The Community Library

Dispatch

Winter/Spring 2020

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Lift Tower on Dollar Mountain, 1955

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Dear Friends,

After the first snowfall in Ketchum this season, I was greeted at the bus stop at the end of the day by a five-inch snowman, perched on a short wall at the corner of Fourth and Main. The little snowman had an air of mystery about him – whose whimsy had summoned him while they waited for the bus? – and though he surely escaped notice by the passing cars, he stood like a tiny sentinel at the base of Irving’s Hill.

When the snow falls, a little magic often rises.

Snow falls, and the relentless details and ragged edges of the everyday world soften. A jumble of concrete and asphalt, or a craggy field of rocks and gray grass, all disappear into a blanket of downy white.

Snow falls, and another world surfaces – the button-sized tracks of a solitary weasel; an undulating drift shaped by the wind; the traces of a raccoon’s night-time wanderings through the neighborhood. Things we can’t otherwise see become visible on the snow.

Like falling snow, our stories give rise to mysteries that otherwise might elude us in the cacophony of our daily routines. Stories blanket the pages of books, and they show us the tracks of dreams and sorrows. Stories drift across holiday tables, and they curve around memories and show the soft contours of the landscape we share with our family and friends.

It is winter. Snow is falling. Drift into some stories. Look for tracks of magic.

Jenny Emery Davidson
Executive Director

COMMUNITY RENOVATION CELEBRATION INVITATION

Celebrate Your Library’s RENEWAL!

Open House
Tuesday, January 10
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Sips and nibbles will be served.

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415 Spruce Avenue N
PO Box 2168
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Regional History Museum
180 First Avenue E
PO Box 2168
Ketchum, ID 83340
208.726.8118

Gold Mine
331 Walnut Avenue
PO Box 2168
Ketchum, ID 83340
208.726.3465

Gold Mine Consign
591 Fourth Street
PO Box 2168
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208.726.5544

M, F: 10 am-6 pm
T, W, Th: 10 am-8 pm

Two years of construction have come to a conclusion!

M-F: 10 am-6 pm
Sat: 10 am-5 pm
Sun: 12-5 pm

Curious about our other resources? Check out our website:
www.comlib.org
HEMINGWAY LEGACY INITIATIVE

The Community Library’s Hemingway Legacy Initiative encompasses preservation, educational outreach, and a writer-in-residence program in honor of the iconic literary figure of Ernest Hemingway.

UPCOMING WRITERS-IN-RESIDENCE:
Brady Udall (January/February)
Kevin Lavelle (March)

SAVE THE DATE!
*July 16
Richard Blanco, 2020 Hemingway Distinguished Lecture
Tickets go on sale May 11

* September 17-19
2020 Ernest Hemingway Seminar: Hemingway in Africa

NEW BOOK BEAT!
TEENS: GET PUBLISHED AND GET PAID!
WRITE BOOK REVIEWS FOR THE LIBRARY.
Contact DeAnn Campbell: dcampbell@comlib.org.
RECOMMENDED READING

For Teens: Window Seat Reads

It’s Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood (Young Reader’s Edition) by Trevor Noah

Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek: A Memoir by Maya Van Wagenen

With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

Rising Above Shepherdsville by Ann Schoenbohm

For Kids: Treehouse Reads

Twelve Kinds of Ice by Ellen Bryan Obed

Moth by Isabel Thomas

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

Guts by Raina Telgemeier

A Stone Sat Still by Brendan Wenzel

Treehouse and Window Seat Reads compiled by DeAnn Campbell, Children’s and Young Adult Director.

For Book Mavens: Fireplace Reads

Fiction: The Iron King by Maurice Druon

Mystery: Night Without End by Alistair MacLean

Science Fiction: The Truth: A Novel of Discworld by Sir Terry Pratchett

Nonfiction: The Origins of Totalitarianism by Hannah Arendt

History: The Landmark Thucydides: A Comprehensive Guide to the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides with guiding annotations by Robert Strassler

Fireplace Reads compiled by Cathy Butterfield, Collections Manager.

Winter Read

The Winter Read invites our community to read a book together and engage in conversation about a critical historical and regional civil liberty topic. This year’s selection is Jamie Ford’s Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, a story centering on Japanese American families who were incarcerated during World War II. The Winter Read will coincide with a study of the history of Minidoka, a Japanese internment camp just 80 miles south of Ketchum that is a setting of the novel.

2020 Winter Read:

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Winter Read Events

January 31
Winter Read Kickoff and Opening of Regional History Museum Poster Exhibit, “Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II” courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution

February 5
Minidoka Civil Liberties Symposium: “The Legacy of Minoru Yasui and WWII Japanese American Incarceration” with Jessica Asai, Civil Rights Investigator

February 26
Screening of “Minidoka: An American Concentration Camp” and Q&A with Hanako Wakatsuki, Chief of Interpretation at Minidoka National Historic Site

March 12 – Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet Presentation and Book Signing with author Jamie Ford.

January 23-February 27
Winter Read Book Group with Jenny Meet each Thursday at 4 p.m. to discuss The Buddha in the Attic, Farewell to Manzanar, and The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet.

The 2020 Winter Read has been generously sponsored by the Spur Community Foundation and Carlyn Ring.

Find more information about upcoming classes and programs at www.comlib.org