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From Milwaukee Public Library Fiction Selector Jacki Potratz

#### LaRose by Louise Erdrich. Fiction.



It's late summer in North Dakota when Landreaux Iron goes hunting and accidentally kills his best friend's five-year-old son. Ancient tradition has it that he must give the family his own son; though tenuous, this helps both families find peace. A powerful exploration of loss, justice, and the reparation of the human heart.

#### Modern Lovers by Emma Straub. Fiction.



Friends and former college bandmates Elizabeth, Andrew and Zoe have watched one another marry, buy real estate, and start businesses and families. It's their own young adult children who age them the most as they struggle with challenges of sexuality and independence.

#### Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike by Phil Knight. 92-K71185A.



The man behind the 'swoosh' has long been a mystery. At 24 he decided to start his own business. He details the risks and setbacks as well as the relationships formed with partners and employees, all to share the power of a mission and that deep belief can change everything.

Three-Martini Lunch by Suzanne Rindell. Fiction.



In 1958, Greenwich Village buzzes with beatniks, jazz clubs, and new ideas, and where three ambitious young people try to forge a career in publishing. Cliff is a Hemingway wannabe, Eden dreams of being an editor but is shocked when she encounters roadblocks to that ambition, and Miles, a talented black writer

from Harlem, seeks to learn the truth about his father's past.

#### **Everyone Brave is Forgiven** by Chris Cleave. Fiction.



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This dazzling novel of World War II is full of unforgettable characters and keen emotional insights. In 1939 London, socialite Mary teaches evacuated and marginalized children and bonds with her employer, Tom, before their romance is challenged by a painful love triangle and the grueling realities of the war.

#### Somethingtofoodabout: Exploring Creativity With



**Innovative Chefs** by Questlove. 641.50922-Q58. The bandleader for Jimmy Fallon's *The Tonight Show* draws on conversations with 10 cutting-edge chefs, including Ludo Lefebvre,

Dominique Crenn and Nathan Myrfvold, to offer inspirational insights into their creative culinary processes.

#### The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to



Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts by Joshua Hammer. 025.82-H224. Hammer describes traveling "on camels across the Sahara, on riverboats, going to small villages" in search of lost manuscripts. Once Timbuktu was sized by hardline Islamists

backed by al-Qaida, the manuscripts, some 350,000 thousand of them, were under threat and the bad-ass librarians went to work to smuggle them out of danger.

#### Milwaukee Public Library is here to help grown-ups celebrate reading this summer with #MPLBookBingo! Make

bingo with categories such as "Read a book published in the year you were born" and "Read a banned book." Win bingo and you'll be entered into a drawing for prizes. Visit www.mpl.org/bookbingo for more information. FROM THE

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The Reader cover this month includes a list of great reading for the summer when you relax on the porch, in the backyard, at the beach, or in the park with a good book. I usually picture myself with a self-indulgent paperback in these scenarios - some escapist literature,

stories from faraway places, or a comforting classic. This month, though, I should be picturing myself *listening* to that book.

June is Audiobook Appreciation Month. Audiobooks are one of the fastest-growing areas of the publishing industry. The Milwaukee Public Library offers you the options of checking out an audiobook from our shelves, or downloading a title from Wisconsin's Digital Library using your Milwaukee Public Library card. Several of our libraries offer BYOD: Bring Your Own Device programs to teach you how to download titles to your tablet, Kindle, Nook or other device. Look for them on our calendar.

Audiobooks have also been a boon to those who have temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. The Central Library is home to the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL). WTBBL is a free braille and talking book library service that circulates audiobooks and brailled materials to nearly 7,000 registered patrons and more than 570 institutions.

The daughter of one of WTBBL's customers recently wrote, "Signing Mom up for your service was the best thing I ever did. Mom lived alone and talked about how hard it was to fill all the time in the day, then she started getting the talking books. She turned on the player and was engaged for hours."

Materials and equipment are provided free of charge via postage-free mail to registered users. More information on applying for WTBBL services is available on the library's website at www.mpl.org/wtbbl.

Visit your Milwaukee Public Library and check out books to read - or listen to - this summer!

# **Spotlight Exhibit Series**



The Spotlight Exhibit Series showcases rotating exhibits from the Milwaukee Public Library's Rarities Collection every month. On **Tuesday**, **June 14 from 12-7 p.m.**, stop in to view the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room on the second floor of the Central Library and enjoy a self-guided tour of prints, posters, illuminated manuscripts, and other treasures not normally on display to the public.

