# **New At The Library**

Here's what's new at the Yankton Community Library this week:

#### **ADULT BOOKS**

- The Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka; Fiction • **Definitely Dead** by Charlaine Harris; Fiction
- The Last Child by John Hart; Fiction
- The Leopard by Jo Nesbo; Fiction • The Secret Lives of Wives by Iris Krasnow; Fiction
- Stolen Horses by Dan O'Brien; Fiction • Six by Marc Rasmussen; Nonfiction

#### **ADULT AUDIOBOOKS**

- Betrayal of Trust by J. A. Jance; Fiction
   The Drop by Michael Connelly; Fiction
- Emory's Gift by W. Bruce Cameron; Fiction
- The Evil Inside by Heather Graham; Fiction
- From This Day by Nora Roberts; Fiction
  Full Black by Brad Thor; Fiction
  The Girl in the Blue Beret by Bobbie Ann Mason; Fiction
- The Leftovers by Tom Perrotta; Fiction
   The Marriage Plot by Jeffrey Eugenides; Fiction
- The Most Dangerous Thing by Laura Lippman; Fiction
- The Omen Machine by Terry Goodkind; Fiction
  The Secret Lives of Wives by Iris Krasnow; Fiction
- Wicked Game by Lisa Jackson; Fiction
- A Stolen Life by Jaycee Dugard; Nonfiction

#### **YOUNG ADULT BOOKS** • All These Things I've Done by Gabrielle Zevin; Fiction

- The Dark Divine by Bree Despain; Fiction
- Desert Angel by Charlie Price; Fiction • Nothing by Janne Teller; Fiction

### **JUNIOR BOOKS**

- Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School, books 1 & 2 by Andrew Clements; Fiction
  - Lights on the Nile by Donna Jo Napoli; Fiction • My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian; Fiction
  - **Pie** by Sarah Weeks; Fiction
  - Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck; Fiction

## **Work Of Yankton Poet Featured In Ireland**

Poetry by Yankton resident Eileen Sullivan will be featured in the anthology issue of The Cork Literary Review, out of Cork Ireland.

The Review, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, is a special issue

in hard cover with 400 pages, and includes many top Irish poets, such as Seamus Heaney. The issue was part of an international poetry competition, for which Dublin poet Cliona O'Connell was awarded first

Sullivan earned first runner up, and both of their poems will be featured prominently in this special competition issue.

This is the first year the journal features a writer from across the Atlantic. Sullivan, a former Mount Marty College and University of South Dakota professor, once served as editor of South Dakota Review. She will be in the UK this spring doing readings of her work.

Copies of this anthology may be ordered through Bradshaw Books

#### 'Crimson Door' Art Show On At GAR Gallery

Yankton Area Arts presents its sixth annual Holiday Show, the Crimson Door, at the GAR Hall Art Gallery, 508 Douglas.

The Crimson Door Holiday Gift Gallery is open for business and running throughout December into the first week of January. The exhibit features more than 30 area artists and their one-of-a-kind original

artwork for holiday gift giving. (All items priced under \$100.) This is a great opportunity to buy local and support our area artists.

Weekday hours will remain from 1-5 p.m. throughout December, but we will be opening the gallery throughout the month on both Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. to better accommodate holiday shop-

The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas. For more information call 665-9745, email yaa@iw.net, or see

## **Scotland Tour Of Homes Slated Dec. 28**

SCOTLAND — The Scotland Holiday Tour of Homes will take place this year on Wednesday, Dec. 28, running from 5-8 p.m. The proceeds from this years tour will go to the South Dakota Make-A-Wish Founda-

Since 1980, Make-A-Wish has given hope, strength, and joy to children with life-threatening medical conditions. In the midst of hospitals, tests, treatments, anxiety and fear, children and their families can share a time of hope and a time of creating happy memories that will

help them through very difficult times. Five Scotland homes will be featured on this year's tour:

- Jim and Sandy Freier 631 4th Street;
- Greg and JoAnn Gemar 420 5th Street;
   Chad and Erin Odens 711 Dollard Street;
   Shirley Pulkrabek 320 5th Street;
   Dennis and Linda Kronaizl 130 Main Street.
  Advance tickets will be available at Rettedals Dept. Store and Flow-

ers 'n More in Scotland. Tickets will also be available at each of the homes the evening of the tour.

Check out Make-A-Wish at www.SouthDakotawish.org.

## **Center To Host New Year's Eve Party**

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, is hosting a New Year's Eve on Saturday Dec. 31, running from 7-10 p.m.
Entertainment by the Bumble Bees. The admission fee includes a

This event is sponsored by Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and Home

# **Rhapsody Passes Million** U.S. Subscriber Milestone

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Digital music service Rhapsody says it has passed a million paying subscribers in the U.S.

