

Capturing the Rhythm Within

Celebrate National Poetry Month by Discovering Something about Yourself

When I hear the word poetry, two distinct impressions come to mind: pretension and romance. But every year when April rolls around and I'm confronted with all these Poetry Month promotions, perpetrated by my peers in the field, I'm forced to soften a bit and retract my opinions; well, for 30 days at least. Now in truth, I hold nothing against poetry, but as it NEVER gets checked out I tend to regard it as outdated and irrelevant. It's often confusing and in this age of action

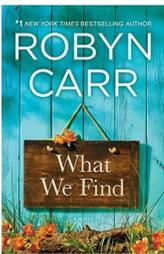
packed page turners, what sort of satisfaction am I supposed to get out of a single page?

Now that was a rhetorical question. As it's the one I imagine most readers ask themselves when they choose a novel over a book of poetry. The answer to this question will come in varying degrees depending on what you're seeking. Do you simply want to be able to appreciate poetry or do you want something that'll truly resonate with you? If you're seeking the former just study meter, you'll be impressed, but if *continued on the back...*

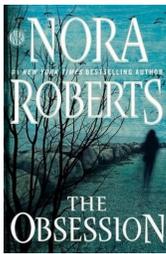
Spring Valley Public Library Updates

Observant patrons may have noticed that our DVD collection seems to have caught a pox. Colorful stickers spreading sporadically, in a general left to right pattern. Do not worry, we are only classifying them. Soon our collection will be arranged into ten different genres for easier browsing (those pesky foreign films started it), and it will all make sense. In other news we'll be getting a shiny new book drop soon. Hooray!

Popular Titles Coming Out this Month



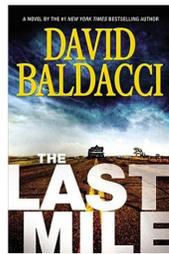
April 5th
What We Find



April 12th
The Obsession



April 12th
Most Wanted



April 26th
The Last Mile



April 26th
Extreme Prey



April 5th
The Force Awakens



April 12th
The Forest



April 19th
The Lady in the Van



April 19th
The Revenant



April 26th
Krampus

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday
1st 1:30pm Early Release Kid's Club with Julie Webb
2:30pm Peanuts Movie (G)

Saturday
2nd 9:30am Author Visit and Book Club w/ Lois Greiman
10:30am Children's Book Club: "Lightning Queen"

Wednesday
6th 9:30am Story Time with Miss Julie (Dinosaurs)

Wednesday
13th 9:30am Story Time with Miss Julie (Zoo Animals)

Saturday
16th 9:30am A-Z Book Club: "H"
10am Crochet Club

Wednesday
20th 9:30am Story Time with Miss Julie (Earth Day)

Wednesday
27th 9:30am Story Time with Miss Julie (Rain)

Saturday
30th 9:30am A-Z Book Club: "I"

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday: 10-7
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-1

Contact Information:

Phone Number: 715-778-4590
Email: schmitt@svlibrary.org

you're looking for a poem that'll mean something to you. There's one method I recommend above all others: you're going to have to write it yourself. Now writing a poem isn't as easy as all that, especially if you follow the rules. However, there is always something to the attempt. More than a short story, or even a journal, the structure of a poem forces the writer to record their thoughts in such a way that they become ordered. Before signing off on a poem, a poet must grapple with their emotions and meanings, and grasp each one fully. The reward for

this effort will always be a finely tuned work of feeling. It could be romantic, melancholic, scenic, reverent, sing-songy, or just about anything, but no matter what topic you choose, you'll have struck a chord by the end. Sometimes you may even find yourself writing nonsense, but even a piece such as this will take your

mind through the current of its consciousness; making poetry then a useful tool. What should one get out of a poem then? I believe that both the study and composition of poetry is a discovery. A summoning of thoughts hidden and previously unbidden. The composition of our lives, and the rhythm of our souls — *Ben Blegen*

Lightning on the plains falls like rain in the winter
 Cold fire of my veins what name shall I give her
 Storm child of earth's womb entombed under rivers
 Of ice lit by the moon we're all vile sinners

And who will ride the white horse

Other Spring Valley Public Library Services and Event Information

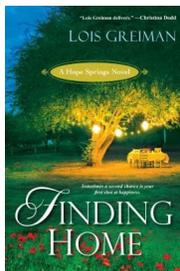
- Department of Workforce Development Job Search and Resume Workshop - Friday, April 8th from 10-12am.
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program - Parents, please ask about it and sign up your budding book lovers today.
- Free Family History Resources - Ancestry.com is available free to patrons at the library. Check it out next time you drop by.
- Tech Help - Having trouble navigating the internet or your laptop, call us for an appointment and we'll do our best to help.

Finding Home by Lois Greiman

REVIEWED
BY BECKY

After inheriting her deceased parent's ranch, Casie Carmichael decides to flip the place so that she and her fiancé can settle down comfortably in the city. Upon returning to mend it however, Casie soon finds that her ranch has become a safe haven for three troubled teens, a broken down mare, and a busted-up bronco rider. Suddenly, Casie's world reaches beyond her, and she is forced to reexamine where she is allowing life to take her. A heartwarming and uplifting read that illustrates that it is love, not blood, that makes a family.

Book Reviews



Heartless by Anne Elisabeth Stengl

REVIEWED
BY KATE

Heartless unfolds a tale of the redemptive nature of pure love. Una, a princess, searches for her true love. A compassionate prince vies for her heart, however, she sets her cap for another. In her haste, she loses her heart to the dragon king's consuming fire. Thinking herself lost, she despairs of ever meriting the love of her faithful prince, but he has not forgotten her. In a battle of searing flames, he rescues her from the dragon's clutches, revealing the power and strength of a devoted heart.

Notable Authors Born in April

- 1st—Edmond Rostand 1st—Anne McCaffrey 2nd—Hans Christian Andersen 2nd—Emile Zola
 3rd—George Herbert 3rd—Washington Irving 4th—Maya Angelou 5th—Robert Bloch
 7th—William Wordsworth 8th—John Fante 8th—Barbara Kingsolver 12th—Beverly Cleary
 13th—Marguerite Henry 15th—Henry James 16th—Gertrude Chandler Warner
 16th—Garth Williams 17th—Karen Blixen 17th—Thornton Wilder 21st—Charlotte Bronte
 22nd—Henry Fielding 23rd—William Shakespeare 24th—Daniel Defoe 24th—Elizabeth Goudge
 24th—Anthony Trollope 24th—Elizabeth Goudge 24th—Robert Penn Warren 28th—Harper Lee



“There is a sacredness in tears. They are not a mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition and of unspeakable love.” - Washington Irving