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The Bookworm ... For Kids

New At The Library

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

• Among the Ten Thousand Things by Julia Pierpont; Fiction

- Dexter Is Dead by Jeff Lindsay; Fiction
- The Fatal Flame by Lyndsay Faye; Fiction
- Flame Out by M. P. Cooley; Fiction
- In Plain Sight by Fern Michaels; Fiction
- The Insider Threat by Brad Taylor; Fiction
- Love and Miss Communication by Elyssa Friedland; Fiction
 - The Mountain Story by Lori Lansens; Fiction
 - Naked Greed by Stuart Woods; Fiction
 - Nemesis by Catherine Coulter; Fiction
 - Never Die Alone by Lisa Jackson; Fiction
 - One Way or Another by Elizabeth Adler; Fiction
 - **Re Jane** by Patricia Park; Fiction
 - Red Lightning by Laura Pritchett; Fiction
 - The Seven Sisters by Lucinda Riley; Fiction

 - Signal by Patrick Lee; Fiction
 - Someday Home by Lauraine Snelling; Fiction

 - Those Eyes by Chevy Stevens; Fiction
 What Doesn't Kill Her by Carla Norton; Fiction
 - The Woman Who Stole My Life by Marian Keyes;
- Fiction

 - Born To Be Wild by Randy D. McBee; Nonfiction
 - Brain on Fire by Susannah Cahalan; Nonfiction
 - The Last Unicorn by William DeBuys; Nonfiction
 - Whitney & Bobbi Kristina by Ian Halperin; Nonfiction
 - Wild Idea by Dan O'Brien; Nonfiction

ADULT DVDS

• Danny Collins

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- The Heir by Kiera Cass; Fiction
- Maximum Ride Forever by James Patterson; Fiction
- Breakaway: Beyond the Goal by Alex Morgan; Nonfiction
- I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai; Nonfiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

• Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Happily Ever After by Rachel Renee Russell; Fiction • Hitler's Last Days by Bill O'Reilly; Nonfiction

EASY BOOKS

• I Will Take a Nap! by Mo Willems; Fiction

Museum Ice Cream Social July 18

Yankton's Dakota Territorial Museum is hosting an Ice Cream Social Saturday, July 18, from 1-4 p.m. at the museum's Heritage Park located at Westside Park.

Everyone is invited as we celebrate National Ice Cream Month and have some fun. Ice cream will be served starting at 1 p.m

The staff will also be playing some old-time games. There will be something for all ages. Beginning at 12:45 p.m., ages 6 and up can start signing up for the three-legged race and the egg/spoon race for teams of two. The three-legged races will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the egg races will begin around 2:15 p.m. There will be a sunflower seed spitting contest for ages 6 and up.

For the little ones (ages 1-5) we will have a sandbox dig and a "fishing" booth. Kids and adults can also learn how to hula hoop and play hopscotch.

The summer programs are made possible thanks to local sponsors including Applied Engineering, Luken Memorials and

For more information or if you have questions, contact the Dakota Territorial Museum at 665-3898.

Heritage Music Fest Set For Elk Point

ELK POINT — The 11th annual Heritage Music Fest — a festival celebrating country, gospel, Big Band/Swing and variety music — will be held Saturday, July 18, at the Elk Point-Jefferson Middle School Gym. The event runs from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Featured artists will be nationally renowned Nashville Singer/Songwriter Terry S. Smith, who is famous for Johnny Cash's recording of "Far Side Banks of Jordan." He is also the National Traditional Country Music Association Songwriter of the Year in 1995 and 1996. He will be backed up by Rick and Harriette Andersen of Underwood, Iowa. They have been back up duo for international, national and local fiddlers, singers and instrumentalists for over 20 years and have attended the Old Time Fiddlers Contest in Yankton for many years. The fundraiser proceeds will benefit Elk Point Masonic Lodge No. 3 High School Youth Scholarship Program and funds the Youth SDCHIP Program.

"Big Top Burning" by Laura A. Woollett; © 2015, Chicago Review Press; 167

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

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For months now, you've been growing out your hair.

One day, it will be long enough that you can become an aerialist who hangs by her locks, looking like a mid-air ballet artist. And if that doesn't work, you could be a lion tamer, for sure, or maybe a clown. But no matter what you choose, read "Big Top Burning" by Laura A. Woollett and stay safe.

In the middle of World War II, when resources and money were both scarce, a trip to the circus was a huge treat. Families sometimes saved for months for the chance to see big cats, elephants, trapeze acts and clowns.

That was the case for many residents of Hartford, Connecticut, when the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus came to town that day in early July 1944. Everyone was excited — even the government knew the circus was good for morale — and they quickly took their seats on bleachers or in fold-up chairs lined up on boards.

"More than 6,000 people attended the circus on that hot July 6 afternoon," says Woollett

The Big Tent (which was "massive" and weighed over 75,000 pounds) filled



'Big Top' Reveals True Tragedy

quickly with circus-goers, clowns and horses, bears and lions, tigers, chimps and elephants. Large chutes at the entrances whisked the animals in and out, the air smelled like popcorn, and the afternoon promised to be a fun one.