That keeps it in the lead as the most popular subscription service in the country, the company said Thursday. The Seattle-based company turned 10 years old this

Rhapsody allows subscribers to listen to as much music as they want for a monthly fee — \$10 on all devices or \$5 on computers only. Rhapsody also offers a free trial period that includes use on

mobile devices. Rhapsody's subscriber count had hovered around 800,000 for years, but several recent developments re-ignited the business.

In August, its service began being bundled into a cellphone plan for Android phone users on carrier MetroPCS. The plan includes unlimited data, talk, text and music for \$60 a month.

In October, it gained other subscribers through its purchase of

Napster from Best Buy. Still, it faces tough competition from new entrant Spotify, the Swedish music service that launched in the U.S. in July. Spotify says it has 2.5 million paying

subscribers worldwide.

Rhapsody President Jon Irwin said the company is alone "at this scale with what we believe is a sustainable business model." He said Spotify's rapid growth comes at a steep price because its extended free U.S. trial period on computers brings in some advertising revenue but costs a lot in music royalty payments. Rhapsody's trial is limited to about two weeks.

free music they're giving to people to get them to convert is clearly dominating their income stateexpense line item that they have."

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"The weight of the costs of the

ment," Irwin said. "I don't have that

Spotify did not immediately re-

Coming Soon! Vera Bradler

The Book Worm

# Put This 'Puppy' On Your Wish List

"The Puppy That Came for Christmas" by Megan Rix; © 2011, Penguin Plume; 246 pages.

#### BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You kind of know what you want for

Truthfully, you hadn't thought much about it before now. You've been so busy decorating, checking off your gift list, and wrapping presents that you never stopped to consider what you wanted to find beneath the tree. But everybody's been asking lately and, well, you think you know.

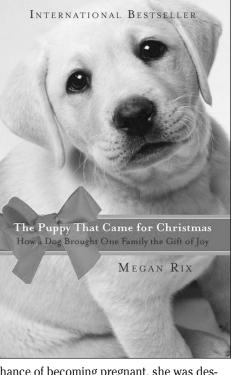
Kind of.

When it came to certain wants, author Megan Rix had one big thing on her list but getting it wouldn't be easy. In the new book, The Puppy That Came for Christmas," she got something else instead — times three.

When Megan met Ian, she wasn't looking for love. Meg was an independent woman, a world-traveler. Settling down wasn't something she'd thought about, but friendship turned into much more and they were soon married. While Meg had been busy not thinking

about love, she was also not thinking about having a family but once wed, she realized what a great father Ian would be. She also knew that she would be a good mum, so having a baby went on her Want List. Alas, it was not to be.

Slightly over 40, Meg suffered from infertility issues and, though doctors repeatedly told her that she had only the slimmest



chance of becoming pregnant, she was desperate to hear anything positive. So when she and Ian were approved to be "puppy parents" for Helper Dogs, Meg was overjoyed.

Never a dog owner before, the Rixes were given eight-week-old Emma to raise for six months. After that, Emma would go to another family, then to final training and partnering with a disabled or physically challenged new owner. Yes, someday Emma would give someone the independence they craved but for her first few months, she was the Rixes' to love.

Six months went fast and Meg was heartbroken when she had to pass Emma forward, despite that there was another puppy, Freddy, waiting to be taught. When Freddy was passed forward, though, the Rixes wondered if they could continue to deal with dual heartaches and empty arms.

Then, just when she couldn't stop crying, happy news of a long-awaited pregnancy arrived. Finally, Meg Rix found what she kind of wanted all along...
So you've made your list. You've checked it

twice, but if "The Puppy That Came for Christmas" isn't on it, you need to check again.

Like most puppy parents, author Megan Rix eagerly tells tales about her babies: their sweetness and mischief, their intelligence and goofiness, their little peccadilloes, and the ways in which she spoiled them rotten. One can almost believe that Rix would happily drag out piles of photo albums if she could, in fact, and that's okay. Her charm is appealing, her enthusiasm is sweet, and when the inevitable happens, her heartbreak becomes ours.

Perfect for parents of puppies or people, this is the kind of book that's hard to give because you'll want to keep it for yourself. If you've got a fur-kid in your life, "The Puppy That Came for Christmas" is your kind of

#### **Year In Review**

# **Lady Gaga Named Entertainer Of Year** an ode to Marilyn Monroe. She re-

BY JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — You might say that Lady Gaga's year really began in an egg.

That's how she arrived at the Grammys in February, encased in a large, translucent pod carried by scantily clad dancers. When she "hatched" onstage, she effectively gave birth to "Born This Way," performing the eponymous lead single of her second studio album and anthem to self-acceptance. In 2011, the album would carry her around the world, where she rarely went unnoticed.

