

# THE PAGE TURNER

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Gayle Trede

I have bad news for our patrons and community. After serving the public for 20 years at the library, Martha Ridenour is retiring. Her last day will be January 8<sup>th</sup>. For the last 10 years, Martha has been Head of Circulation. She was the one who made the desk run smoothly. She has helped me catalog books and she and I worked very hard to automate the library. She was a great help when we switched automation systems. She knows many of our patrons' reading habits and would reserve some of their favorite authors or series. She really loved her job. Because she always put the patron first, Martha made my job much easier.

Those first few days without her being here are going to be different, but change is always different and sometimes tougher than you expect.

I will miss Martha very much. She has been a joy to work with and she has always laughed at my lame jokes. I feel like a part of my family is leaving. If possible, stop in between January 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and wish Martha the very best and thank her for all her hard work on your behalf.

Martha, I wish you the very best and I expect you to keep in touch or you will get another singing birthday call. Take care. Thank you for all your hard work. I will miss you.

However; with bad news, there is also good news. The good news is Ali Iserman will be the new Head of Circulation. Ali has been working here for two years as a morning desk clerk. Her new job officially starts January 11<sup>th</sup>. Martha has done a great job training Ali and I know she will provide our patrons with great service. Give her a little time and soon she will start reserving your favorite authors and series, too.

Ali is a Mount Pleasant resident and lives here with her husband and daughter. She is excited at the thought of her new job and she wants to hear from our patrons on how to make our service even better. I know you will find Ali friendly and helpful. She also has a great sense of humor.

Come in and get acquainted with Ali and help us celebrate a new phase.



# BOARDWALK

The board will be reviewing policies and finalizing next year's budget. These are open meetings and anyone can come. If you would like to address the Board, please call at least 24 hours in advance. The Board will be meeting on January 12th and February 9th. All board meetings are held in the large study room at the library and begin at 6:30pm.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**ADVOCATE**

**SUPPORT**

**VOLUNTEER**



The Friends will be meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the library's large study room. This meeting will be about projects for the next 5 months and making plans for next fiscal year.

The February meeting will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 in the library's large study room.

## ON THE WEBSITE...

- "NEW MATERIALS" updated monthly.
- Have a "Due Date Warning " e-mailed to you three days before your material is due — ask a staff member to enable this feature on your account or log in to your library account online and set it up in "Basic Information".
- Brand new links with useful information including job resources!



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# FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The book discussion group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm in the Mount Pleasant Public Library's large study room.

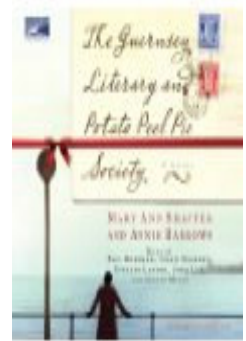
January 26th:

## *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

by Mary Ann Shaffer /Annie Barrows

From Publishers Weekly

The letters comprising this small charming novel begin in 1946, when single, 30-something author Juliet Ashton (nom de plume Izzy Bickerstaff) writes to her publisher to say she is tired of covering the sunny side of war and its aftermath. When Guernsey farmer Dawsey Adams finds Juliet's name in a used book and invites articulate—and not-so-articulate—neighbors to write Juliet with their stories, the book's epistolary circle widens, putting Juliet back in the path of war stories. The occasionally contrived letters jump from incident to incident—including the formation of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society while Guernsey was under German occupation—and person to person in a manner that feels disjointed. But Juliet's quips are so clever, the Guernsey inhabitants so enchanting and the small acts of heroism so vivid and moving that one forgives the authors (Shaffer died earlier this year) for not being able to settle on a single person or plot. Juliet finds in the letters not just inspiration for her next work, but also for her life—as will readers. (Aug.)



