

SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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AUTHOR LED MYSTERY PARTY GAME

Connie Kingrey Anderson is an award winning filmmaker and children's writer who currently resides in Minnesota. Graduating with a B.A. in Theatre from the University of Minnesota, and following that up with a Masters of Fine Arts in Drama from the University of Georgia, Mrs. Anderson is a highly qualified professional when it comes to leading interactive activities. This month, October 24th to be exact, she will lend her skills and creativity to the kids of Spring Valley



Author Connie Kingrey Anderson

by facilitating a mystery game here at the library. The game is one of her own creation and is based on her Creepers Mysteries series. It is called *Screams at Maybe Mansion* and has roles for eight children who wish to participate. Children must be at least eight to play, and registration is required prior to the event; due to there being a set number of characters. Others are welcome to come and spectate, however, as after the game, Mrs. Anderson will be leading the group in performing a few selected readings from the

first two installments of her series entitled, *Haunted Cattle Drive* and *Toadies*.

Each of her stories conclude with what she calls a *movie for the ear*. In this way, Mrs. Anderson teaches her young readers that books can be a social hobby in addition to being a stimulating one. That the experiences we derive from reading are only limited by our imagination and willingness to engage ourselves and our senses fully to respond to the written word.

Mrs. Anderson is doing this voluntarily and we greatly appreciate the generosity she has shown us in offering us these services freely, as part of her own efforts to share the love of reading with children. This event will occur October 24th at 10:30am here at the Spring Valley Public Library. If your child would like to participate in the game please register online at springvalleylibrary.org or call us here at 715-778-4590. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and she will be signing and visiting after the performance.

Popular Titles Coming Out in October



The Week of October 5

Pretending to Dance by Diane Chamberlain
The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks
Saturn Run by John Sandford
Shadows of Self by Brandon Sanderson
A.D 33 by Ted Dekker
Futuristic Violence and Fancy Suits by David Wong

The Week of October 12

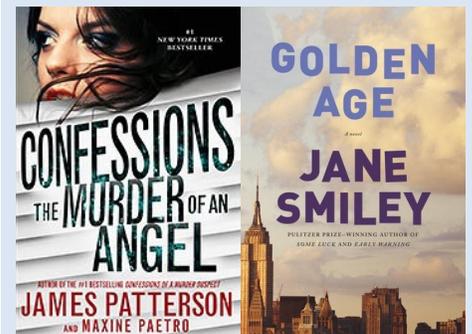
See Me by Nicholas Sparks
City on Fire by Garth Risk Hallberg
Winter Stroll by Elin Hilderbrand
All the Stars in the Heavens by Adriana Trigiani
Foreign Affairs by Stuart Woods
The Adventuress by Tasha Alexander
The Mountain Shadow by David Gregory Roberts
Twain's End by Lynn Cullen
Carrying Albert Home by Homer Hickam

The Week of October 19

Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith
Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham
The Lake House by Kate Morton
Host by Robin Cook
Gatefather by Orson Scott Card
Golden Age by Jane Smiley
The Hours Count by Jillian Cantor
A Borrowed Man by Gene Wolfe
Radiance by Catherynne M. Valente

The Week of October 26

A Banquet of Consequences by Elizabeth George
Depraved Heart by Patricia Cornwell
Corrupted by Lisa Scottoline
Christmas Bells by Jennifer Chiaverini
The Murder of an Angel by James Patterson



SPRING VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATES

Library Board Monthly Meeting

Next months' library board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 3 at 7pm. This is a public meeting and all patrons are welcome to attend and speak.

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 Becky at schmitt@svlibrary.org

Free 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, marriage and death records. In addition, our MORE page grants access to seven local databases; including the WI Historical Society. Feel free to ask for help.

Join us on our Goodreads page

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.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Book Club



Our next Ex Libris Book Group meeting will take place Saturday, October 31 at 9:30am. The book up for discussion is Andy Weir's, *The Martian*. If that title sounds familiar it is probably because the novel has recently been adapted for the screen by director Ridley Scott. Whether you've seen the film already or plan to in the near future, why not check out its inspiration and read the out-of-this-world survival thriller which has already captivated the imagination of so many worldwide!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Fall Story Time Schedule

Story time is facilitated by Mrs. Julie Webb and occurs Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30am. This program is for pre-school aged children and does not require registration. The themes and dates for this season's sessions are as follows:

- October 7—Leaves
- October 14—Cats and Dogs
- October 21—Night Sky
- October 28—Pumpkins
- November 4—Forest Animals
- November 11—Red, White and Blue
- November 18—Turkeys
- November 25—NO STORYTIME
- December 2—Reindeer
- December 9—The Gingerbread Man

Children's Book Club and Author Visit!

