

SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH CONTEST WINNERS

Before we name the winners, we'd first like to extend a sincere thank you to all of those kids who worked so hard and were willing to share their writing with us. We loved each and every one of your poems and selecting just two favorites out of the bunch was a difficult decision. After much deliberation and debate however we managed to come to a solid consensus. And so, without further ado, the winners of your Spring Valley Public Library's 2015 National Poetry Month Contest are *drumroll please* Hannah Smith and Charlie Hollstadt. Congratulations you guys, and thank you! It's a shame these pieces were untitled, but here they are for you all to enjoy:

Untitled by Charlie Hollstadt

*I hope I win this contest
I hope it's better than the rest
Oh how I hope I win this contest
It would be the best*

Wish granted Charlie. This spunky little quatrain caught our attention with it's fun little rhyme scheme and definite personality. You cannot see this, but Charlie's poem came to us accompanied with abstract illustrated faces on a red back. Pretty cool.

Untitled by Hannah Adams

*I like the smell of pine in the air
I like the sound of a creek bubbling
I like the sound of an eagle screeching
I like the sight of a traveling monarch
I like the feeling when I climb a cold rock
I like the taste of wild blackberries*

*I like reading outside
when the wind whistles*

*I like the sound of birds chirping a tune
I like the buzz of bees
I like the sweet taste of honey*

*I like the sight of
my favorite animal soaring
A peregrine falcon
I like playing in the woods
with my brother and sister*

Submitted on a simple white sheet with a few printed lines for writing, Hannah's piece developed from a sort of sensory poem assignment entitled "I Like". What stood out about Hannah's submission was that it continued far beyond the required six senses and further into her experiences. Thematically it was acutely focused, and we loved it. Thanks Hannah.

SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATES

Library Board Meeting: This month's library board meeting will be Tuesday, May 5 at 7pm. This is a public meeting and all patrons are welcome.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Registration is still open for our new 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. This free program encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before he/she enters kindergarten. Studies have shown that the more books read to a child before kindergarten, the better that child does in school. Fostering the love to read can start with snuggle time with books. WE LEARN TO READ SO WE CAN READ TO LEARN! Once you register either online at springvalleylibrary.org or by signing up at the circulation desk you will be given a red

folder to begin keeping track. Your child will earn prizes for milestones reached. To learn more about this great program come visit us, check out our website, or email Rebecca at schmitt@svlibrary.org

Family History Resources: Did you know you had free access to Ancestry.com? At the library, patrons can build their family tree by accessing census lists, marriage and death records. In addition, our MORE page grants access to seven local databases; including the Wisconsin Historical Society. Need help? Feel free to ask.

Join us on Goodreads: Virtually browse our most recent book orders, follow our ongoing A-Z Reading Challenge with Ben, and converse with your fellow patrons all while cataloging your reading history.

Popular Titles Coming Out May
You'll have to read a book a day!



The Week of May 4

The Heir by Kiera Cass
The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
Day Shift by Charlaine Harris
Saint Anything by Sarah Dessen
The Fall by John Lescroart

The Week of May 11

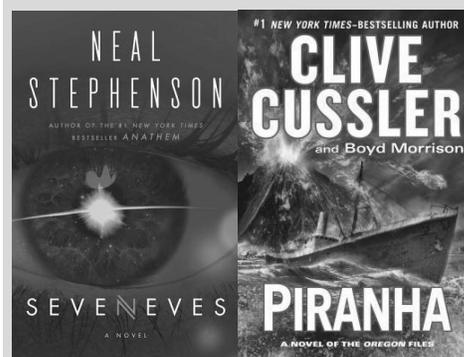
Solitude Creek by Jeffery Deaver
The Forgotten Room by Lincoln Child
The Sound of Glass by Karen White
Dry Bones by Craig Johnson
The Enemy Inside by Steve Martini

The Week of May 18

Maximum Ride Forever by James Patterson
The Summer's End by Mary Alice Monroe
Beach Town by Mary Kay Andrews
Water From My Heart by Charles Martin
Robert B. Parker's Kickback by Ace Atkins
Off the Page by Jodi Picoult
Sevенеves by Neal Stephenson
The Scarlet Gospels by Clive Barker

The Week of May 25

Radiant Angel by Nelson DeMille
The Edge of the Shadows by Elizabeth George
Tail Gait by Rita Mae Brown
Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf
Piranha by Clive Cussler



