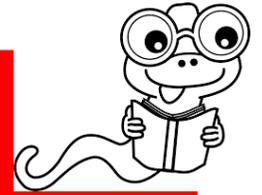


BOOK NOTES



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Hi! I'm your friendly library bookworm. I love to help the Library Ladies choose books, movies, and audiobooks to put out each month. Watch for my section later in this newsletter. It will tell you about some of my favorite titles coming out this month. See you soon.

SNUGGLE UP WITH A BOOK!

NEW DECEMBER, NEW BOOKS TO OUR LIBRARY WILL BE DISPLAYED THROUGH OUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

COME IN CHECK IT OUT!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!

Lake Benton Public Library hosted Joe Blastick from The Nature Conservancy. Eight people attended *Prairies: More Than Just Grass* on November 4th. Joe talked about the uniqueness of the Prairie Coteau nationally and locally. He also talked about why this area is so critical for grassland conservation.

Winter Reading Program starts January 1st to March 31st!! This is a adult reading program.

Punch cards available at the end of December!

Get 12 punches, earn a prize, and put your name in basket for chance to win grand prize!! Grand prizes are a snowball and a four patch lap quilt.

Books can include reading a book to a child and audio books as well.

Out With the Old and in With the New

By Shelly L. Finzen

This will be my last library newsletter article as the Lake Benton Public Library's Director. It is a sad moment for me, but one that will have a happy ending. As I hope I have made clear, I did not resign from my position as director because of any abuse or negligence on the part of the board or the city. In fact, the men and women serving in the trustee positions have been nothing but supportive of me and of the library mission I have worked to achieve. I decided to step down as the director because, to put it simply, I am not a very good manager and the library needs a strong manager to take it to the next level of excellence. That being said, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the Lake Benton Public Library Board has recently hired Janine Bunjer as the new Library Director.

As you may remember, Janine was hired as an assistant librarian this past July. She had not very much experience in the library world, but quickly fell in love with the library, its mission, and the community it serves. This led her to apply for the director's position. "Getting the position is bittersweet for me," Janine said recently, "I love working with Shelly. I hope that people will be patient with me as I try to fill her shoes."

For me, it is bittersweet as well. The library continues to be a part of my identity, and I am thankful that Janine will need me to stick around for a little while to train her. I am happy that I will be able to continue working with our teen club, the By the Teens, For the Teens. I am also thankful that my "baby" will be in such good hands.

Janine will begin her new hours on Monday, Nov. 26. She will be working Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons. Corinne Crowe, who has primarily served as the Saturday librarian, will begin working Wednesdays and Friday mornings, as well as continue with her Saturday schedule. Corinne has also taken over the program planning and leading for the library. I will come in for a couple of hours a day, up to three days a week to train both of them for as long as they need me.

I am confident that Janine and Corinne will fill my shoes well. Janine brings with her extensive management experience and skills and Corinne brings an educational background to her duties. Together they will take the library to the next level of excellence.

The Lake Benton Public Library will host their annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. until noon. Janine invites the community to stop by to give Shelly a farewell and Shelly invites the community to welcome Janine and Corinne to their new positions. We will all be there to share memories and cookies with anyone who stops.

One more thing, a very special thank you to every member of the Lake Benton and surrounding communities for supporting me the past few years.



FRIDAY MORNING FUN

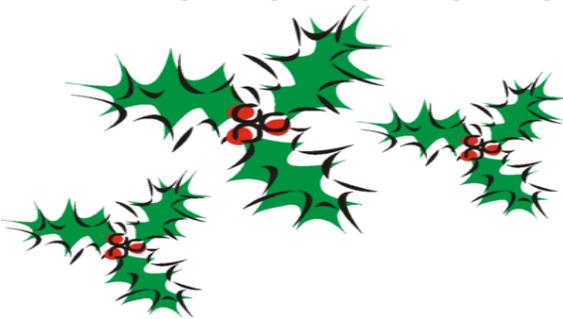
DECEMBER 1ST—PENGUINS

DECEMBER 8TH—ORNAMENTS

DECEMBER 15TH—HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 22ND—NO PROGRAM

