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December 2023

Silver Maples Library

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December Celebrations: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (7th); Hanukkah (7th-15th); Christmas (25th). Look for related books to check out on our New Book and Celebrations Books carts and wire book stands. And stop by the bulletin board too.

Book Discussions: (2nd Thursday of every month; Garden Room; 1-2 pm)
All Read - *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. **Thursday, Dec.14.** See a Committee member to check out a book. We have many LPs. Discussion leader is CDL Librarian Laura B. Please return books following the discussion.

Let's Talk Books - Thursday, **January 11.** Come share a book or e-book you've been reading. We're always looking for suggested good reads!

Donated Books

We welcome your donated books but please keep the following in mind: 1) only one per month so our box doth not overfloweth; 2) small print and light print limit the number of residents who can read it and we have limited shelf space. At our monthly meetings, committee members vote thumbs up or down on each title.

Chelsea District Library-Large Print (CDL-LP) Books

Please remember to sign out CDL-LP books using the white card clipped to the first page. This allows us to track it down if CDL informs us a book is overdue. If we can't, Silver Maples will be on the hook for the replacement cost. Currently we are looking for: *The English Spy* - Daniel Silva; *House Among the Trees* - Julia Glass; *Moral Compass & Undercover* - Danielle Steel; *Someone Knows* - Lisa Scottoline.

Your Library Committee:

We're here to assist you and answer any library-related questions you might have. We welcome any comments and suggestions regarding our Silver Maples Library.

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December New Books

2023 Library Committee Member Picks: Each month a Library Committee member selects a new book for our collection. This month Suzanne L. chose the following:

The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman. (NYT Bestseller) A story of young love in tumultuous times that unites Coralie, daughter of the sinister impresario behind The Museum of Extraordinary Things, a Coney Island freak show, and dashing photographer Eddie, a run-away Russian immigrant, who photographs the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire and becomes embroiled in the mystery behind a young woman's disappearance.

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For Once in My Life by Colleen Coleman. Lily, 29 and left at the altar 3 years ago, writes nondescript articles for the local newspaper until finally given her dream assignment to write her own column. However, she has to do one thing every week that scares her but is encouraged by sexy colleague, Christopher. Afraid of falling in love again, will fear hold her back?

Forgotten Tales of Michigan's Lower Peninsula by Alan Naldrett. Includes folk tales of earlier settlers and Native Americans such as the Nain Rouge (Red Devil), spotted as late as the 1970s, and how Belle Isle got its name.

Henry, Himself by Stewart O'Nan. Soldier, son, lover, husband, breadwinner, churchgoer, Henry spent his whole life trying to live with honor. A wry, warmhearted portrait of an ordinary 75-year-old man living in Pittsburgh who believes he's reached a dead end only to discover life is full of surprises.

Homeland and Other Stories by Barbara Kingsolver. Memorable characters spread over landscapes from northern California to the hills of eastern Kentucky and the Caribbean. Stories of hope, momentary joy, and powerful endurance with twin themes of family ties and life choices.

I Love Russia: Reporting From a Lost Country by Elena Kostyuchenko who, as a correspondent for Russia's last free press, crossed the border into Ukraine in March 2022 to cover the war. Her personal essays from the past fifteen years expose the inner workings of an entire nation descending into fascism and, inevitably, war.

The Last 'Devil' to Die (LP) by Richard Osman. (NYT Bestseller) The latest Thursday Murder Club gang's search leads them into the antiques business where they encounter drug dealers, art forgers, and online fraudsters as well as heartache close to home. Who to trust? The 4th (and last ?) in one of our most popular mystery series.

North of Nowhere by Allison Brennan. After five years in hiding from their murderous father, Boyd, head of a Los Angeles crime family, he has tracked Kristen and Ryan down in Montana. Escaping by plane which crashes in the wilderness, their Aunt Ruby in the Army drops everything to save them but Boyd's expert tracker and a local rancher are also looking for them as a blizzard approaches.

The Shortest History of Israel and Palestine: From Zionism to Intifadas and the Struggle for Peace by Michael Scott-Baumann. Updated 2/23. Each chapter begins with key questions to answer. Includes a chronology beginning in 1882.

What We Did in Bed: A Horizontal History by Brian Fagan and Nadia Durrani. A social history covering the past 70,000 years looks at the varied role of the bed through time - a place for sex, death, childbirth, storytelling, and sociability as well as sleeping. But who did what with whom, why, and how could vary incredibly depending on the time and place.

Series/Prolific Authors

Box - ***Back of Beyond & The Bitterroots***

Horowitz - ***Moonflower Murders***