

# The Monticello Public Library News

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## “Catch the Reading Bug @the Your Library!”

On June 24th, tales will be spinning at the library for **Pre-Readers** at 1:30 p.m. Every Tuesday for six weeks at this time, Eliza Freeman will entertain children with stories and crafts about bugs, bugs, & more bugs! So bring your pre-schooler in to register on June 9th right after school closes! You can also sign up and pay for a Summer Reading T-Shirts for \$5 and “catch your own bug!” There are all sizes.

The **Reader’s Group** meets every Tuesday for six weeks at 2:30 p.m. with Carolyn Seaver so swarm over to the library after the end of school to sign up!

Once again, **Thursdays** are devoted to programs with special activities or special performers. The first program is June 26th at 1:30 p.m. when there will be an “Entomologist Extraordinaire!” July 3rd will be “Buggy Arts & Crafts,” July 10th will be “Bee Sweet, Honey,” July 17th will hear “Roc & DP Sing About Bugs,” July 24th “Friends with Rich Baumann,” and Summer Reading ends with “Movie Night @the Library!”

Once again, the library will be participating in the Summer Reading Incentive Program sponsored by Pizza Hut.

The library is filled with bugs of all kinds just waiting for swarms of kids to “Catch The Reading Bug @ the Library!” and have lots of fun.

## Lois Hansen’s China Painting on Display

Self-taught artists seem to be attracted to the display case or, perhaps, the case is attracted to self-taught artists! Lois Hansen is the third artist this year to

showcase her talents to the patrons of the library. And, talented, she is. This 85 year old self-taught lady of the arts started painting when she was 19 and can paint on nearly anything! Since her recent stroke, Lois had turned her talents to sewing.

Her painting progressed from a hobby to an artist selling works all over the United States. She has gotten commissions from as close as Brodhead when she painted 40 special edition Brodhead Depot circa 1900 plates to as far away as New York when she was flown out to paint a mural at an airport.

In addition to painting on china, Lois has painted on porcelain sinks and toilets, tiles, and has done oil paintings. She has painted murals on cars, in bowling alleys, and on sheds. If it can be painted on, Lois is the woman to call.

When antique oil lamps broke and needed repair, Lois repaired what she could, bought replacement parts and replicated the pattern so well that one couldn’t tell which was the original.

She was a teacher for Blackhawk Tech in Beloit teaching oil painting, ceramics and china painting. In her own studio, she taught local people such as Hazel Kundert who displayed works in February.

Lois also has had her own kilns ranging from small ones to large. She has passed her talents onto her daughters, Joy and

LuAnn. Joy is a very good china painter and has a large kiln. A powder mixed with oil until it becomes like a paste is used to paint on china. Then the product is fired in a kiln. One paints layer upon layer and fires four or five times and this gives the different colors and textures.

LuAnn likes to paint in oils. Her home is filled with the talents of her mother, sister and herself. Lois has painted 4-8 piece sets of china for each of her daughters and they are used. Her numerous tea sets and chocolate sets are as serviceable as they are beautiful. LuAnn’s purple clock is on display and it works! Lois has painted these clocks for other members of her family. The purple jewelry containers are filled with jewelry and the hand mirrors are used too. The daughters and grandchildren have already spoken for some of the items in the display case. Lois has been fortunate to sell her works and may consider selling more. She has many items packed away, but just as many are used by her and her family everyday.

It would seem that roses and violets are some of her favorite flowers to paint. A large vase with matching bowl is trimmed with gold while roses and lilacs surround hummingbirds. There are antique-looking cups, pitchers, vases, platters, plates, bowls, a tea set, large china eggs, and a place setting of her china dishes on display as well as the jewel

boxes. If you love beautiful and romantic things, this display is not to be missed!

If you have enjoyed the display, send Lois a card to let her know. She is staying at her daughter LuAnn Sandlin's place. Thank you Lois for sharing your love of art and beauty and thank you LuAnn for setting up the display.

## Book Group

The Book Group will be reading *WHEN THE EMPEROR WAS DIVINE* by Julie Otsuka on Wednesday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the library. Anne Schultz will be leading the discussion.

If you were unaware of the Japanese internment camps in the United States during WWII, this is a must read. Come pick it up, read it, and then come discuss our 21 century internment camps in the United States today.

## 2nd Grade Authors

Mrs. Balleine's 15 2nd graders have become budding authors and illustrators. They finished their first publication and presented *FAIRY-TALE ADVENTURES* to the library on June 4th.

