

THE PAGE TURNER

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Gayle Trede

Another new database has been added to the library's services. It is the AtoZ Databases. This database is composed of four sections - AtoZ USA; AtoZ Maps Online; AtoZ World Culture; AtoZ World Travel. These databases are available 24/7 and can help you plan trips, learn about other countries, find your way around, do homework or dream of another location near or far.

In the World Culture section you start with a cultural overview and then you can learn about the weather, the religion, form of government, climate, business culture, maps and even how to contact someone. If you are planning to travel to another country you will find information about food, health, crime, social unrest and points of interest.

World Travel includes hotel information including ratings and rates. You will find information on transportation including airports, taxis and roads, food, currencies, attractions, etc. It will even give you some of the common words. There is plethora of information for women travelers too. A good place to start looking before you commit to your destination. The travel tips are well worth your time.

If you need information about the USA, AtoZUSA is the way to go. You will find information on climate, attractions, history, maps, food, etc. Did you know some states have "state dishes?" You will even be given the recipe. For those students who have trouble finding information on state symbols, look no more because you will find the seal, flag, rock, tree, etc.

Finally there is AtoZMaps. You will find world maps as well as state maps. There are maps of geology, weather, government type, volcanoes, etc. Just about any map you can imagine is available. You can download, enlarge and print these maps, too.

So there are no more excuses for not planning vacations, learning about other places or finishing that paper on Texas or Bahrain.

Starting November 28th, we will again be having a special Holiday Book Bag sale. For \$4.00 you will be able to buy a Holiday bag and fill it up with books. These special bags are larger and therefore will hold more books. This will be one stop shopping and will take care of gifts for family, friends, postman, paper deliverer, etc. It is even a good way to get a gift for yourself. We won't tell!

If you are interested in starting another library book club, let us know. We are thinking of starting an evening book club beginning in January for adults; but there can be book clubs for youth or special interests like mystery, western, history, romance etc. Let us know what you are thinking about, the time you would like it etc. Hope to hear from you soon.

PATRON REVIEWS

by Dianna Burden

The Shepherds Cross by Gary E. Parker fast read 30 min. Christmas time story that is important all year round. Good book enjoyed it.

Birch Hollow Schoolmarm by Carrie Bender. Enjoyable book about the Amish simple language but with life learning decisions for all fast read. 30 min.

Defending Baltimore against enemy attack: a boyhood year during World War II by Charles Osgood. Fast read fact, fun and family life with humor.

From Baghdad, With Love: a Marine, the War, and a Dog Named Lava by Lt. Col. Jay Copelman. A hope story from war Iraq. Compassion for a dog from American and a country that did not care about dogs (Iraq). Minor problem with bad language but not eye opening.

Cassidy by Lori Wick. Old west standards and values kept in this story. Good over evil.

The Christmas Sweater by Glenn Beck. Different book; quick read

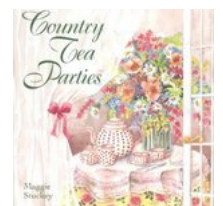
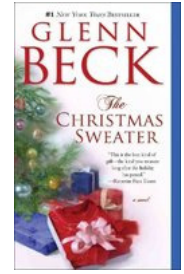
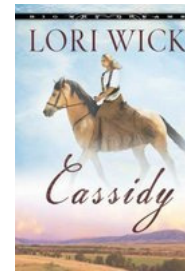
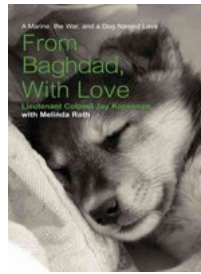
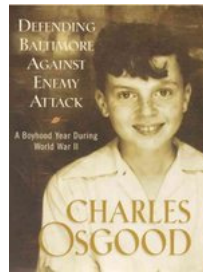
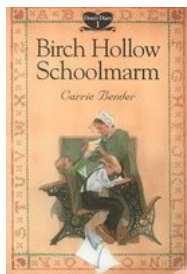
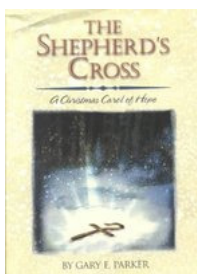
True Courage by Dee Henderson. Mystery intrigue series. Last one not what I would normally read. Well written.

True Honor by Dee Henderson. Not out of line with the times; fascinating pace however, really enjoyed.

True Devotion and *True Valor* by Dee Henderson. Series starts but did not finish what happened to the original characters, which is why I started to read the series in first place. I liked one better than the other.

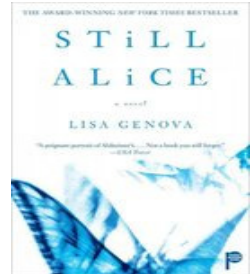
The American Home Front, 1941-1942 by Alistair Cooke. WWII stories of Britain. Had a lot of information. Not a fast read.

