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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

Starting June 1st the library will be offering curbside pickup for our patrons. To place an order, please fill out the form located on our Facebook page or on our website. We ask that patrons only order during the week they intend to pick up the items so we can keep a steady flow of books coming in and out. We are so happy to be able to help our patrons and community again. Patrons will be able to select specific books they want or they can ask the librarians to choose books for them. We love that idea! As always, there will be a ten item limit and no late fees.

If you haven't seen our Gulp or Gag challenges on Facebook, make sure to do so! Miss Angie ate burgundy snails, Miss Bree ate pickled pigs feet, Miss Josie ate a dried ghost pepper and Miss Francoise drank Ranch dressing soda. Nothing in our job descriptions ever said we'd have to hurt our taste buds like that but that's just how dedicated to the library we all are! Watch the videos and have a good laugh.

The new columns have been completed by Steve Dionne and we cannot wait for work on the new circulation desk to begin. It'll be a great new addition to the main floor. Everyone has been working behind the scenes at the library to create new ways to serve our community. It's been a learning curve but we're all in this together. We want to thank everyone for all of the continued support; it means the world to us. See you all so soon!

The Library Lookout

June 2020

New Books, April – June!

FICTION

Andrews, Mary Kay/ *Hello, Summer*
Baldacci, David/ *Walk the Wire*
Brown, Dale/ *Eagle Station*
Brown, Rita Mae/ *Furmidable Foes*
Clancy, Tom/ *Firing Point*
Connelly, Michael/ *Fair Warning*
Cussler, Clive/ *Wrath of Poseidon*
Deaver, Jeffery/ *The Goodbye Man*
Delinsky, Barbara/ *A Week at the Shore*
Griffin, Emily/ *The Lies That Bind*
Graham, Heather/ *Seeing Darkness*
Gray, Shelley Shepard/ *The Trustworthy One*
Harper, Karen/ *Deep in the Alaskan Woods*
Johansen, Iris/ *The Persuasion*
King, Stephen/ *If It Bleeds*
Michaels, Fern/ *Truth and Justice*
Monroe, Mary Alice/ *On Ocean Boulevard*
Parker, Robert B./ *Grudge Match*
Patterson, James/ *Revenge*
Patterson, James/ *The 20th Victim*
Patterson, James/ *The Summer House*
Patterson, James/ *Hush*
Peterson, Tracie/ *The Way of Love*
Riley, Lucinda/ *The Sun Sister*
Roberts, Nora/ *Hideaway*
Solomon, Anna/ *The Book of V.*
Steel, Danielle/ *Daddy's Girls*
Thayer, Nancy/ *Girls of Summer*
Trollope, Joanna/ *Mum & Dad*
Turow, Scott/ *The Last Trial*
Weiner, Jennifer/ *Big Summer*
Woods, Stuart/ *Bombshell*

NONFICTION

Garczynski, Matt/ *This Is a Book for People Who Love the National Parks*
Snowden, Frank M./ *Epidemics and Society*

News from Angie Herrick Head Librarian & Youth Services

Sometimes you have the BEST plans and things just can't and don't work out the way you wanted them to. Normally, in the month of May, we are super excited to announce 8 weeks of awesome summer programming. We had live animals, a concert, STEM activities, a magic show, and many other fun things planned to go along with this summer's theme of "Imagine Your Story". Unfortunately, because of the virus, we are being forced to "RE-imagine our story". We are working on a program that still engages kids with reading, learning, and exploring but all of this will be done without coming inside the library. I am still working out many of the details, but the summer reading program will run six weeks (from 6/29-8/14) and kids will sign-up online through an app called Beanstack. This app/site will allow users to complete challenges to earn badges and prizes. Each week we will also be doing take-home Storytime bags. Each bag will contain an activity or project to go along with the week's story (which will be read and shared on Facebook and our website.) As I get a clearer picture and more details worked out, I will share them all with you. The best way to get the most up-to-date information is to follow our Facebook page, check our website, or just call the library. I promise we are doing our very best to give the kids a reading challenge for the summer that they will want to participate in!

GULP or GAG CHALLENGE

By Josie Pease, Technology Librarian

With everybody stuck at home these past couple of months, we have been trying our very hardest to offer as much virtual programming and services as we can. It's been hard to be out of the library for so long, and we miss getting to see everyone's smiling faces every day! So we thought, even if we weren't able to see those smiles in person, the least we could do was offer everybody something to smile and laugh about right from home. And so the Gulp or Gag food challenge on our Facebook Live was born... Just to have something fun and entertainment for us all to look forward to every Friday!

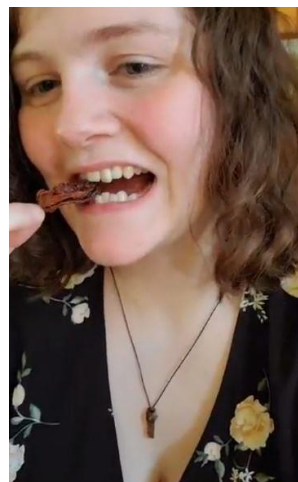
Miss Angie started us off by snacking on some canned Wild Burgundy Snails. Most of the audience encouraged her to eat them "raw" (pre-cooked, but right out of the slimy can!), and it became obvious that she would be "gagging" rather than "gulping" this challenge down. But she was a champ and even went for a second one sautéed in garlic and butter (this did not make it go down any easier for poor Miss Angie).

The next week was adult services librarian Bree's turn. She had the unenviable task of finding some pickled pigs' feet to nibble on amidst the gristle and leftover hair still on the bone... after much gagging, and even a swig of the brine straight from the jar, it did not appear to be a pleasant experience for her. Though we all watched on quite gleefully from our homes—all of us happy to not be in her position, I think!

I had the opportunity to try something different. Nothing gross like my coworkers had been made to try, but instead a bhut jalakia ghost pepper from India – the third hottest pepper in the world! I had plenty of dairy on hand to suppress the heat (or was it just an excuse for me to eat a tub of ice cream all by myself?)

ILL Librarian Francoise LaBonte was the final challenger and was eager to try Ranch Dressing soda. Proclaiming that "it's not bad, it's so sweet!" Francoise was the only one to "gulp" down her challenge without gagging!

Our Gulp or Gag challenge is over now, but don't worry we've got another fun challenge in mind for the month of June. Be sure to keep an eye out on our Facebook page for the reveal, and additional pictures of our adventures!



Josie reluctantly samples a dried ghost pepper