It's likely, then, that few people noticed the tiny flame on the side of the tent in the corner by the men's room. Those who did probably thought the circus workers would take care of it; fires

were pretty common at circuses at that time. The tent was waterproofed with wax and gasoline, but nobody gave that much thought.

... until the fire spread, and so did panic. Screams filled the air and circusgoers raced for exits, some of which were blocked by animal chutes. A few people escaped beneath the circus tent. Others fell to the ground and were crushed. Within 10 minutes, the Big Tent had burned to the ground, injuring more than 480 people and killing 167 people, 59 of which were children under age ten.

But how did the fire start, and who were the people whose bodies were never claimed? The answers to those questions are still unknown...

It's summertime. Who wants to read history books in the summer, anyhow? Give your child "Big Top Burning," and

rest assured that he will.

With a sense of urgency and just the right setting in time, author Laura A. Woollett presents this true story in a way that will resonate well with the age group for which this book is intended (10 & up). I was riveted by the personal accounts of

this tragedy, and I think the lingering mys-tery at the end will capture kids' interest. While the photographs inside this book aren't terribly graphic, some of the narrative might be a bit much for sensitive young readers. Just be aware because, even for an adult, "Big Top Burning" can be a hair-raising book.

Library's Summer **Program Concludes**

It's the final week of the summer reading program at the Yankton Community Library, the last week for story times, activities and Book Bucks. The theme for the week is "The Hero in YOU!"

The Zooman is returning to the Yankton Community Library on Monday, July 20, at 3 p.m. You never know what he's going to bring, but the library staff can guarantee there will be live animals with a snake or two. Preschool story time is Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Stories are "Timothy and the Strong Pajamas" by Viviane Schwarz and "Ten Rules of Being a Superhero" by Deb Pilutti. The craft is a special personal project, complete with a photo.

Ôn Tuesday, Ĵuly 21, Toddler Time takes place at 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. It's for 1- to 3-year-olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Siblings are welcome. The final summer craft day is Tuesday at 11 a.m. The staff is cleaning the summer projects out of the cupboards so crafters can really get creative with the hodgepodge of materials provided. This is intended for elementary schoolaged children, but preschoolers are welcome if accompanied by an adult. The preschool story time is repeated on Wednesday, July 22, at 10:15 a.m. Teens are invited to test their skill and agility at Minute-to-Win-It games at 1 p.m. LEGO Club for all ages is from 3-4:30 p.m. Note the change from the usual Thursday time. There is no LEGO Robotics this week. On Thursday, July 23, there is a repeat of the preschool story time at 10:15 a.m. At 11 a.m., the rangers from the Missouri National Recreational River will present information about the fish that live in the Missouri River. There are games and activities, and participants will receive a Junior Ranger book. The final Super Hero Training Camp for the summer is at 1 p.m. Fun plans, including a giant game board, are in the works for this event. Friday's activity is Reading Club. Since this is the last one, participants are encouraged to bring a favorite book to share with the group. The staff will make special bookmarks to place in library books as recommendations to readers. Saturday, July 25, is the last day to log minutes on your calendar to earn Book Bucks. The Superhero Storehouse prize store is open from July 27, at 9 a.m. through Aug. 1, at 4:45 p.m.

COURTESY PHOTO The Poker Alice Band and singer Brenda George perform at Gayville Hall at 8 p.m. on Satur-day, July 27. Shown are, from left: Larry Rohrer, Brenda George and Owen DeJong.

Poker Alice Band Performs At Gayville Hall July 25

GAYVILLE - The Poker Alice Band and country singer Brenda George return to Gayville Hall on Saturday, July 25, for an 8 p.m. concert of fiddle tunes, western swing, country, jump blues, and pop.

The veteran, five-piece band from Clay County was founded in the mid-1980s and is known for its virtuosity and eclectic repertoire, according to show producer Doug Sharples.

performance, plays the fiddle. Both are from rural Wakonda.

Larry Rohrer, from Beresford, sings and plays bass. The other band members, both of rural Beresford, are Dennis Jensen on vocals and guitar and Al Remund on drums.

George, of rural Avon, sang with Poker

For more information regarding Heritage Music Festival go to website: epmusicfest.wix.com/2015.

Kocher Band To Perform At Park July 21

Yankton Area Arts, with the support of the City of Yankton, will present the C.J. Kocher Little Big Band in concert at 8 p.m. at Riverside Park Amphitheatre on Tuesday, July 21.

Dr. C.J. Kocher is associate professor of saxophone and jazz studies at the University of South Dakota. As a performer and educator, he has experience as both a classical and jazz saxophonist. He has performed with the South Dakota Symphony, Sioux City Symphony, Colorado Music Festival Orchestra, and others. He also performs with the Sempre Saxophone Ouartet, which recently recorded a CD released on Centaur Records. He is a member of the Kocher Duo with his wife Stephanie, performing literature for flute and saxophone. Kocher has premiered new works at the World Saxophone Congress and other North American Saxophone Alliance events. He toured Japan two times, in 2013 and 2014, playing lead alto with the Billy Vaughn Orchestra. He has also played with Frank Mantooth, Matt Wilson, Steve Wiest, Denis DiBlasio, Al Jarreau and others. Kocher completed the Doctor of Arts degree at the University of Northern Colorado and also holds degrees from Wichita State University and Washburn University.