LIBRARY PROGRAMMING IN MAY

Children's Story Time: The presents series of story time will be coming to an end on May 20. Story time is an hour long program primarily for preschool aged children. It runs Wednesday mornings from 10-10:30am. Miss Julie Webb is in charge of these events and has chosen these themes to wrap up her spring sessions:

May 6th: Flowers

May 13th: Transportation

May 20th: Bugs



Author Shelley Tougas and the Book Club

The Library enjoyed a special treat this past Saturday, May 2 with a visit from local children's author, Shelley Tougas. Ms. Tougas was present for our monthly Children's Book Club to discuss her latest book "The Graham Cracker Plot." The children were thrilled to meet a real author and discuss her inspiration for the book, what they thought the message of the story was, their favorite characters and, most importantly, if there will be more



Author Shelley Tougas with the Children's Book Club books from Ms. Tougas in the future? The answer to that question is yes! Ms. Tougas plans to release another book in September and tentative plans are set for her to visit Spring Valley again. So, if you were unable to meet her this past weekend, you may have a chance to in September.

Storyteller Tracy Chipman Visits Kids Club

Our May 1, Early Release Day program featured the fantastic stories of professional storyteller Tracy Chipman. Ms. Chipman enthralled children with her lilted voice and imaginative telling of some well-known stories of our Wisconsin Legends (Paul Bunyan) in addition to some obscure tales from Scotland and Ireland.

Summer Reading Program Registration

Early registration for this year's summer reading program is now open and can be completed either online at our website or at the library. The program will run from June 8th to July 24th. There are two separate programs; each designed to accommodate a different reading level.

The first, the Read-To-Me Program, is for children who still require adults or siblings to read with/to them. To complete this program participants will be asked to read 50 books; about one-a-day.

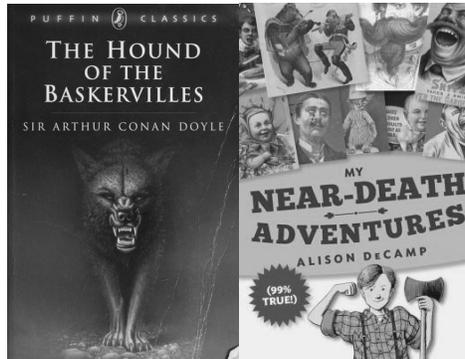
The second, our Independent Reader Program, is for kids who will be entering 2nd-6th grade and can read alone. Readers of this level will be challenged to read 1000 minutes; about 20 minutes a day.

Participants will have the opportunity to win prizes upon reaching milestones. These prizes include books, a Pulse Yo-Yo, a Skipsation Skip Ball, and a Super Hero Squad Chutes and Ladders Game. Readers who have managed to read 500 minutes by June 29th will also earn an invitation to a special Subway catered party July 1st.

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

A succinct thriller, Doyle's classic story of the Baskerville curse has been raising hairs for a century. As with most of the Sherlock Holmes canon, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* is told from the perspective of the detective's number one chum and associate Watson. More prone to fear the supernatural, Watson's narration offers a splendidly immersive jaunt through the moor. Brief enough to be read in an extended sitting, this chilling tale of a demon dog would make the perfect novel to cozy up with some stormy summer night.

HERE BE BOOK REVIEWS



My Near Death Adventures by Alison DeCamp

Based loosely on the author's own family history, *My Near Death Adventures* tells the story of a boy's stay with his mother at a Michigan logging camp in the late 19th century. Earning his keep by helping in the kitchen, Stan, who is practically twelve, would rather be a lumberjack. Struggling with the absence of a father he's never met, and doing his best as the almost-man of the house, Stan's overactive imagination tends to run away with him as he approaches the task on his own terms. A sweet, funny, and insightful read.

Notable Authors Born in May

May 1—Joseph Heller May 3—May Sarton May 6—Randall Jarrell May 7—Robert Browning
 May 7—Rabindranath Tagore May 8—Irene Hunt May 8—Thomas Pynchon May 9—J.M. Barrie
 May 9—William Pene du Bois May 9—Richard Adams May 12—Edward Lear May 12—Farley Mowat
 May 13—Daphne Du Maurier May 15—L. Frank Baum May 17—Gary Paulsen May 20—Honoré de Balzac
 May 20—Sigrid Unset May 21—Dante Alighieri May 22—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle May 24—Joseph Brodsky
 May 25—Ralph Waldo Emerson May 28—Ian Fleming May 29—G.K. Chesterton May 31—Walt Whitman



"The light of the stars travels millions of miles to reach the earth, but it cannot reach our hearts - so many millions of miles further off are we!" - Rabindranath Tagore (Glimpses of Bengal)

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