Our next monthly meeting will take place Saturday, November 7 from 10-10:30am. The book up for discussion this time is Shelley Tougas' newly released, *Finders Keepers*. Shelley Tougas herself will be here to lead the discussion and meet with the kids. Tenured members of the club will

also receive a free copy of her book, compliments of Chapter One books in Hudson.

Halloween Costume Contest and Movie

On October 31 at 11am, the library will be hosting a costume contest before a showing, *The Witches* (PG). Reg. not required.

Upcoming Early Release Events

Our first two early release kid's club events have been scheduled. On the Fridays of November 6 and December 4, from 1:30-2:30pm, Mrs. Julie Webb will be giving a craft presentation after school. *Registration is required to participate in Kid's Club*. Following each of these events, from 2:30-4:15pm, the library will again be offering free family movie screenings. Registration is not required to see the film.

Family Game Night

On the Fridays of October 30 at 5:30pm the library will be hosting family game nights. You can either play one of ours or bring your own favorites to share.

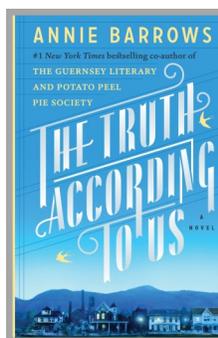
Battle of the Books

The lists are out and the books are here. Get a jump on this year's competition and check out this year's selections today.

The Truth According to Us by Annie Barrows

Set in the Great Depression, this novel relays the traditions of a small southern town, replete with generational judgments and gossip, and the suffocating effect of having every move scrutinized. Two women and a little girl are caught up in the duplicity and machinations of a smooth-talking gambler who manipulates the truth in his dealings with them. When the details surrounding a tragic death is brought to light, it tests the power of forgiveness and reveals that truth is often not what it seems.

HERE BE BOOK REVIEWS



In Rommel's Backyard by Alastair Timpson

In Rommel's Backyard entails the author's experiences while co-captaining the Long Range Desert Group's "G" Patrol in the African Theatre of World War II. In general, Capt. Timpson tells his tale in a detailed, "just the facts, ma'am" style, curtaining himself in the details of his adventures. In a few key instances, however, he draws away the veil ever so slightly, allowing his readers a glance at the modest soldier behind it. This endearing manner, along with personal insight, formed worthy and educative read.

Notable Authors Born in October

- Oct. 2—Grahame Greene
- Oct. 3—James Herriot
- Oct. 3—Gore Vidal
- Oct. 4—Robert Lawson
- Oct. 5—David Shannon
- Oct. 8—Frank Herbert
- Oct. 14—E.E. Cummings
- Oct. 15—Friedrich Nietzsche
- Oct. 15—P.J. Wodehouse
- Oct. 16—Eugene O'Neill
- Oct. 16—Oscar Wilde
- Oct. 17—Arthur Miller
- Oct. 19—John le Carre
- Oct. 21—Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- Oct. 21—Ursula K. Le Guin
- Oct. 23—Gordon Korman
- Oct. 24—Arthur Rimbaud
- Oct. 25—Anne Tyler
- Oct. 26—Steven Kellogg
- Oct. 27—Dylan Thomas
- Oct. 27—Sylvia Plath
- Oct. 28—Evelyn Waugh
- Oct. 30—Ezra Pound
- Oct. 31—John Keats



"A petty reason perhaps why novelists more and more try to keep a distance from journalists is that novelists are trying to write the truth and journalists are trying to write fiction." - Graham Greene (Sunday Times)

Remember to like us on Facebook so that you can keep up-to-date with us throughout the month. For more information you can also visit our website at www.springvalleylibrary.org. If you have any questions regarding our events or services simply call us at 715-778-4590 or email Rebecca at schmitt@svlibrary.org. Thank you for reading and we hope to see you all again soon.