe, an impulsive, lapsed goth who can’t read her own future but will settle for fulfilling his. Her best friend, Hugo, a gentle, red-haired homeschooled giant, also loves Kismet and is determined to steal her away and build a life together. Kismet’s mother, Crystal, drives a truck for Gary’s family, and on her nightly runs, tunes in to the darkness of late-night radio, experiences visions of guardian angels, and worries about what’s to come for her daughter and herself.

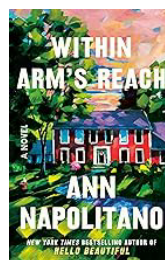
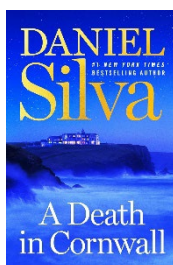
The Mighty Red is Louise Erdrich at her consummate best. A novel of tender humor, disquietude, yearning, community, and family, it is about ordinary people who dream, grow up, fall in love, struggle, endure tragedy, carry bitter secrets; men and women both complicated and contradictory, flawed and decent, lonely and hopeful. Human time, deep time, Red River time, and geological time are explored alongside the impact of crises in our own time – climate change, the depletion of natural resources, the economic meltdown of 2008.

As with every book this great modern master writes, *The Mighty Red* is about our tattered bond with the earth, and about love in all its absurdity and splendor.

Recent Arrivals

Fiction

- A Death in Cornwall*, Daniel Silva (Large Print)
- Bad Liar*, Tami Hoag (Large Print)
- Within Arm’s Reach*, Ann Napolitano
- In Too Deep*, Lee Child and Andrew Child



Nonfiction

- Land Rich Cash Poor: My Family’s Hope and the Untold History of the Disappearing American Farmer*, Brian Reisinger
- Autocracy, Inc: The Dictators Who Want to Run the World*, Anne Applebaum

Feeding Little Lunches: 75+ No-Stress Lunches Everyone Will Love, Megan McNamee MPH, RDN and Judy Delaware, OTR/L,CLC