Country Tea Parties by Maggie Stuckey was fun book with information I did not have on tea preparation. Enjoyed it and suggested it to others.



FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month for some lively discussion of interesting books. This is a very informal group and anyone is welcome plus there are no dues and you won't get elected president or secretary if you miss a day.



The selection for November 22nd is Lisa Genova's *"Still Alice"*.

Neuroscientist and debut novelist Genova mines years of experience in her field to craft a realistic portrait of early onset Alzheimer's disease. Alice Howland has a career not unlike Genova's—she's an esteemed psychology professor at Harvard, living a comfortable life in Cambridge with her husband, John, arguing about the usual (making quality time together, their daughter's move to L.A.) when the first symptoms of Alzheimer's begin to emerge. First, Alice can't find her Blackberry, then she becomes hopelessly disoriented in her own town. Alice is shocked to be diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's (she had suspected a brain tumor or menopause), after which her life begins steadily to unravel. She loses track of rooms in her home, resigns from Harvard and eventually cannot recognize her own children. The brutal facts of Alzheimer's are heartbreaking, and it's impossible not to feel for Alice and her loved ones, but Genova's prose style is clumsy and her dialogue heavy-handed. This novel will appeal to those dealing with the disease and may prove helpful, but beyond the heartbreaking record of illness there's little here to remember.

There is no selection for December—however, the club plans to meet for lunch at de Brito Bistro @ 11:30a.

The book discussions are held every 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the library's large study room.

KID'S PLAY

I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the community for the warm reception I received during the Ice Cream Social! A lot has happened within the first two months of being here at the library! I'd like to share some of the things my staff and I have accomplished so far:

- ♦ Preschool Outreach: I have been visiting area preschool classrooms to share the joy of reading with more than 100 children!
- ♦ Our Toddler Time Storyhour had so many registrants that we expanded it to two days a week – and both our Monday and Wednesday sessions are filled!
- ♦ The Children's Department hosted its first ever Trick-or-Read Fall Festival!
- ♦ Lots of NEW fiction, biographies and non-fiction have been ordered and are here for check out!

Currently, the library staff and I are working on creating after-school events for teens and tweens. We value your input – so if you have any ideas, suggestions or talents you would like to share with our teens, please let me know.

Finally, if you haven't had a chance, please stop into our Children's Department. From Harry Potter to Junie B. Jones and Geronimo Stilton - we've got the books kids are looking for! If we don't have what you need, let us know so we can get it for you! Happy Holidays!

Janeé Jackson, Youth Services Librarian

KID'S PLAY

Don't forget these upcoming, free events @ Your Library:

Sticky Fingers Club (Monday, Nov. 14 and on Monday, Dec. 12th from 6 – 7 p.m., Children's Programming Room): Join other kids ages 7 and up in this make-n-take format as we make colorful placemats in honor of Thanksgiving for November! For our December Sticky Fingers Club meeting, we're going to make a special Christmas gift for parents! These programs are free and no registration is required!

Babies Lap Sit (Our next sessions: Friday, Nov. 4th/Friday, Nov. 18th and Friday, Dec. 2nd/Friday, Dec. 16th from 10:20 – 10:40 a.m. in Children's Programming Room): Moms with babies ages 0 to 17 months can come to learn finger plays, listen to stories and sing songs with their babies. All programs are free - no registration is required.

Twilight Breaking Dawn Movie Party (Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5 p.m. – Civic Center Meeting Room, second floor): Twilight fans – this is the party for you! Join us for a celebration as we watch "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" before you see "Breaking Dawn: Part 1"! We're giving away Twilight-themed prizes! Be there for the snacks, fun – and best of all; this program is FREE!

Teen Movie Night (Monday, Nov. 28th at 4:30 p.m. Civic Center Meeting Room, second floor): Teens – join your friends for our Teen Movie Night. This month's flick is "The Green Lantern". Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. This program is free – no registration required.

Teen Gift-N-Give (Thursday, Dec. 1st, Thursday, Dec. 8th and Wednesday, Dec. 14th – all 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Children's Programming Room). Teens and tweens - need a gift to give your parents this year? Come join us as we make cookie cutter candles or a decorative container. This program is free – no registration required.

Decorate the Tree Night (Monday, Dec. 5th from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.): Hey teens! Come hang out with your friends and decorate our Christmas tree! We'll supply the ornaments – and the hot chocolate! All we need is your design skills and creativity! The program is free – no registration required.

IMPORTANT DATES



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LIBRARY HOURS

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

BOARD MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 8th - 6:30pm

DECEMBER 13th - 6:30pm

4TH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

NOVEMBER 22nd - 1:30pm

No December book selection.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

REMEMBER...

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

BUY A TOTE BAG!
\$5.00 w/books
\$3.00 empty

Thank you to the following for
helping make our "Trick or Read"
Fall Festival program a success:



Hy-Vee - Sugar Cookies & Frosting

Hardee's - French Fry Certificates

November 11th



CLOSING AT 5:00PM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd



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