After a year of extravagant globe-trotting and relentless advocacy of tolerance, Lady Gaga has been voted Entertainer of the Year by members of The Associated Press.

There were 135 ballots submitted by U.S. news organizations that make up the AP's membership. Editors and broadcasters were asked to cast their ballots for who had the most influence on entertainment and culture in

"I am humbled and honored to be named 'Entertainer of The Year' by The Associated Press, Lady Gaga said in a statement Monday signed "Mother Monster."

"My deepest gratitude to the broadcasters and journalists who've supported me over the years, and in turn, are now supporting the loves of my life: my fans. Thank you for believing in 'Born This Way.' May you continue to brave the dreams of Showbiz."

Lady Gaga narrowly edged out the late Apple founder Steve Jobs by three votes. Many others received numerous votes, including Taylor Swift, Charlie Sheen, Adele and the cast of "Harry Potter." Previous winners of the AP Entertainer of the Year include Betty White, Swift, Tina Fey and Stephen

But it was Lady Gaga whose eminence in 2011 stood out most to voters. While accepting the best pop vocal album Grammy for her previous disc, "The Fame Monster," earlier this year, she said stardom was an adjustment for

'When I wrote 'Born This Way,' I imagined (Whitney Houston) was singing it because I wasn't secure enough in myself to imagine I was a superstar," she said.

When the album was released in May, 1.1 million copies sold in the first week, partly aided by a dramatic discount from Amazon, which sold it for 99 cents. But it was an industry-shattering moment because an extraordinary 60 percent of sales in the first week were digital downloads. Altogether, it outsold the next 42 albums on the Billboard chart combined. As of October, worldwide sales had surpassed 8 million copies.

"One of my greatest artworks is the art of fame," the 25-year-old told "60 Minutes" earlier this year. "I'm a master of the art of fame."

Lady Gaga, whose real name is Stefani Germanotta, is prepping for a "Born This Way" tour. Her "Mon-

Arriving in January! Stop in for

preordering or a gift certificate.



ster Ball Tour" was still going strong earlier this year, which went a long way toward making her, according to Forbes, the highest grossing female musician in 2011. The magazine, which compiled pretax income earned from May 2010 to May 2011, said Lady Gaga earned \$90 million. Paul Pronovost, editor of the

Cape Cod Times, called Lady Gaga's "A Very Gaga Thanksgiving" – a bizarre ABC holiday special hosted by the singer — "a brilliant reach to mainstream America.' Transcendent performers like

Lady Gaga come around as often as Halley's Comet," says Pronovost. "She has that rare gift of sophisticated self-promotion, so outlandish at times you just can't look away" and the talent to back it up. "This is Madonna 4.0." The concerts spawned an HBO special, which was nominated for

five Emmys Awards and won one. Lady Gaga was a regular presence at award shows throughout the year. She won three Grammys in February, including best female pop vocal performance. She won two MTV Video Music Awards. She was recently nominated for three Grammys for next year's awards, including best album. This summer, her infamous meat dress made of layers of Argentinian beef — was put on display at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

She visited the White House and appeared as the musical guest on "Saturday Night Live." She performed at former President Bill Clinton's 65th-birthday bash with

mained the person most followed on Twitter, with more than 17 million Little Monsters — or more people who live in Greece and Ireland combined. And for the mark of true fame, she was parodied by Weird Al Yankovic, who turned "Born This Way" into "Perform This Way.' She collaborated with a number

of music legends, including Elton John ("Hello, Hello" for "Gnomeo & Juliet"), Tony Bennett ("The Lady Is a Tramp") and Cher ("The Greatest Thing"). She continually released ambitious videos, most recently the 13-minute epic "Marry the Night." It had 5 million views in less than 48 hours.

"She gets people talking," says Greg Retsinas, digital director of the Press Democrat of Santa Rosa, Calif. "She's a polarizing figure not just in music and fashion but in pop culture and society. In a recent week, I heard her referenced personally by my 9-year-old daughter, a prominent local CFO and an air-

line pilot, all glowingly." With the help of the MacArthur Foundation and Harvard University, Lady Gaga also founded the Born This Way Foundation, a nonprofit focusing on youth empowerment and "issues like self-confidence, well-being, antibullying, mentoring and career development." She has spoken frequently about such issues. At EuroPride, a gay pride concert in Rome in June, she said, "We beckon for compassion, understanding and above all we want full equality now.

"I am a child of diversity," she said. "I am one with my genera-

Lady Gaga will be ringing in the New Year with typical showmanship. She'll be the featured guest on Dick Clark's annual "New Year's Rockin' Eve" special from New York City's Times Square. Meanwhile, Christmas shoppers can walk through the holiday display she designed at Barney's in New York: 5,500 square feet of bright colors, crazy shapes and a gigantic cartoon statue of the superstar

http://www.ladygaga.com