June will feature the library's best children's materials including many never-before-seen items including original illustrations by Arnold Nobel (*Frog and Toad Together*), Ellen Raskin (*Figgs and Phantoms*), Aliki Brandenberg (*The Listening Walk*) and the surreal illustrations from Salvador Dali's edition of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Items will also be showecased from Milwaukee Public Library's extensive fairy tale collection as well as first editions of childhood favorites including *Nancy Drew*, books by Beatrix Potter, Maurice Sendak, and much more. Children (and children at heart!) will receive limited-edition coloring pages inspired by the collections while supplies last.

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## Give Browser the Lion a Makeover!

No major MPL family event is complete without Browser, who has become a well-loved friend to thousands of Milwaukee children. All those lovable hugs take their toll, though. Browser's showing the wear and tear of high-fives, hot summer days, and the general all-out antics that make him so popular.

Any size contribution is welcome to "Browser's Makeover" fund. Specific donor levels provide perks such as a READ poster, tote bag, Bookworm membership, personalized book plate or

behind-the-scenes

Learn more about the fundraiser at mpl.org, on the library's Facebook page, or at Indiegogo at www.indiegogo.com under Browser's Makeover.

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Please SAVE THE DATE of Thursday, October 13th for the 2016 Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration at the historic Central Library.

Curtis Sittenfeld at Friends' Spring Literary Luncheon



Mayor Tom Barrett joined City Librarian Paula Kiely, Curtis Sittenfeld, Friends Board President Barbara Franczyk, and Boswell Book Company owner Daniel Goldin at the luncheon. *Photo by Andrew Holman*.

## Architectural Tour of Central Library and a FREE Book

Experience fascinating Milwaukee Public Library history every Saturday at 11 a.m. at Central Library, located at 814 West Wisconsin Avenue. Tours begin in the rotunda and tour goers will receive a coupon for a free book at the end of the tour in the Bookseller Book Store and Cafe. Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To arrange for a special tour or to learn more about becoming a docent, please call (414) 286-TOUR.





### Summer Used Book Sale

Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. Meeting Room 1, 1st floor

All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card. **There will be a 2-for-1 sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale.** In the month of June, the Bookseller will feature a selection of half-priced books on health and fitness.

Next Sale: September 17, 25-cent Sale, Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. *Coincides with Doors Open Milwaukee* 



#### 100 Recipes: The Absolute Best Ways to Make the True



Essentials by America's Test Kitchen. 641.5 O58325.

Nice oversized cookbook with many photographs of the finished recipe as well as the cooking techniques involved. Recipes range from basics like vegetable soup and corn bread to more exotic recipes like

Pork and Cabbage Potstickers or Tandoori Chicken.

#### The Selling of the Babe: The Deal That Changed



**Baseball and Created a Legend** by Glenn Stout. 796.357092 R974SG. Stout opens up a subject that is a sore spot for the Red Sox Nation. Not only did the Red Sox lose a home run king when they sold Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees, they earned a curse that has fol-

#### Brooklyn on Fire: A Mary Handley Mystery by

lowed them for decades.



Lawrence H. Levy. Mystery. Lovers of quick, historical mysteries will appreciate this series by Levy. Mary Handley is a strong, capable female sleuth at a time when detection is strictly a man's game. Getting a case is just short of a miracle, but Mary opens up an office and is hired to solve a murder case that lands her in the middle of a family scan-

dal, political corruption and romance.

#### Cometh the Hour: The Clifton Chronicles by Jeffrey



Archer. Fiction.

Set in 1970s Cold War England, *Cometh the Hour* is the sixth installment of the *New York Time's* bestselling Clifton Chronicles. A sprawling tale of spies, political and corporate intrigue, frustrated love affairs and class tensions make for a quick and entertaining read. *Downton* 

*Abbey* fans will enjoy the deliciously nasty banter of unscrupulous ex-wife Lady Virginia Fennick and scathing board meeting minutes of an attempted hostile corporate takeover.

#### At the Edge of the Orchard by Tracy Chevalier. Fiction.



Life is hard for the Goodenough family who settled the dismal Black Swamp of Ohio in the 1830s. Inspired by the entrepreneurial Johnny Appleseed, Chevalier's 8th historical novel depicts a family that is literally and figuratively stuck in the mud. A crazy quilt of letters reveals a quagmire of marital and family conflict, pioneer

adventures and tiny seeds of hope.

#### The President's Book of Secrets by David Priess.

327.1273 P949.



Since the 1960s, a compilation of daily national security news known as the President's Daily Briefing has been prepared for the president. While the contents are kept secret, the method of compilation is revealed. Priess has interviewed presidents and those who compose the brief to

explain the process of providing this critical information to the oval office.