The Little Big Band is a brand new group made up of some of the finest jazz musicians in the region: Joel Shotwell, tenor saxophone; Lincoln Havranek, baritone saxophone; Scott Olson, trumpet; Jim Spiers, trumpet; John Mathews, trombone; Jeremy Hegg, piano; Andrew Reinartz, bass; and Darin Wadley, drums. The ensemble is dedicated to playing jazz classics, standards and Latin jazz.

This concert is a part of the free Tuesday Summer Concert Series sponsored by Yankton Area Arts and the City of Yankton in which the Yankton Summer Band performs six Tuesday concerts and is followed by five subsequent pops concerts through Aug. 4. In addition to the July 21st concert, remaining concerts in the series are: Not Yet Almost Famous Bassoon Band on July 28; and Main Avenue Warehouse on Aug. 4.

Ice Cream Social At The Center July 21

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, will hold an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 21, running from 2-3 p.m. For more information, call 605-665-4685 or email oa@thecentervankton.org/.

WSC Hosts Wildflower Walk July 22

WAYNE, Neb. - Wayne State College will host a Wildflower Walk on campus July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Stroll through the Wayne State College Campus to explore the seasonal native plants and wildflowers in the landscapes. Everyone meet north of the Hahn Administration Building along J. G. W. Lewis Drive West.

There will be a drawing for native plants at the event. For more information, contact at 402-375-7384 or kischra1@wsc.edu.

Band co-founder Nick Schwebach sings and plays lead and steel guitars. Owen DeJong, who holds a master's degree in violin

Alice in the 1980s and has reunited with the band once or twice annually at Gayville Hall since 2003.

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. Call (605) 267-2859 for ticket information.

'One Book' Author Krueger Set To Tour SD

BROOKINGS - Awardwinning mystery author William Kent Krueger will tour the state in July, August and September to discuss the 2015 One Book South Dakota, "Ordinary Grace."

Krueger's tour will culminate in a keynote appearance at the 2015 Festival of Books in Deadwood, Sept. 25-27.

A resident of St. Paul. Krueger has long been known for his mysteries set in Minnesota's North Country, including the award-winning Corcoran O'Connor series. "Ordinary Grace," while incorporating elements of mystery, departs somewhat from his earlier work to examine issues of spirituality and loss of innocence. Set in a small town in southern Minnesota, the book is told from the point of view of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him.

"I really appreciate the door that 'Ordinary Grace' has opened for me," Krueger said. "It's probably my favorite book that I've written; it's very unique." He intends to complete a trilogy based on the book's characters.

In 2013, "Ordinary Grace" received the Edgar Award, given by the Mystery Writers of America in recognition for the best novel published in that year. The New York Times

Wills, Goans Set For WJ Ranch

FORDYCE, Neb. — Mark Wills and Teea Goans will perform in concert at Schiferl's WJ Ranch, located at 55659 892 Rd. near Fordyce, Nebraska, on bestseller also received the Barry Award, Anthony Award and Macavity Award for Best Novel. In mystery circles, winning all four awards for a single book is known as "the full EBAM.

At each of his tour stops, Krueger will discuss "Ordinary Grace." answer questions from audience members and sign books.

Since 2003, the One Book South Dakota program has encouraged all South Dakotans to read and discuss the same novel or memoir throughout the course of a year. Community and book groups receive books on loan and can invite a South Dakota Humanities Council scholar to facilitate discussion. For more about the South

Dakota Humanities Council and the One Book program, please visit www.sdhumanities.org. For more on the South Dakota Festival of Books, visit www.sdbookfestival.com.

The 2015 One Book South Dakota Tour schedule • July 27 — Sioux Falls, Siouxland Libraries Downtown

Branch, 7 p.m. • July 28 — Watertown, Watertown Regional Library,

7 p.m. • July 29 — Mobridge, A.H. Brown Public Library, 1:30 p.m.

• July 29 — Eagle Butte, Dakota Člub Library, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11. Showtime is

at 8 p.m. More details will be upcoming. For more information, visit www. schiferlswjranch.com/. • Aug. 25 — Pierre, Capitol Lake Visitor Center, 7 p.m. • Aug. 26 — Rapid City,

Rapid City Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

• Aug. 27 — Custer, Custer County Library, 1:30 p.m. • Aug. 27 — Hot Springs, Hot Springs Public Library, 5 p.m.

• Sept. 21 — Vermillion, Red Steakhouse, 5:30 p.m. (reception) & Vermillion Public Library, 7 p.m. (book talk and signing)

 Sept. 22 — Sioux Falls, University Center — Avera Hall, 10 a.m.

• Sept. 22 - Chamberlain, Chamberlain Community Center, 7 p.m.

• Sept. 24 — Buffalo, TBD

(luncheon), noon. • Sept. 25-27 — Deadwood, Festival of Books (multiple times and locations)

For complete schedule information and updates, visit www.sdhumanities.org/onebooktours.htm

For more information, call the library at 668-5275.



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