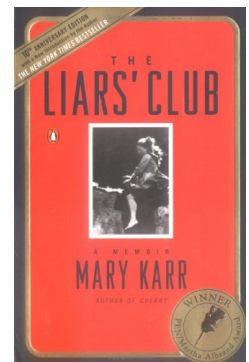
February 23rd:

## *The Liar's Club*

by Mary Karr

Amazon.com Review

In this funny, razor-edged memoir, Mary Karr, a prize-winning poet and critic, looks back at her upbringing in a swampy East Texas refinery town with a volatile, defiantly loving family. She recalls her painter mother, seven times married, whose outlaw spirit could tip into psychosis; a fist-swinging father who spun tales with his cronies--dubbed the Liars' Club; and a neighborhood rape when she was eight. An inheritance was squandered, endless bottles emptied, and guns leveled at the deserving and undeserving. With a raw authenticity stripped of self-pity and a poet's eye for the lyrical detail, Karr shows us a "terrific family of liars and drunks ... redeemed by a slow unearthing of truth."



# STAFF PICKS

- **ODD THOMAS** by Dean Koontz

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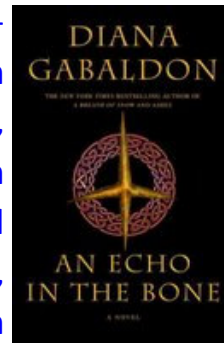
Over the course of two days, Odd Thomas, his soulmate Stormy Llewellyn, and an assortment of allies make their way through a dark, terrifying world in which past and present, and life and death collide as they try to avert a cataclysm.



- **AN ECHO IN THE BONE** by Diana Gabaldon

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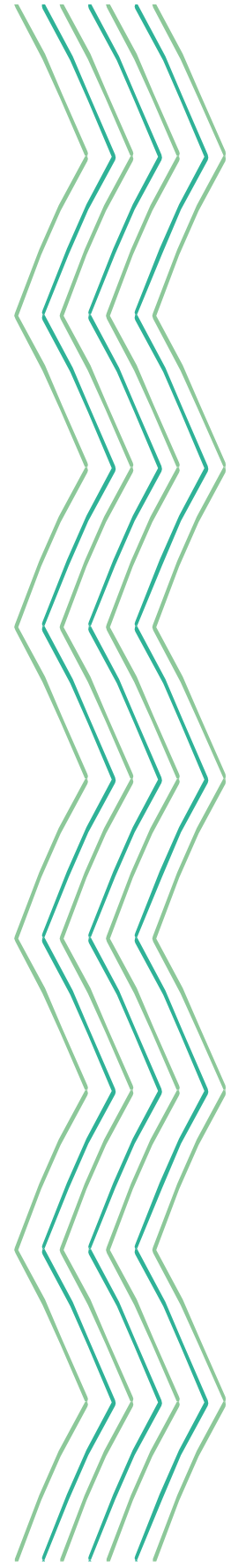
As battle-scarred Jamie Fraser and his twentieth-century time-travelling wife Claire Randall flee from North Carolina to the high seas during the American Revolution, they encounter privateers and ocean battles. Meanwhile in the relative safety of the 20th century Brianna (Claire and Jamie's daughter) and Roger MacKenzie, Brianna's husband, search for clues not only to Claire's fate--but to their own fate in the Highlands.



- **MEG: HELL'S AQUARIUM** by Steve Alten

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David Taylor, the twenty-one-year-old son of Jonas Taylor, agrees to escort two of Angel's litter to Dubai, where a royal prince is building the largest aquarium in the world, unaware that he is being set up to lead an expedition into the dangerous Panthalassa ocean hidden beneath the Philippine Sea Plate.



