

SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Staying In Touch with Your Library

Opportunities for you to become an Active and Informed Patron

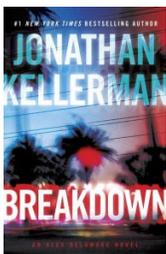
Book clubs, crochet clubs, library friends groups, board meetings, volunteering, Facebook, Goodreads, our website and our emailing list. Though the newsletter serves its purpose as a succinct summation of all our goings on, don't forget there are other ways to interact with your library and arm yourself with the information you'd otherwise miss. Things are constantly changing, programs are always evolving, new items are coming in constantly and, we're pleased to say that

this year a new Friends group will be established, allowing you opportunities to influence and help fundraise the projects and events you'd like to see at your library! If you are not interested in the commitment of joining a group such as the Friends, but would still appreciate having more of a voice, don't be afraid to attend one of our monthly library board meetings, they are open to everyone and we always set aside time for public comment before business is discussed. To determine whether or not any of these other services *continued on back...*

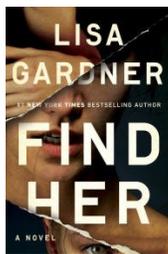
Spring Valley Public Library Updates

Several things were discussed at the January Board Meeting which are worth mentioning here. First off, in case you haven't noticed, the library finally has its blinds. These were installed in December. A proposal for the acquisition of new computers to replace computer 5 and our office computer was also accepted by the board. The book kits purchased with an LSTA grant were presented and are *continued on back...*

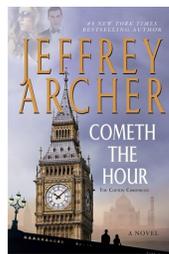
Popular Titles Coming Out this Month



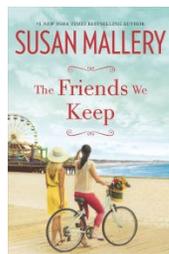
Feb. 2nd
Breakdown



Feb. 9th
Find Her



Feb. 16th
Cometh the Hour



Feb. 23rd
The Friends We Keep



Feb. 23rd
A Girl's Guide to Moving On



Feb. 2nd
Bridge of Spies



Feb. 9th
Spectre



Feb. 9th
Crimson Peak



Feb. 16th
Black Mass



Feb. 23rd
The Good Dinosaur

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday
3rd 9:30am Story Time with Miss Julie (Polar Animals)

Friday
5th 1:30pm Kid's Club with Connie Kingrey Anderson
2:30pm Goosebumps (PG)

Saturday
6th 9:30am A-Z Book Club: "C"
10:00am Children's Monthly Book Club: "The Hobbit"

Tuesday
9th 7pm Library Board Meeting

Wednesday
10th 9:30am Story Time with Miss Julie (Hearts)

Wednesday
17th 9:30am Story Time with Miss Julie (Birds)

Saturday
20th 9:30am A-Z Book Club: "D"
10am Crochet Club

Wednesday
24th 9:30am Story Time with Miss Julie (Community Helpers)

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

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would be beneficial to you, it all depends on what you expect from your library experience. If you have children for example, you may want to add your name to our emailing list in order to receive regular reminders of our upcoming early release programs, children's book clubs, story time dates, and summer reading events; ensuring that you'll always be early to register.

If you are strictly a reader, both the adult book club (choose-your-own-book) and our Goodreads page will keep you up to date on what others are reading and what

new books we've been ordering. Both also serve as great social outlets. For the curious, our crochet club is also a great opportunity to socialize while picking up a skill.

Facebook and our website will keep you up to date on our programs, hours, and sudden closings. Facebook usually features recaps of our programs as well.

And finally, we're always looking for volunteers for our larger programs, so give us a call if you're interested in that or any other of these services.

Library Updates Continued... are now and available in the children's area for check

out. Our picture book re-categorization project was announced as complete; books are now arranged by subject (if you have trouble locating what you want in the new system please ask a librarian).

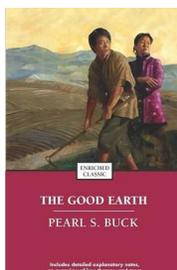
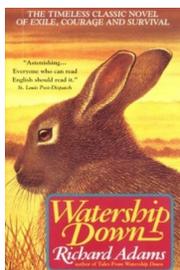
Year end stats were made available for the first time, with a few of the highlights including a final door count of 23,773 library visits in 2015, 1,744 items added, 111 new patrons, and a circulation increase of 2,989 from 2014 (our final tally for 2015 was 31,456). Thank you for all your support this past year! We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Other Spring Valley Public Library Services and Event Information

- Department of Workforce Development Job Search and Resume Workshop - Friday, February 12th 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.

Watership Down by Richard Adams

A rabbit tale that takes the animals as we know them and then assigns them a mythology of their own. As a result, despite the fact that *Watership Down* is set in Britain, it reads as a fantasy. Warren life is explained in detail, threats remain the same, but rather than just relay the science, what this book does instead is offer up legends; making their struggles and actions feel such as ours. With just a tinge of the paranormal, this is a remarkable book which explores deftly the ways in which our idea of humanity is shaped by our stories.



The Good Earth By Pearl S. Buck

Set in 19th Century China, this turned out to be an oft frustrating read, mostly due to the stubborn mindset of our patriarchal protagonist. It wasn't a bad story by any means however, and I was always eager to find out just what idea would click next for Wang Lung. Though it could be approached in many ways, the book stood out to me best as a story of a man's complicated relationship with and dependence on the Earth. With one remarkably stoic character, who we only just get to know, *The Good Earth* remains a profound saga of a simple man.

Notable Authors Born in February

- 2nd : James Joyce, Ayn Rand 3rd : James A. Michener 5th : David Weisner, William S. Burroughs
 6th : Christopher Marlowe 7th : Laura Ingalls Wilder, Charles Dickens, Sinclair Lewis
 8th : Jules Verne, Kate Chopin, John Grisham 9th : Alice Walker 12th : Charles Darwin, Judy Blume
 17th : Chaim Potok, Dorothy Canfield Fisher 18th : Toni Morrison, Nikos Kazantzakis
 21st : W.H. Auden 23rd : W.E.B. Du Bois 24th : Wilhelm Carl Grimm
 25th : Anthony Burgess 26 : Victor Hugo 27 : John Steinbeck, H.W. Longfellow



“The whole difference between construction and creation is exactly this: that a thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed; but a thing created is loved before it exists.” - Charles Dickens