

# YOUR LIBRARY PAGE

## May 2020



### **We're STILL Open!**

The Library Committee is grateful that we've been able to lend books to residents during the Governor's Stay Home/Stay Safe order. We feel fortunate, too, that with Emily's assistance we've been able to continue lending books to our avid readers in Meadows also. Several of you have remarked that this distancing time has provided an opportunity to catch up on your reading while others have indulged in reading that much longer book they'd put off because of "not enough time."

### **Safety Protocols**

Be assured that both housekeeping and the library committee members are following safe practices protocols in the library. And we appreciate you wearing masks and observing the 6' rule. Picture your breath in cold weather and know that similar droplets also occur in your every breath during warmer temperatures; masks prevent these less visible droplets from reaching others and any hard surfaces.

### **Newspapers, Puzzles, and Magazines**

During this period of required social distancing:

- Karen continues to take names for the daily draw of our current newspapers.
- An assortment of puzzles are still available on the puzzle table ready for signing out.
- Feel free to borrow, then return, magazines from any of our three magazine racks.

### **May's New and Special Display Books**

This month's selection of new and special display books celebrate Mother's Day (Sunday, May 10) and Michigan Week (May 17-23), and honor Memorial Day (Monday, May 25). A few even celebrate the long-awaited arrival of spring! Our new books, found on the New Arrivals cart, are listed on the reverse side with a blurb to peak your interest. The special display books from our own Silver Maples collection are located on our Special Display cart. You will also find some books of interest propped up on the black book racks both on the fireplace mantle and the counter. Do feel free to borrow these books also.

### **Book Discussions**

Our book discussions are still on hold; CDL has canceled programs through June 30.

### **Your Library Committee**

Let us know if you have any library-related questions or suggestions. We're happy to help. And please stay safe.

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## NEW BOOKS – MAY 2020

- ***Call the Midwife: Shadows of the Workhouse*** (Vol. 2) and ***Call the Midwife: Farewell to the East End*** (Vol 3) by Jennifer Worth, a midwife who chronicled life in the poorest section of post WW II London. Her memoir serves as the PBS series Call the Midwife.
- ***Convicted: A Crooked Cop, an Innocent Man, and an Unlikely Journey of Forgiveness and Friendship*** by Jameel McGee and Andrew Collins. When white officer Collins framed black McGee for possession of crack cocaine in Benton Harbor, Mich., the surprising result led to a transformative journey for both men. This true story reads like a gripping crime novel.
- ***A Different Drummer: My Thirty Years with Ronald Reagan*** by Michael K. Deaver, a former aide of the 40th president and long-time family friend of the Reagans.
- ***The Essence of Modern Haiku: 300 Poems*** by Seishi Yamaguchi, a famous Japanese poet known for using modern topics and omitting the usual requisite “words of nature” in his haiku. Includes short notes detailing the source of inspiration for each haiku.
- ***The Find of a Lifetime: Another Tale of Used Books and Cats*** (Vol.2) by Jenny Kalahar. This novel continues the adventures of the O'Malleys and the customers, neighbors, friends, and especially the cats of their used and rare bookshop. Look for Vol.1 also on our shelf.
- ***The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers*** by Elizabeth Cobbs who incorporates the letters and diaries into her well-researched narration of the first women to serve in the U.S. Army Signal Corps when sent to the French war zone during WW I.
- ***The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate – Discoveries from a Secret World*** by Peter Wohlleben, a forester, who makes the case that a forest is a social network. You'll never view a forest the same again.
- ***The Journal of Major George Washington: An Account of his First Official Mission, Made as Emissary from the Governor of Virginia to the Commandant of the French Forces on the Ohio, October 1753-January 1754*** A facsimile pamphlet.
- ***Mavis***, a debut novel set in North Dakota by Brenda Marshal about an extended family and the effects of birth order in molding character and relationships.
- ***The Story Sisters (LP)***, a dark story of magical realism about three sisters by Alice Hoffman
- ***Two Little Girls in Blue***, a thriller by Mary Higgins Clark involving twin girls and a kidnapping but the return of only one of the twins.
- ***What a Plant Knows: A Field Guide to the Senses*** Backed by new plant biology research, Daniel Chamovitz provides a fascinating explanation of how plants survive despite their inability to move from one location to another.
- ***Who We Are and How We Got Here: Ancient DNA and the New Science of the Human Past***, a thought-provoking new perspective on human migration and history based on ancient DNA studies by geneticist David Reich.
- ***The Whore's Child and other Stories***, a collection of short stories by best-seller novelist Richard Russo.