# KID'S PLAY

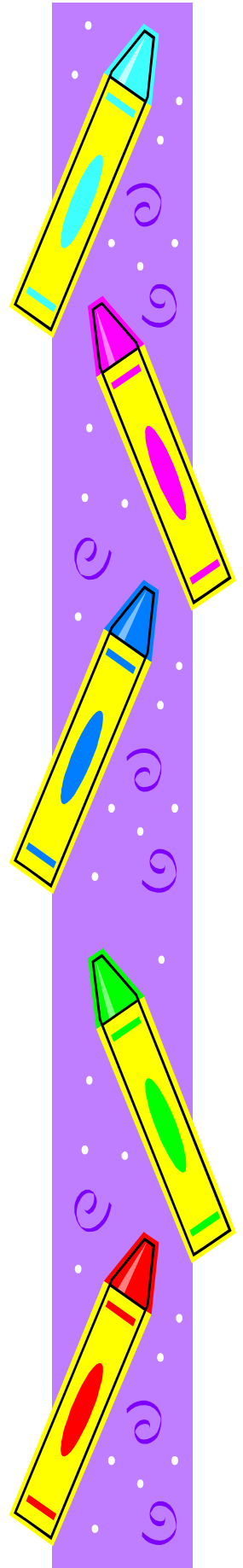
The New Year brings another batch of programs to the Children's Department. We are pleased to announce that Toddler Time will be returning, as will our old standby, Pre-School Storyhour.

Toddler Time will be taught by Children's Librarian, Susan Mast. Registration will be held in January, so plan to sign up your 18 - 36 month child and a care giver for this high-energy and literature-filled program. Susan and Chris will once again be sharing the teaching responsibilities for Pre-School Storyhour. Registration begins in January. This 45-minute session program is for 3 - 5 year olds who are comfortable being away from their care giver. Children are introduced to stories, fingerplays, crafts and music. An absolute "must" for every active child.

Registration forms will be available in the Children's Department at the library beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Both classes are FREE!!

## COLORING CONTEST!!!

When's the last time you picked up a box of crayons, colored pencils or watercolors? In other words, when is the last time you actually sat down and colored? Here's your chance to do just that! Enter the libraries Coloring Contest! Children and adults are invited to participate. Simply pick up your Official Coloring Page at either the adult circulation desk or information desk in the children's department. All coloring sheets must be returned to the library by February 1, 2010.



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### LIBRARY HOURS

MON-THU	10:00am-8:00pm
FRIDAY	10:00am-5:30pm
SATURDAY	10:00am-5:00pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

## REMEMBER...



**BUY A BAG OF USED BOOKS  
FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
BOOK SALE FOR ONLY \$4.00 A BAG!!**

**BUY A HEAVY-DUTY TOTE BAG FULL  
OF BOOKS FOR ONLY \$10.00 -  
BOOKS INCLUDED!!**

*The Mount Pleasant Public  
Library would like to thank  
Family Video for cleaning  
and repairing our dirty and  
damaged CD's and DVD's.*

## IMPORTANT DATES



### BOARD MEETINGS

**JANUARY 12th - 6:30pm**

**FEBRUARY 9th - 6:30pm**

### FRIENDS MEETINGS

**JANUARY 12th - 5:45pm**

**FEBRUARY 9th - 5:45pm**

### 4TH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

**JANUARY 26th - 1:30pm**

**FEBRUARY 23th - 1:30pm**

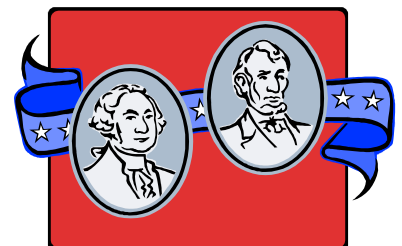
### THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST FOR  
NEW YEAR'S DAY**



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

**FOR PRESIDENT'S  
DAY**



**HELP THE LIBRARY CUT COSTS!!**

**HAVE YOUR NEWSLETTER SENT TO YOU VIA E-MAIL!! LET ME KNOW AT [clwmppl@iowatelecom.net](mailto:clwmppl@iowatelecom.net), AND I'LL START SENDING YOU "THE PAGE TURNER" IN YOUR E-MAIL AT OUR NEXT PUBLICATION! CUT COSTS & HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!**

**THANK YOU.**