#### Retire Inspired by Chris Hogan. 332.0240145 H714.



Retirement can be scary for those who don't plan ahead. Hogan contends that retirement should not be seen as an age, but as a financial number which allows you to live the way you want. The information and inspiration he provides will empower you to make the right decisions so you can retire on your own terms.

#### Sleeping Giants by Sylvain Neuvel. Science Fiction.



At the age of 10, Rose falls through a hole in the ground and lands in a large metal hand that had been buried. Seventeen years later, she is on the research team that seeks answers to the relic's source and the meaning behind its existence. Is it a weapon? A threat? Or simply a mystery that will

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remain unsolved?

Contributed by Atkinson Library staff Anthony Frausto, Liz Humphrey, and Irene Moraniec, and fiction selector Jacki Potratz.

# CHILDREN'S ROOM

## Summer Reading

Visit the Milwaukee Public Library to sign up for the Summer Reading Programs, available for all ages! Check out one of these great titles to get started.



I Can Dance by Betsy Snyder. BRD SNYDER. Ages 1-3. Die cut holes make this board book an interactive, finger-wiggling delight for young children.

Among a Thousand Fireflies by Helen Frost & Rick Lieder. Ages 3-8. Simple prose and beautiful photography elegantly combine to tell the story of two fireflies using their lights to communicate and find each other.





Swap! by Steve Light. PIC LIGHT. Ages 3-7.

When the captain's ship is in desperate need of repairs, a swashbuckling youngster comes to his aid using ingenuity and bartering skills.

**The Thank You Book** by Mo Willems. EASY LEVEL 1 WILLEMS. Ages 5-8. Piggie has decided to thank everyone in her life, from the smallest to the largest animal. Is it possible that Piggie might forget to thank one of the most important people in her life?!





Waylon!: One Awesome Thing by Sara Pennypacker; pictures by Marla Frazee. INT PENNYPA. Ages 7-10. Waylon would like to focus on his inventions, but fourth grade is becoming complicated with a new classmate and shifting relationships with friends and family.

**Raymie Nightingale** by Kate DiCamillo. FIC DICAMIL. Ages 9-14.

Raymie decides that winning the Little Miss Central Florida pageant is the answer to all her problems, including getting her father to come home. Her competitors become unlikely allies in this charming coming-of-age story set in 1975.





**The Hidden Oracle** by Rick Riordan. SF RIORDAN. Ages 10-14. Incurring the anger of Zeus, Apollo faces perhaps the most challenging punishment an immortal can receive, being made human. *The Trials of Apollo* is Riordan's latest series featuring the gods of Olympus

and the demigods of Camp Half-Blood.

# **Booked** by Kwame Alexander. FIC ALEXAND. Ages 11-15.

Twelve-year-old Nick, a standout on the soccer field, must cope with challenges at school and at home in this riveting new novel by Newbery Award-winner, Kwame Alexander.



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**The Boy at the Top of the Mountain** by John Boyne. FIC BOYNE. Ages 12-14. Pierrot is an orphan sent to live with his Aunt who works in Hitler's house. He is taken under Hitler's wing and thrown into a world of terror, secrets, and betrayal.

#### **Every Exquisite Thing** by Matthew

Quick. FIC QUICK. Ages 12-14. After reading a cult classic, Nanette, who keeps out of trouble and does well in school, gets ideas that awaken the rebel within her.





#### Keep Me in Mind by

Jaime Reed. FIC REED. Ages 12-14. Liam hopes his secret project will help bring back the memory of his girlfriend who had an accident and doesn't seem to remember their relationship.

# The Last Star by Rick Yancey. FIC YANCEY. Ages 15-18.

What would you save if faced with the Earth's final days? This is the hard decision of Cassie and the remaining humans who have been betrayed by the Others.





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## Meet the Author: Alison Flowers

Meet Alison Flowers, author of *Exoneree Diaries: The Fight for Innocence, Independence, and Identity* at Central Library on **Monday, June 13, 6-7 p.m.** in the second floor Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room.



Through intimate portraits of four exonerated prisoners, journalist Alison Flowers explores what happens to innocent people when the state flings open the jailhouse door and tosses them back, empty-handed, into the unknown. Flowers depicts the collateral damage of wrongful convictions on families and communities, challenging the deeper problem of mass incarceration in the United States.

> Alison Flowers is an award-winning investigative journalist who focuses on social justice and criminal justice. In 2013, she produced a multimedia series about exonerees for Chicago Public Media and NPR affiliate WBEZ. The year-long project was a finalist for a national Online Journalism Award. A book signing follows the event co-sponsored by Boswell Book Company.

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