As a group, the students wrote the story and they each illustrated a page. The cover art was designed by Karl Schwoerer. Congratulations kids on an excellent job. This book can be checked out.

## New DVDs

Some new purchases are: *PRIVATE LIFE OF A MASTERPIECE*; *DIVING BELL & THE BUTTERFLY*; *THE 4400 SEASON 4*; *THE CIVIL WAR*; *A RAISIN IN THE SUN*; *NUMB*; *THE JUNCTION BOYS*; *THE GREAT DEBATERS*; *MAD MONEY*; *UNTRACEABLE*; *INDIANA JONES & THE RAID-*

*ERS OF THE LOST ARK*, *TEMPLES OF DOOM*, & *LAST CRUSADE*; *CRANFORD*; *NATIONAL TREASURE 2*; *GARFIELD-A CAT & HIS NERD*; *STARTING OUT IN THE EVENING*; *STRANGE WILDERNESS*; *JAG SEASON 6*; *ALL THE RAMOS*; *LIPSTICK JUNGLE SEASON 1*; *CLEANER*; *GRACE IS GONE*; *HOLOCAUST*; *DARFUR NOW*; *MINUTE MEN*; *FIRST OF MAY*; *SEMI-PRO*; *MEET THE SPARTANS*; *FLAWLESS*; *MEERKAT MANOR*; *WEEDS 3*; *THE EYE*; *THE AIR WE BREATHE*; and *CASSANDRA'S DREAM*.

## New Adult Books

Some new titles are: *BRIGHT SHINY MORNING* by James Frey; *DEATH DEALERS* by Heather Graham; *THE HOLLOW* by Nora Roberts; *AUDITION* by Barbara Walters; *CRANFORD* by Elizabeth Gaskell; *BLACK SECONDS* by Karin Fossum; *THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO BUILDING YOUR HOME* by Dan Ransey; *FRONT* by Patricia Cornwell; *LITTLE HEATHENS* by Mildred Kalisch; *LOST* by Roberta Kray; *NOTHING TO LOSE* by Lee Child; *ODD HOURS* by Dean Koontz; *OTHER* by David Guterson; *RESOLUTION* by Robert Parker; *BLOOD TRAILS* by C. J. Box; *THE CHRIS FARLEY SHOW* by Tom Farley, Jr.; *DEMON OF DAKAR* by Kjell Eriksson; *GUY SPACES* by Wayne Kalyn; *MASTER OF THE DELTA* by Thomas Cook; *HE SAID BEER, SHE SAID WINE* by Marnie Old; *101 SANGRIAS & PITCHER DRINKS* by Kim Haasarud; *BEAUTIFUL BOY* by David Sheff; *LAST POST* by Robert Barnard; *PLAGUE OF*

*DOVES* by Louise Erdrich; *ON ACCOUNT OF CONSPICUOUS WOMEN* by Dawn Shamp; *SECRETS* by Jude Deveraux; *SKELETONS AT THE FEAST* by Christopher Bohjalian; *SUGAR QUEEN* by Sarah Addison Allen; *MEDITERRANEAN FLAVORS* by Cathy Mantuano; and *GOOD INDIAN WIFE* by Anne Cherian.

## New Juvenile Books

New titles include: *DEBBIE HARRY SINGS IN FRENCH* by Megan Brothers; *SHIFT* by Jennifer Bradbury; *SUCK IT UP* by Brian Meehl; *AIRHEAD* by Meg Cabot; *LOCK & KEY* by Sarah Dessen; *PEELED* by Joan Bauer; *BRONTE'S BOOK CLUB* by Kristiana Gregory; *DEATH OF JAYSON PORTER* by Jaime Ad-off; *EVER* by Gail Carson Levine; *HOW TO BE BAD* by E. Lockhart; and *VALENTINE SURPRISE* by Corrine Demas.

## New CDs

Some new titles are: *NOTHING BUT THE BEST* by Frank Sinatra; *HOME BEFORE DARK* by Neil Diamond; *BRING YA TO THE BRINK* by Cyndi Lauper; *KIDZBOP 80s GOLD*; *DISNEY MANIA 6*; and *SEX & THE CITY* Sdtk.

## New Large Print Books

Thanks to Marlea Duerst, we added two new titles: *WHERE ARE YOU NOW* by Mary Higgins Clark and *SOUVENIR* by Therese Fowler.

**Congratulations on your high school graduation Zoe!**