DECEMBER 29TH—NO PROGRAM



Programs for everyone:

**Chess Club—Mondays
4:30—5:30 p.m.**

**Fiber Guild—
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.**



**Fun
with
Gerome
the
Gnome**



**This month,
Gerome is
hanging out
with the
stuffed
animals.**

**He really likes
brown
animals.**

**Adult
Programming
Opportunities:**

**Book Club—
Meets first
Monday of the
month starting
at 10AM.**

**November's
book was The
Nightingale by
Kristin Hannah.**

**December's
book is Memory
Keeper's
Daughter by
Kim Edwards**

Winter reading





Bookworm's Picks

Bookworm has some great new titles for everyone this month. Stop by to check them out soon.

Incredible Adult Nonfiction:

The Burning Wire by Jeffry Deaver

Sahara "A Dirk Pitt Adventure" by Clive Cussler

The Horse Dancer by Jo Jo Moyes

To Be Where You Are "A Mitford Novel" by Jan Karon

Fantastic Adult Fiction:

Arm Knitting "How to Make a 30 Minute Infinity Scarf & Other Great Projects" by Mary Beth Temple

Driven to Distraction "Recognizing & Coping with Attention Deficit Disorder from Childhood through Adulthood" by Edward M. Hallowell, M.D. & John J. Ratey, M.D.

Hot reads for Teens and 'Tweens:

The Vampire Stalker by Allison Van Diepen

Poems to Learn by Heart by Caroline Kennedy

Storm Rescue "Vet Volunteers Name: Sunita" by Laurie Halse Anderson

Bailey's Visit "The Puppy Collection" by Susan Hughes

Holding Up The Universe "Charming Love Story" by Jennifer Niven

Children's Choices:

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker & Tom Lichtenheld

Mary's First Christmas by Walter Wangering

Colors and Shapes "Look Lift Learn a Book With Fabulous Flaps" by Maureen Roffy

Counting "Look Lift Learn a Book With Fabulous Flaps" by Maureen Roffy

Digital Delights:

Pete's Dragon Walt Disney

Big Little lies by Liane Moriarty "Sometimes it's the little lies that turn out to be the most lethal"

Life on The Line Starring John Travolta Courage. Risk. Sacrifice.

Book Worm's Legend:
LP—Large Print
NF—Non Fiction

AB—Audiobook
PB—Trade Paperback
MG—Manga

SE—Special Edition
BR—Blue Ray Disc

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 1—Preschool Program

Saturday, December 2—Open House

Monday, December 4—10 a.m. Book club
—4:30 p.m. Chess Club

Tuesday, December 5—7 p.m. Fiber Guild

Friday, December 8—Preschool Program

Saturday December 9—Santa Days at School

Monday, December 11—4:30 p.m. Chess Club

Tuesday, December 12—7 p.m. Fiber Guild

Thursday, December 15—BTFT

Friday, December 15—Preschool Program

Monday, December 18—4:30 p.m. Chess Club

Tuesday, December 19—7 p.m. Fiber Guild

Thursday, December 21—Board Meeting

Friday, December 22—No Preschool Program

Saturday, December 23—closed Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25—closed Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 26—7 p.m. Fiber Guild

Friday, December 29— No Preschool Program



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M, W 11-5:30

T, Th 12-6:30

F 10-5:30

Sat 9am-12pm

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PCLS typically delivers
ordered materials to
the Lake Benton Public
Library on Tuesday and
Friday mornings,
unless there are
holidays or extenuating
weather related
circumstances.

Coming on January 13th, Julie Kellogg,
her dog, and her Alaskan experience.

A program for all ages.

Join us for a fun filled Saturday morning
starting at 10:00am.

We are extremely excited as she has a lot
to share with our community.



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